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KUCHING: Dataprep Holdings Bhd (Dataprep), an information and communications technology (ICT) group established in 1971, is banking its strong fundamentals and a new chief executive officer (CEO) to enter the new data era as a resilient technology powerhouse.

Since his appointment on June 15 this year, Ahmad Rizan Ibrahim had already padded the company's 'wallet' with an order book of RM100 million in projects from government-linked entities such as the Employees Provident Fund, Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Telekom Malaysia Bhd and Celcom Axiata Bhd.

"What kept us relevant throughout the years is our ability to simplify and manage systems and data through relevant technology.

"In the near future, cloud, data warehousing, mobile and social media are the major forces companies would need to reckon with.

"Previously, we played the role of vendor providing solutions when our clients needed it. Today, we are changing our business model to also become SMART ("Simplifying and Managing through Relevant Technology") partners.

"We plan to take a stake in projects as a concessionaire where we can own the business jointly for an extended duration," said Ahmad Rizan.

Dataprep's new chief has over 24 years of ICT industry experience covering areas of sales, marketing, business development and alliance development, serving both public and private sectors locally and overseas.

He graduated from Oregon State University with a Masters of Business Administration, Masters of Computer Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, and Bachelor of Business Administration (Management Science).

Prior to joining Dataprep, he was a partner with the business consulting division of Arthur Andersen, and also the head of Andersen's Asean enterprise application line-of-business.

He also served as the Asia-Pacific head of enterprise application for two years.