

New Malaysian Mining Club to provide avenue to tackle issues

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KUALA LUMPUR: A new mining club has been established to serve as a platform for the local mining community to create awareness on issues pertaining to the industry as well as an avenue for members to network.

Membership to the Malaysian Mining Club (MMC) is open to mining players as well as those with an exposure to the industry.

Malaysian Chamber of Mines (MCOM) president Datuk Seri Dr

Mohd Ajib Anuar said that the club would provide an open avenue to discuss and tackle several issues and current happenings in the industry.

"We are trying to create a platform for a community of people who have knowledge of the industry involving minerals and metals," he said.

He said the club also aimed to enhance the public's knowledge of the industry and to create awareness of mining activities and opportunities in the country.

Malaysia has mineral resources that are potentially worth RM340bil



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at current prices.

"The level of knowledge we have here is not at par with the developed countries, which have more in-depth knowledge and understanding of the industry," Ajib said.

MMC was set up with the support from MCOM and the geoscience department. It would, among other things, be organising and conducting

talks, seminars, meetings, workshops, forums and conferences on topics related to the mining industry.

"While MCOM is more focused on mining industry places, the club reaches beyond that to potential investors, bankers and anyone that wants to have an exposure to the mining sector," he said.

There are currently no member-

ship fees to join the MMC, but its founding president Keith Vaz said the club would start charging a nominal fee soon for the upkeep of the club.

The MMC will be launched on Aug 20 at the two-day Asian Mining and Energy Investment Forum, which will see about 300 participants from countries like Australia, China, Africa, Canada and Malaysia.