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## Scenic helps accelerate talent progress through collaboration with MTDC



Scenic general manager Viviantie Sarjuni (third from left) exchanging documents with MTDC chief executive officer Datuk Norhalim Yunus last night. - Pic courtesy of Sabah Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry

KOTA KINABALU: Technology-based Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), researchers and innovators could progress further and faster should there be collaborations with other stakeholders.

Sabah Creative Economy and Innovation Centre (Scenic) general manager Viviantie Sarjuni said they have identified the Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC) as a strong and calibre federal partner to run various capacity building initiatives in Sabah.

"We partnered with MTDC based on their credibility in producing successful technology-based entrepreneurs nationwide and we need their assistance to emulate the same thing in Sabah through their up-to-date capacity building programmes," she said in a statement, adding Scenic also invited other agencies to work with them to achieve the goal.

Scenic, which is under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation Sabah, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with MTDC last night for a one year collaboration.

The signing took place in conjunction with the launching of the Ministry's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan at a hotel, here.

Viviantie added that the pandemic has taught people to be more resilient which includes building a pandemic-proof business model that leverages technology and innovation.

"We need to stay relevant to the industry needs and at the same time produce globally competent Sabahan talents."

MTDC chief executive officer Datuk Norhalim Yunus said through its Centre of 9 Pillars, companies in its ecosystem will provide local solutions, transfer knowledge and know-how in the industry 4.0.

"We will bring relevant technology innovation for small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) adoption to improve manufacturing and production processes.

"For researchers, we will expose them to entrepreneurship and to bring their research output to market via tech-innovation.

"We will also assist them for market and technology validation, upskilling and reskilling of SMEs towards Industry 4.0."

There will be at least 20 companies to be involved in terms of technology adoption or talent development this year.

After the signing, MTDC will also kickstart MYRESKILL IoT programme for 15 members from Persatuan Penggerak Multimedia Negeri Sabah.