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## 'AREA 57' GENERATES THE POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGY
## TALENT RELATED TO DRONE

**PUTRAJAYA, 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 –** YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Adham Baba, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation has launched a drone development zone, 'Area 57' at Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) yesterday.

As a professional body that recognizes the profession of Technologists and Technicians, the Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT) welcomes the establishment of 'Area 57' in an effort to support the development of the drone industry. It is capable of increasing the demand for high-skilled labor. The efforts and focus given by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and related agencies in developing the drone industry is a strategic step to make Malaysia a drone hub. This is because the development of the drone industry will give multiplier effects to other industries as well.

With the latest number of 44,051 registrations in 23 technology and technical fields, various potentials can be explored and developed. The rapid development of drones has reached a wide range of industries supported by a combination of several technological aspects such as Big Data Analytics (BDA), Artificial Intelligence (AI), electronic technology, mechanical engineering technology, batteries, computer software, infra-red cameras and GPS modules.

According to a report released by Drone Industry Insights in 2020, the size of the drone market will increase annually by 2025 and Asia will have the highest drone market size in the world. Globally, in 2019, Malaysia was in third place after America and Japan among drone service providers. This position proves that Malaysia not only has great drone service providers but also has world-class drone technology.

MBOT encourages all parties including industry players, Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) and Government agencies to reskill and upskill so that talents will always be relevant and competitive in line with the industry needs.

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