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MBOT NORTHERN SYMPOSIUM 2024

PENANG, 11 MAY 2024 – The Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT) Northern Symposium 2024 was attended today by YB Jagdeep Singh Deo, Deputy Chief Minister of Penang, at Wawasan Open University, one of MBOT's esteemed partners. This prestigious event follows the resounding success of last year's symposium held at the Borneo Cultures Museum in Sarawak.

In his opening speech, the Deputy Chief Minister of Penang highlighted the state's commitment to fostering a conducive environment for technological innovation through the development of tech talents. Penang aims to attract 150,000 talents in the next five years, with a focus on the semiconductor and medical technology industries, which are crucial for the state's economic growth. He emphasizes Penang's strategic initiatives, such as collaborations between industry and academia, investments in education programs, and attracting foreign direct investment, to position the state as a global hub for technological advancement and maintain its competitive edge in the global supply chain.

This symposium serves as a dynamic platform to encourage expertise sharing and facilitate knowledge transfer related to cutting-edge technologies. It connects professional members of MBOT under a strategic network, fostering knowledge sharing and collaboration with strategic partners in the Northern region of Malaysia.

The main activities and programs included expert and technical sharing sessions, where industry leaders shared their insights and experiences on emerging trends and challenges in the tech industry. A thought-provoking forum session aimed to promote awareness of talent and ignite a collective drive towards advancing global technology. Additionally, an engaging exhibition provided networking opportunities with industry professionals and experts.

YBhg. Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim bin Abdul Mutalib, Members of the Board MBOT, emphasized the significance of the MBOT Northern Symposium 2024 as a platform for promoting technological innovation through the development of tech

talents. He commends the overwhelming response to the event, acknowledges the support of sponsors and partners, and emphasizes MBOT's role in professionalising technologists, technicians, and accrediting technology & technical programs. He also acknowledges the challenges faced in addressing talent scarcity and the limited presence of home-grown companies in high-technology value chains, while applauding the northern states' efforts to incorporate technology development into their policies and plans.

With the theme "Technological Innovation Through Tech Talents," the keynote speech was delivered by YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Sulaiman Mahbob, the esteemed Chairman of the Malaysian Investment and Development Authority (MIDA). The distinguished panelists during the forum session included YBhg. Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim bin Abdul Mutalib, the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), YBhg. Dato' Ts. Dr. Shanmuganathan Palanisamy, the Chief Executive Officer of Kontron Asia Pacific Design Sdb. Bhd., and YBrs. Puan Latifah Daud, the Executive Director of Head, Strategic Human Capital Management of Khazanah Nasional.

The highly anticipated event, graced by the presence of more than 250 attendees comprising MBOT members, representatives from various industries, institutions, government agencies, and renowned organizations, was a resounding success, fostering meaningful discussions and collaborations that will undoubtedly shape the future of technology in Malaysia.

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