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**SOCSO, Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia sign agreement
for product innovation to help target groups**

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PUTRAJAYA (Jan 10): The Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) and Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM) are working in collaboration to create innovative products in efforts to help people with different abilities following injuries or an illness.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the cooperative agreement signed by the two parties here on Monday (Jan 10) includes the sharing of a platform in identifying the needs of target groups, as well as in introducing the programmes and projects carried out by YIM.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba said through the MoU, YIM would be providing grant facilities that are focused on designs and innovative product development for participants under SOCSO's Return To Work (RTW) programme.

The innovative product development includes projects for equipment design, job modification and other aspects that will facilitate and ensure the safety of SOCSO's RTW participants and target groups when they return to work, he said after the MoU signing ceremony.

The MoU signing by deputy chief executive (Operations) John Riba Marin on behalf of SOCSO and YIM chief executive officer Sharmila Mohamed Salleh was witnessed by Dr Adham and Human Resource Minister Datuk Seri M. Saravanan.

The RTW disability management programme was implemented by SOCSO to help contributors with injuries or diseases to resume safe working activities as early as possible.

"It is hoped that with this effort (MoU), the (target) groups will remain relevant and competent in their field of employment," said Saravanan.