

Review of: "The Future of Malaysian SMEs in the Digital Economy"

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a. **The title** of the article does not indicate what new ideas the author is offering as a novelty

b. 1. **in the introduction/introduction** to the article, the author has not provided an illustration in the form of quantitative or qualitative data regarding the extent of the impact of the digital revolution that has hit the world in Malaysia as a developing country like Indonesia. The author should have realized that in the introductory section it was explained how the policies of the Malaysian government prior to the digital revolution and the Covid-19 pandemic towards Small and Medium Enterprises were able to survive and even exist like in Indonesia.

2. The three questions that the author wants to answer as fundamental/essential questions should be given what parameters are applied by the author to obtain the validity and reliability of answers regarding the impact of digital transformation on SMEs, especially in the country of Malaysia. It is better to add one country that has successfully implemented a policy towards SMEs such as Indonesia, Thailand or other Asian countries so that the difference will appear significant.

3. In the introductory section, the author has explained how the discourse on SME researchers and practitioners arguing about the issue of the digital revolution and the impact of the Covid pandemic on regulatory policies and SME practices in general as well as Asia and Malaysia happened?

c.1. Review of Literatures: In the literature review section, the author uses library materials included journals that are out of date from the rapid rise of ideas about the digital economy as a consequence of the digital era that has hit the world, whether we like it or not, we have to live with this disruption.

Four essential characteristics of Vortex make it suitable for process coordination (Figure 1)

c.2. The diagram shown by the author has not been able to describe how fierce the discourse is on the digital economy, digital currency on the economy, conventional money so that this disruption fundamentally changes the established order of the country's economic system, monetary policy, and the trading system, both domestic and foreign, especially for the country. -countries that are still not ready to anticipate it quickly and precisely.

d. In the discussion/discussion section, it seems that the author has not been able to critically examine issues that are actually interesting in scientific debates, for example the ups and downs of state policy towards SMEs in Malaysia, of which there are bound to be pros and cons of views on state policies and regulations. What new ideas did the author

promise to offer to this problem?

e. In the implications and recommendations section, the author is trapped by a blur of what should be explained to the reader with certain parameters, what conceptual and practical ideas are offered along with critical arguments for answers to the problems raised in this paper.

Conclusion:

This article requires major revision by adding the following: 1. What are the critical debates or digital economy discourses that have an impact on state policies regarding monetary, currency systems and what is the significant impact on SMEs?

2. to explain critically concerning the parameters and novelty offered in this paper as an original but practical idea 3.

Explain what study method was used and the reasons why the method was applied by the author?