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CRADLE IDENTIFIES 5 PROBLEM STATEMENTS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE *RAKYAT'S* ISSUES AND SEARCHES FOR DIGITAL SOLUTIONS THROUGH MYHACKATHON 2022

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 July 2022 – The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) continues its mission to search for innovative solutions and initiatives that could benefit *Keluarga Malaysia* through the launch of **MYHackathon 2022**.

MYHackathon 2022 is a continuation of MYHackathon 2020, an event introduced by Cradle Fund Sdn. Bhd. (Cradle) which is an agency under MOSTI. The event is also one of the initiatives of the on-going MYStartup Programme. MYHackathon is a platform created for techpreneurs, innovators, software engineers and Malaysians to come up with innovative and technological solution ideas to help improve public services.

According to the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, YB Dato' Sri Dr. Adham bin Baba, the 2022 edition of MYHackathon will focus on finding solutions to the country's economic recovery process.

"MYHackathon 2022 is the best platform that provides an opportunity for startup companies, local enterprises, and individuals to offer technological solutions in improving the quality of Government delivery, further highlighting their respective ideas and innovations for commercialisation," he said.

He added, "The MYHackathon 2022 programme is also indirectly closely related to the food security crisis which has received special attention from Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sri Paduka Baginda Yang Dipertuan Agong to ensure that this crisis can be dealt with immediately. Efforts to deal with this food security crisis become more meaningful if the *rakyat* join hands and work together in coming up with technology-based solutions."

The role played by technology and innovation as well creative startups are seen to be able to provide thoughtful solutions to the food security issue.

With the theme '**Hackathon Nasional Untuk Malaysia Yang Inklusif**', the programme which commences in July 2022 consists of two (2) cohorts where each phase will have, as a minimum, five (5) problem statements.

For the first cohort, there were five (5) problem statements submitted by the ministry and government agencies, namely:

	PROBLEM STATEMENT	MINISTRY/AGENCY/DEPARTMENT
1.	A solution to solve the problem of misuse of the subsidised cooking oil for the *rakyat*.	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI)
2.	A digital solution to monitor the production and marketing of agricultural products for the purpose of forecasting the supply and demand of agricultural products.	Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (MAFI)
3.	A solution for more effective palm oil harvesting activities.	The Mechanisation and Automation Research Consortium of Oil Palm (MARCOP)
4.	A solution for the use of robots for early reconnaissance Search and Rescue (SAR) activities for the Fire Department.	Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT)
5.	A 'drone intrusion control' solution for the purpose of smuggling or unauthorised surveillance of restricted access areas for the Department of Prisons.	Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN)

The first cohort of MYHackathon 2022 has successfully attracted nearly 300 participants from all walks of life nationwide including individuals, local innovators, university graduates and startups.

The participants will collaborate with selected ministries and agencies to highlight solutions for problem statements covering various needs and challenges faced by the Government.

Cradle is targeting a total of 600 entries through two (2) cohorts where the winner will receive a startup grant worth up to RM250,000.00 and one-to-one guidance to carry out pilot project development for a period of 12 months.

MOSTI has also introduced a special category – 'MOSTI Minister's Special Award' – where the winner will be selected by a panel consisting of Cradle's senior management and MOSTI's top management before being selected for final evaluation.

Cradle invites *Keluarga Malaysia* to participate in MYHackathon 2022. For more information on the Malaysian startup ecosystem as well as related programmes that will be organised by Cradle and related information, visit www.mystartup.gov.my.

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