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staff, improving their productivity." Not only does TMLM focus on digital efforts internally with their paperless initiative and various apps, but their determination also expands into partnerships with other big players in the industry.

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with their staff performance that is summarised by region. There is also a Leaderboard that enables ranking viewing by regions and branches to keep track of the performance of each region. These features not only improved overall staff productivity, but there have been increase in quality of sales through the digital advances.

"We are pleased to continue our strategic partnership with Tokio Marine to further embed digitalisation into our customers' lifestyle and business needs Speed continues to drive digital innovation and recognising this, these digital solutions aim to improve productivity through promoting better sales quality, said Jeffrey Ng, managing director of Group Community Banking, RHB Banking

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Through this app, sales staff can easily access the e-cademy feature, enabling them to perform training courses at the convenience of their smartphone. where their results will be displayed immediately after completion as well as a one-glance view of their completed continuous professional development (CPD) hours and courses.

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Sales representatives can now approach any potential customers anywhere, on their personal devices. This comes as a major convenience to the sales representatives, customers, and office staff during this unprecedented pandemic as TMLM minimises face-toface meetings, keeping everyone safe and sound. Most significantly, this e-submission tool enables digital signatures and e-submission in addition to possessing an

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The app is also made available to non-registered users, who can get free, useful health-related information, such as: checking for Unclaimed Money, access to Online Will Templates (users can download these for free and use them to create their own will), and TMLM's panel hospitals. Non-registered users who are interested in investment-linked plans will also be able

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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 will delve deeper into the back characters, including the gun- said. drew touting raccoon named Rocket, "His spirit, his passion, his ge-

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Director Ryan Coogler recalled watching scenes from the first "We finally get to spend some Black Panther with Boseman at an earlier Comic-Con and the actor gripping his shoulder with excitement.

"I promise you I can feel his stories of the movie's oddball hand on me right now," Coogler