

Topic 3: Understanding Start-Up I

Defining Start-Up

A startup is an emotional roller coaster that can either result in massive failure or success, after which one's bank account total may either drastically increase or decrease. The person behind a startup is a founder, an often very bright, somewhat crazy person who finds a normal 9-5 job dull and is deluded into believing he or she can change the world by working tirelessly in front of a computer screen. The relentless work has been known to shave a few years off a founder's life while adding premature gray hairs, but it can be very rewarding both emotionally and financially for those who pursue it.

Start-up vs. entrepreneurship vs. small business

Small Business

Small businesses are those boutiques, hair salons, yoga studios, etc. you walk by downtown. "Small business" connotes a brick-and-mortar location. Employees are a must, even if it's your wife and daughter. Small businesses may use more "old school" forms of marketing, like print ads or television commercials, rather than social media and the internet.

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Entrepreneurship

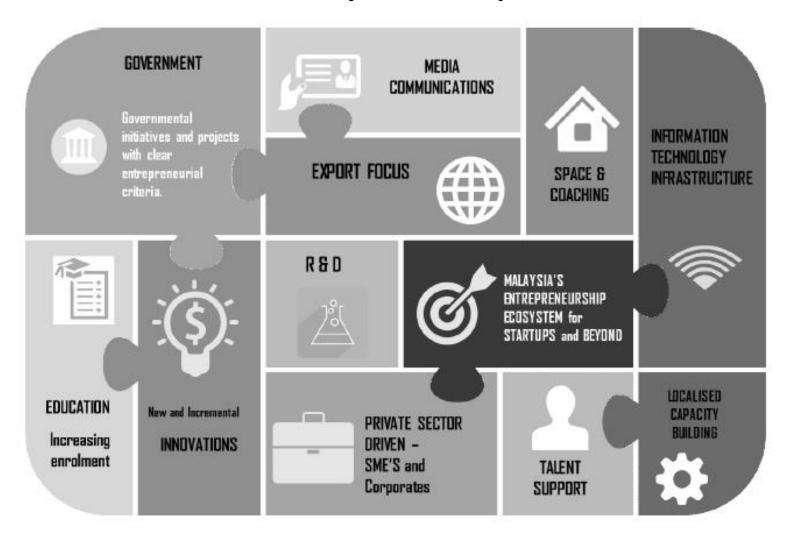
Entrepreneurs may have employees, but often go it alone as solopreneurs. They're willing to take risks for the reward (though maybe not as much as a startup) by identifying the opportunities and convert them into marketable products or services.

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Start-Up

Normally start-ups are tech related companies although non-tech companies also claim the title. Startups are like fuses: They light brightly very quickly, but the fuse is short. At the end of it, the startup turns to another form, like part of a corporation that buys it, or it becomes a small business. Also, it tends to associate getting funded or working with angel investors with startups only.

Start-up ecosystem



Malaysia's entrepreneurship ecosystem to build overall entrepreneurial capacity and foster startups

Building the Right Team

- Prior experience
- Founders
- Metrics
- Talent
- Adaptability
- Communication
- Dedication
- Focus
- Comradery
- Vision

Building Communities

- Build the Community Around the Mission
- Start With One Person
- Make Every Member Feel Special
- Build the Community for Them, Not You
- Create a Conversation Platform
- Make Sure Every Member Feels Heard
- Grow Steadily



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