



A Malaysian Homecoming

With its stable infrastructure, easy connectivity and warm hospitality, Sajith Sivanandan, Country Head of Google Malaysia's decision to work in the country was an easy one to make and he's not regretting it one bit.

Sajith Sivanandan is no stranger to Malaysia after having worked in the South East Asia region and done business in the country for several years. But when an opportunity arose for him to work in the country, he jumped at the chance because it was clearly a "no brainer", he says. "Malaysia is a young and vibrant country and it boasts one of the most affluent and diverse populations in the region," explains Sajith. "There's a huge smartphone penetration and studies have shown that Malaysians are early adopters of technological trends as well." But those key factors aside, Sajith also appreciates the friendly multicultural society as well as the many attractions the country has to offer.

How has your Malaysian journey been so far?

It's been great. Making the move here has been seamless and easy for me thanks to Talent Corporation

Malaysia and it also helps that I am somewhat familiar with the place as I used to do business in the country for a number of years. When the offer was presented for a more permanent role here and to grow the local business of such a well-respected brand, it was an easy decision to make.

What was the appeal working in Malaysia?

It's a great country with fantastic infrastructure. It's stable, offers great connectivity and it boasts a young, vibrant and affluent population. The building blocks of success are already in play, and Malaysia is certainly set for huge economic growth. Personally for me, Malaysia also reminds me a lot of India, so you could say it was a homecoming of sorts.

How has it been adapting to the Malaysian working life?

I've enjoyed it a lot as the country

has a young, vibrant and energetic work force. They're well connected, affluent and are early adopters of trends, and most importantly everyone speaks English too. Malaysia is a prime place to seek out career and business opportunities as well and that goes for locals, foreigners as well as those returning to the country.

Work aside, have you had a chance to explore the country?

Not as much as I should actually. I've visited Penang, Langkawi, Melaka and Cameron Highlands and I've certainly enjoyed my time in those places. Malaysia is truly a special place to visit as it has so many diverse and interesting attractions – you've got great food in Penang, pristine beaches in Langkawi and you can walk the night markets in Melaka and sip tea in cool weather in Cameron Highlands. It's truly amazing.

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