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At this R2G programme, MTDC, together with its ecosystem companies consisting of Centre of 9 Pillars (Co9P) business partners and companies receiving the National Technology and Innovation Sandbox (NTIS) Fund, also held an Industry 4.0 (i4.0) Solution Exhibition at the Experience Hub.

MTDC chief executive Datuk Norhalim Yunus (*pic*) said the R2G programme is aimed at creating solutions to overcome the problems of foreign and local workers by introducing the

development of automotive products and robotics by local companies.

“By producing robots, we can develop local expertise in the field of robotics, especially in being able to help small and medium enterprise (SME) entrepreneurs in working with local businesses to develop their companies through previous collaborations such as the use of robotics in restaurants, hospitals and so on,” he told reporters at the MTDC Road2Growth Central Region Programme at the UPM-MTDC Serdang Technology Centre here yesterday.

Norhalim also said that through the programme, participants met with MTDC to seek business advice and find new business opportunities and collaborations with the industry that provide guidance in adapting technology, especially related to i4.0, in their businesses.



He also said that 200 participants took part in the R2G programme for the entrepreneurship session yesterday morning and MTDC will place the graduates in local technology companies.

The R2G programme at UPM-MTDC Serdang Technology Centre is the sixth and final one in the series, after Sabah, Sarawak, Johor, Penang and Pahang.

Meanwhile, Mosti secretary-general Datuk Aminuddin Hassim said the goal of becoming a high-tech nation requires cooperation from all parties and this includes the entire value chain, especially graduates.

The R2G programme plays a role in ensuring that graduates, researchers and SME entrepreneurs do not miss out on receiving the benefits and guidance from the programmes provided especially in i4.0 and digitisation.

The i4.0-shaped exhibition highlights robotics, automation, 3D printing, augmented reality, smart agriculture and drone technology. - Bernama



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