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New and refreshing way of shopping in KLIA

SEPANG: There is a new way of shopping in the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) that promises ease, convenience and fun, anytime of the day, every day.

Since May 1, travellers and visitors to the KLIA have been greeted by seven visually-stunning and sophisticated machines at various strategic locations in the complex that make shopping easier, faster and instantaneous.

Called automated stores, these are the products of local start-up Eye Port Sdn Bhd which conceptualises the design and technology know-how of these machines under its Trendy County multi-channel retail platform.

“What set the automated store apart from the regular insert cash-press-dispense machine are its large touch-swipe-tap display screen, augmented reality (AR) feature and social media connectivity,” says Eye Port managing director Jasvinder Singh.

“If you can swipe and tap on a smartphone or tablet, you can buy from our automated stores. It is just as easy. What’s even better is that all the products are displayed as they are and as soon as payment is made, they are dropped into the compartment below, you pick it up and go. What you see is what you get. No waiting, no fuss,” he adds.

Products available are smartphone accessories such as charging cables, power banks, surge protectors, USB flash drives, batteries, earphones, laser keyboards, action cameras and wireless chargers, beauty and fashion items such as sunglasses and contact lenses and even Lego figurines LED light key chains for the young travellers. Prices of the products sold range from RM10 to RM299.

“These are popular items among travellers and Trendy County automated stores make it so easy and convenient for them to get quality products at reasonable prices. For example, our power banks cost between RM 29 and RM169 while cables are priced from RM25,” says Jasvinder.

Customers get to have some fun with the augmented reality (AR) feature where they can try out sunglasses in virtual reality, see their new look and even share that look on their Facebook through the Trendy County automated store.

This AR feature on Trendy County’s automated store has earned it a spot on The Malaysia Book of Records as the first 3D-enabled virtual vending machine on January 7, 2016.

Trendy County automated stores are changing the common perception that vending machines sell only basic products of lower price range due to the machines’ limited functionalities. The automated stores are not only custom-built for size and types of products sold, they also operate on customised software.

“That is why our automated stores can offer a wider range of products with higher values and different sizes,” says Jasvinder, adding that Belkin, Sony, Sandisk, Yale and Panasonic are among the established brands available.

Collectors will be delighted to know that Lego LED keychain light of the limited edition Star Wars and DC Comics Super Heroes series are available from these automated stores. Toys from Mattel and Lego figurines are on the menu too.

Trendy County automated stores also offer Panasonic beauty products such as electric shavers and beard trimmers for men and epilators for women – the first of self-serving stores to do so.

“We made sure that only reliable products are made available and at reasonable prices too. Our gadgets come with minimum of six months warranty, something you won’t get from other machine-dispensed goods.

While self-serving kiosks and vending machines are not new in the market, Jasvinder is confident Trendy County’s unique automated stores will spark a new trend in retail, adding colour and life to KLIA as an international hub.

“We have a real customer service team, picking up and answering phone calls, providing solutions 9am-6pm Monday-Friday, and you are ensured of an email response within three hours during weekends. We also have a 3-hour response time for feedback on social media. This is where Trendy County stands out,” says Jasvinder.

“KLIA offers an exciting shopping experience and we would like to enhance that retail experience by providing a brand new platform that caters to travellers and visitors alike. We are working to add more variety and locations in the near future,” he adds.

Trendy County installed its first automated store in Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in August 2015.

Now it has seven – four in the Main Terminal Building (Main Entrance Gate 3, after check-in counters E-F adjacent to CIMB, after check-in counters F-G same as row as Café Barbera and after check-in counters K-L next to McDonalds), one in contact pier (domestic departure gate, next to Transfer Desk) and two in the Satellite Building (South Zone, before Gate C31, facing Braun Buffel and North Zone before Gate C11, facing Khazanah).

Apart from KLIA, Trendy County automated stores are also operating in Taylor’s University, Subang Airport and the Immigration Complex in Jalan Duta, Kuala Lumpur (one each). Plans are underway to install the automated stores in strategic locations in downtown Kuala Lumpur and others transportation hubs.

Other platforms under Trendy County are web-based online shopping scheduled to be relaunched in July and QR (Quick Response) shopping in September.

For queries or more information on Trendy County’s business platforms, send an email to knowus@eye-port.com.

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About Eye Port Sdn Bhd

Set up in October 2014 by Jasvinder Singh, Raja Ahmad Fauzan, Leon Chong and William Du, it conceptualises, develops, markets and manages Trendy County’s retail platforms.

Eye Port aspires to be the leader in omni channel retail through its retail brand; Trendy County, revolutionizing the way consumers shop by providing a highly engaged shopping experience which is not only convenient but also easy on your wallet.

Eye Port has a hybrid retail platform model encompassing e-commerce and automated stores located at transport hubs, universities and a variety of other high-traffic locations.

About Trendy County

TRENDY COUNTY is a multi-channel retail platform that offers shopping through online, QR (Quick Response) code and smart vending machines. Not the regular insert cash-press-dispense machines but attractive, innovative and socially engaging kiosks called automated stores.

Trendy County installed its first automated store in Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in August 2015. Now its seven stores are located at the following points:

MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING

1. Main Entrance Gate 3
2. After Check-in Counter E-F (after CIMB)
3. After Check-in Counter F-G (same row as Café Barbera)
4. After Check-in Counter K-L (next to McDonalds)

CONTACT PIER

5. Domestic Departure (next to Transfer Desk)

SATELLITE BUILDING (AIRSIDE)

6. South Zone (before Gate C31, facing Braun Buffel)
7. North Zone (before Gate C11, facing Khazanah)

Trendy County's rich and innovative platform puts you in control of what you want, when you want it, how you want to pay for it and who you choose to connect with. It makes shopping easy, instant and affordable without compromising on quality and variety.

Our next-generation touch-and-tap kiosks deliver an engaging and fun experience enhanced by social media connectivity and augmented reality (AR). From browsing, selecting, paying, obtaining your items and sharing your experience, what you see is what you get. 24/7. Anytime of the day, every day.

On January 7, 2016, Trendy County's Automated Store was officially recognized as Malaysia's first 3D enabled virtual vending machine by the Malaysia Book of Records.

It is not just touch, tap and go for us. Our customer service team is available (9am-6pm) Monday-Friday, and you are ensured of an email response within three hours during weekends. There is also a three-hour response time for feedback on social media.

Eye Port Sdn Bhd Management Team

Jasvinder Singh, age 38 – Managing Director

As managing director, Jasvinder is responsible for the overall business strategy.

13 years of experience in banking, manufacturing and technology with extensive exposure to international markets in the areas of business process re-engineering, risk management, financial management and corporate sales.

He spent almost 11 years in Standard Chartered Bank with attachments in the Kuala Lumpur and Singapore branches, holding key positions in commodity traders and agri business sales, financial institution sales and cash management operations. He also led the bank's business re-engineering, reformation and risk operations.

A Master of Science in e-Commerce with Marketing graduate of University of Portsmouth, UK, he holds a Bachelor of Science from Portsmouth, a post-graduate Diploma in International Business from University of Cambridge, UK and an E-MBA from Switzerland's PHW Business School

Raja Ahmad Fauzan, age 39 – Executive Director

As executive director, Ahmad Fauzan spearheads the technical and technology aspects of the business.

A civil engineering graduate from Universiti Teknologi Mara and University of Portsmouth, UK, Ahmad Fauzan has over 13 years of industrial experience both as an engineer and an entrepreneur.

He was a project leader for the upgrading of KTM Komuter stations in the Klang Valley, YTL e-Solution's YES 4G roll-out and had also worked in the UK and Petronas as a senior project engineer and project manager.

As an entrepreneur, Ahmad Fauzan has set up and managed businesses in piping material, self-service laundry and food & beverage.

He is a graduate member of the Institute of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM), a graduate member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, UK (ICE) and also a professional member of Project Management Institute (PMI).

Leon Chong, 41 – Executive Director

Leon is executive director that leads the company's business development and procurement.

A qualified quantity surveyor from the University of Portsmouth, UK, Leon is passionate about online shopping. Having lived in London for over a decade, he gained valuable experience in online retail business, operating an online store and chalking up profit in 6 months' time.

Back home, Leon joined builder Etika Hijau Sdn Bhd, undertaking multi-million ringgit projects in Johor and KL.

He is a member of the Royal Institute of Surveyors Malaysia.

William Du , 38 – Executive Director

William is executive director that takes charge of investor relations, corporate financing, investment and networking both in Malaysia and in the region.

An accounting and MBA graduate from University of Hertfordshire, Du is a highly-experienced accountant with extensive experience in debt and equity fund raising, corporate restructuring, corporate development and competitive strategy.

His previous attachments include PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Malaysia and Star Cruises Ltd before setting up his own consultancy in 2003.

William is also the founder and CEO of Ingenious Haus Group, a boutique corporate finance and private equity house.

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