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“This strategic cooperation was forged to ensure that PLUS Malaysia Berhad (PLUS) moves in tandem with the government’s desire to empower industrial revolution 4.0 by using high precision technology that is also efficient in the management of highway maintenance in Malaysia,” he said at the launch yesterday.

The programme is a PLUS initiative along with the Malaysian Global Innovation and Creativity Centre (MaGIC) as the secretariat representing the National Technology and Innovation Sandbox.

He said the smart highway is a concept that integrates various Internet of Things gadgets that would help enhance the efficiency of transport, driver and pedestrian safety and use of clean technology aimed at encouraging sustainability.

“Malaysia should grab this opportunity to venture into new technology, especially local talents capable of enhancing the safety and comfort of highway users,” he said.

The signing of the memorandum of understanding between PLUS and MaGIC, which is an agency under the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry, was witnessed by Adham.

PLUS is planning to increase its investment to achieve greater innovation in the highway industry, including the usage of video analysis and artificial intelligence. – Bernama



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