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MakersLab innovator community centre to be opened in May



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KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) – MakersLab, one of the latest initiatives by the Malaysian Research Accelerator for Technology and Innovation (MRANTI) will open this May.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba said MakersLab is a centre for the innovator community to gather, share their thoughts and conduct experiments to spur local inventions and innovation.

“This 2,000 square-foot MakersLab is located in MRANTI Park (previously known as the Malaysian Technology Park) and is a Industry Revolution 4.0 (IR4.0) themed centre.

"This learning and development centre is suitable for innovators of various ages where they can develop their ideas in a specific space," he said during his speech at an Iftar with the media event organised by his ministry and MRANTI here today.

Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (MOSTI) secretary-general Datuk Zainal Abidin Abu Hassan, MOSTI deputy secretary-general (Technology Development) Datuk Dr Mohd Nor Azman Hassan and MRANTI chief executive officer Dzuleira Abu Bakar were also present at the event.

Dr Adham said MakersLab would become a catalyst for inventor's culture, using the 'learn by doing' approach.

Under this programme, he said communities of innovators, students and innovation enthusiasts would have quick, easy and affordable access to facilities that would aid their research process and experiments.

"This access will enable them to benefit from equipment, tools, space and existing knowledge to produce a prototype of their solution at a fast pace.

"Therefore it is the ideal facility to test small-scale ideas in a controlled environment (sandbox), and to tinker with equipment and software in a specialised space filled with the necessary open-source resources needed," he added.

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