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MTDC, SCENIC collaborate to enhance IR4.0 skills among entrepreneurs in Sabah



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KOTA KINABALU, April 25 (Bernama) – The Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC) and the Sabah Creative Economic and Innovation Centre (SCENIC) today signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to enhance Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR4.0) skills among entrepreneurs in Sabah.

MTDC chief executive officer, Datuk Norhalim Yunus said through the MoU, it was hoped that technology and digital entrepreneurs in Sabah could work together with existing IR4.0 entrepreneurs in the corporation's business ecosystem.

He said 15 companies in Sabah would be assisted by companies in MTDC through the MyRESKILL programme as the first step via the MoU.

"Through this co-operation with Scenic, we will be able to increase the number of local entrepreneurs in IR4.0 because we specialise in IR4.0 and digitisation activities.

"We hope a new business network will be created between the technology companies in Sabah and also the peninsula.

"Through this cooperation, we hope to build a certain team synergy to enable us to work together in developing new businesses and with the availability of business opportunities, jobs will be created," he told a media conference after the signing of the MoU here, today.

The MoU, signed by Norhalim and Scenic general manager, Viviantie Sarjuni, was witnessed by Sabah Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Yakub Khan.

The MOU signing was in conjunction with the launch of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan of the Sabah Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (KSTI) by Yakub as a guide for the ministry in developing the science, technology and innovation sectors in Sabah.

Norhalim said the main aspiration of MTDC was that more companies would cooperate for the development of bigger businesses.

He said this was because most technology industries were on a small scale and it was difficult to meet market demands.

Meanwhile, he said the 'Centre Of Nine Pillars' (Co9P) initiative which started in 2018 in this country had been proven successful in helping companies to face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and expand further.

"As such, with this cooperation we will create Co9P, Scenic-MTDC Kota Kinabalu IR 4.0 and when all Co9P are there, what we want to produce is synergy in terms of company expertise under MTDC," he said.

In his speech at the event, Yakub said SCENIC and MTDC were collaborating to shape a strategic cooperation in building a comprehensive and conducive eco-system for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (PKS), researchers and innovators based on technology in Sabah.

He said the cooperation would spur the absorption of IR4.0 among the entrepreneurs in Sabah through several collaborative opportunities in the entrepreneurial sector, 4.0 industrial technology and innovation through the talent development programmes in Sabah.

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