

80PC OF GOVT DATA TO BE CLOUD-BASED BY END OF 2022

Data migration, development of super app' will help widen datasets, says PM

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THE government will lead by example in capitalising on technology to improve its service delivery by migrating 80 per cent of its data to the cloud by the end of next year. Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the data migration as well as the development of a government "super app" in the

future would greatly aid efforts to widen datasets, thus enabling the government to pull insights to identify societal issues and coordinate support for the needy.

"By understanding pattern behaviours and correlations, we hope to use it for predictive analytics. Addressing these issues will help improve public sector service delivery and empower the people," he said at the launch of Microsoft Corp's Bersama Malaysia initiative here yesterday.

Big data, he said, had a needle-

moving impact and was an engine of economic growth.

"The ultimate question is how do we harness technology to enhance social welfare and reduce inequalities, while cushioning disruptive transitions at the same time?"

The new normal for the world brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, he said, had accentu-

ated the importance of global connectivity, amplified the usage of data and exponentially increased the demand for bandwidth and storage capacities.

"The digital way of life is no longer a trendy catchphrase. It is our collective reality. Data is the new gold.

"Industries depend on it for growth and opportunities

abound for those able to tap into the huge global appetite for all things related to data.

"In this regard, Malaysia holds immense potential to become a data hub in the region, thanks to the growing availability of high bandwidth, ample space, competitive power tariffs and now, oncoming presence of hyper-scalers."

