3. Legacy Projects

3.1 Harnessing Impact With Resilient Employability Digitally

Under Brunei Darussalam’s ASEAN Chairmanship 2021, ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) had been developing a legacy project called “Harnessing Impact with Resilient Employability Digitally” or known as HIRED. It seeks to strengthen the human capital and future workforce of ASEAN by enhancing employability and staying relevant in support from the recovery of post COVID-19 pandemic. HIRED aims to provide digital skills training and mentorship to the young, unemployed and current workforce in ASEAN.

HIRED is a Public-Private Partnership initiative that harnesses on existing and new initiatives nationally and regionally in support of 4 goals:

- Address the skills gap in ASEAN
- Bridging skills within ASEAN
- Staying relevant by building an ecosystem
- Enable ASEAN - to balance supply & demand of workforce

COVID-19 pandemic has shone light of opportunities to embrace digitalisation in addressing the skills gap in the region. The shift in active use of digital technology is changing the nature of work in which ASEAN workforce needs to be equipped with the right skill sets tailored to industry demand and adapt to the digital environment. HIRED was officially launched in September 2021, since then the legacy project has embarked on business-to-business engagements by sharing best practices, discussing challenges and jointly collaborating the first pilot programme with UK-Department International Trade on Data Analytics. HIRED understands the importance of investing in reskilling and upskilling the workforce to ensure leaving no one behind and uplifting the lives of the community. This legacy is very timely to invest in our human capital as it is critical to ASEAN future as one.
3.2 ASEAN Digital Gateway and Travel Wallet

The ASEAN Digital Gateway seeks to enable secure data exchanges encrypted on a private permissioned blockchain network. The ASEAN Travel Wallet integrates subscribing ASEAN nations’ existing national COVID Apps and other related services for a seamless verification experience across borders while ensuring private key data remains within each nation. This forefront technology protects both sovereign and individual’s data privacy while facilitating public key data exchange and regional travel protocol standardisation. This legacy project is important not only for Brunei as we push forward digitalisation nationally but also making an impact to the region.

What is the ASEAN Digital Gateway and Travel Wallet?

- Launched at the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit 2021
- Open, shared and standardized platform that encrypts and exchanges data on private permissioned blockchain
- Solution aimed at facilitating seamless and safer travel in the region, supporting the ASEAN Travel Corridor Framework