

**Malaysia Makes One Of The Biggest Gains In Cloud Computing -- Bsa Study  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 7 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has made one of the biggest gains in terms of overall points on its scorecard scale, thanks to advances in cybercrime, intellectual property laws and efforts to improve digital trade, said the Business Software Alliance (BSA).

In a statement Thursday, BSA said findings from its 2013 Global Cloud Computing Scoreboard study showed that Malaysia, while ranked 13th out of 24 economies worldwide, has crossed the divide between mature and developing economies and was cloud-ready.

"Cloud computing also features as a big bet both in Malaysia's Economic Transformation Programme and Digital Malaysia Masterplan," it said.

BSA said the study was built on an inaugural study published in early 2012, and was the first report to track changes in the global policy landscape for cloud computing.

Its senior director for government relations and Asia-Pacific, Roger Somerville, said while it was encouraging that Malaysia has made significant gains in the scorecard scale by adopting policies that were conducive to cloud innovation, there remained room for improvement.

"It is imperative for Malaysia to continue to focus on improvements in lower scoring areas, such as increasing broadband penetration, in order to improve its standing and help grow the global cloud," he said.

The BSA study evaluates 24 economies across the globe in seven policy areas critical to the market for cloud computing services -- data privacy, cybersecurity, cybercrime, intellectual property, technology inter-operability and legal harmonisation, free trade and information and communication technology infrastructure.

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