Enhancing Access to Financing by Small & Medium Enterprises in Malaysia

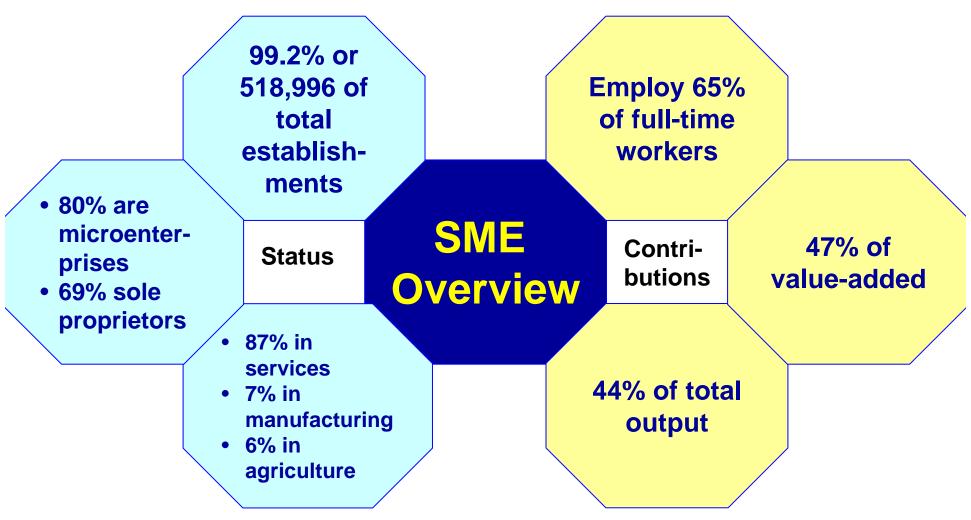
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Presentation Outline

- Overview of Malaysian SMEs
- SME Financing Landscape
- Enabling Infrastructure to Facilitate Financing to SMEs

Overview of SMEs in Malaysia SMEs constitute 99.2% of business establishments



Source: Census of Establishment and Enterprise 2005, Department of Statistics Malaysia

National SME Development Council Driver of SME development

Broad Objective:

 Promoting development of competitive and resilient SMEs in all sectors towards increasing their contributions to the economy

Strategic Thrusts for SME Development:

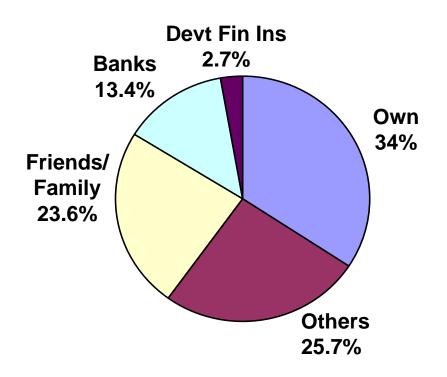
- 1. Strengthening Enabling Infrastructure
- 2. Building Capacity and Capability
- 3. Enhancing Access to Financing

SMEs' Sources of Financing Opportunity for financial sector to meet financing needs

 Most SMEs relied on own funds, friends & family to fund business

 FIs main source of financing for large & medium enterprises

SMEs' Sources of Financing



Source: SME Annual Report 2005



SME Financing Landscape in Malaysia Various providers to meet SME financing needs

Seed

Start-Up

Growth

Established Expansion/
Graduate to LE

Stages of Business Lifecycle

SME Financing

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Key Providers

Devt Fin Ins

US\$0.8 b total loans o/s to SMEs in 2005

Commercial Banks

US\$26 b total loans o/s to SMEs in 2005

Leasing & Factoring

US\$0.2 b extended in 2005

Venture Capital

48 funds, US\$0.7 b fund size in 2005

Govt Funds/Schemes

84 funds, US\$6.7 b allocation

Bursa Malaysia

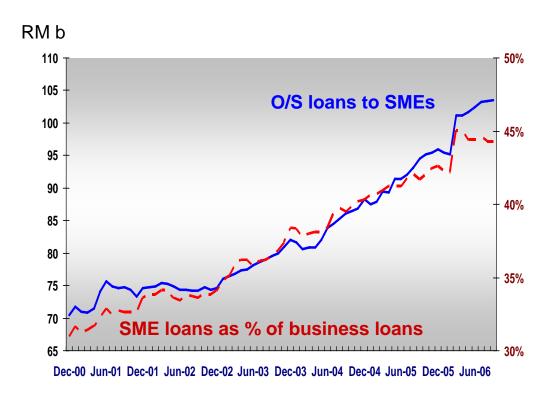
MESDAQ, Second Board & Main Board

Decline/ Distress

Small Debt
Restructuring
Scheme &
Rehabilitation
Fund
US\$54 m

Banking sector main provider of funds to SMEs Lending to SMEs has been increasing

- Total SME loans outstanding increased by 9.6% to US\$28b as at end-September 2006
 - 44.3% of total business loans



 As corporate borrowers shifting to capital markets for funds, banks refocused and increased lending to SMEs

Venture Capital & MESDAQ Complemented bank lending to finance innovative SMEs

Growth in VC Industry

 Provides important source of financing for newly-established businesses, esp. ICT sector

• In 2005:

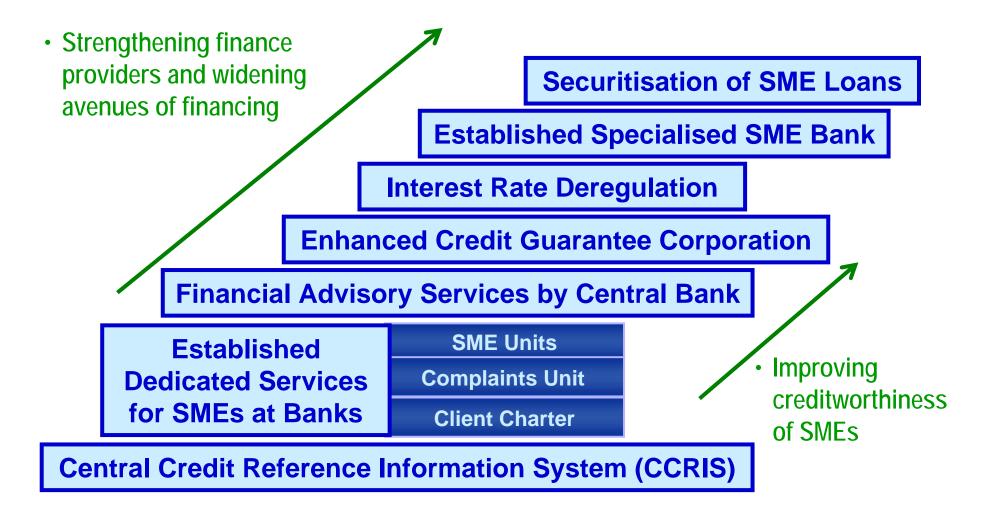
- Total size of VC Funds increased by 14% to US\$0.7 b (2004: US\$0.6 b) for investment in 380 companies
- Mostly at bridge, mezzanine/pre-IPO, expansion and early stages

MESDAQ

- Launched Oct 1997
 - 128 companies listed, with market cap of US\$3.4 b (at Nov 2006)
- Listing requirements
 - Issued & Paid-Up Capital > RM2 m (US\$541,000)
 - Operating History:
 - Tech-based No min period of op, no profit record required; and
 - Non-Tech based Min. 12 months in operation, audited accounts, but no profit required.

Enhancing Access to Financing by SMEs

Various initiatives undertaken



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