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MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

MOSTI ANNOUNCES SEVEN LOCAL STARTUPS AS WINNERS OF MYHACKATHON 2024 COHORT 1

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 October 2024 – The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and its agency, Cradle Fund Sdn. Bhd. (Cradle), today announced the list of seven (7) winners for the MYHackathon 2024 Cohort 1 programme. The announcement was made during the closing ceremony of the programme held at the AICB Centre of Excellence (ACE) in Kuala Lumpur.

The event was officiated by YB Tuan Chang Lih Kang, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, who stated that the winners of Cohort 1 will receive conditional grants of up to RM250,000 to develop their pilot projects, as well as one-to-one project implementation mentorship for the next 12 months. All winners will also collaborate closely with respective problem statement owners to refine their solution implementation plans.

In his keynote address, YB Tuan Chang remarked, “MYHackathon is not just a platform to test capabilities, but also a strategic arena to discover new talents and generate innovative solutions for challenges faced by the Government and related agencies. I am very impressed with the quality of the solutions presented by the participants. These ideas are not only practical but also innovative, aligning with Malaysia’s commitment to becoming a leading economy in Asia and the MADANI economic vision. This is in line with efforts to strengthen talent development and empower the Science, Technology, Innovation and Economy (STIE) ecosystem in the country.”

“The MYHackathon 2024 programme directly supports the aspiration of Malaysia MADANI, which emphasises values of renewal and innovation in achieving people-

centred development. I believe some of these solutions have the potential to be commercialised and expanded on a larger scale in the future,” added YB Tuan Chang.

Launched on 23 September 2024 under the theme **‘Hackathon Nasional untuk Malaysia MADANI’**, the MYHackathon 2024 Cohort 1 highlighted seven (7) problem statements submitted by various Ministries and Government agencies. The programme successfully attracted over 500 entries from registered groups and companies across Malaysia, including Sabah and Sarawak.

All participants underwent a two-week boot camp and one-to-one mentoring sessions from world-class mentors before 23 finalists were selected for the 'Final Demo' presentation session held today at the Azman Hashim Auditorium, ACE Conference Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

“The MYHackathon programme provides an opportunity for tech talents in Malaysia to seek solutions to various national challenges through creative and innovative approaches, aligning with the main goal of the programme to drive transformation and adapt digitisation in Government services in Malaysia,” said Norman Matthieu Vanhaecke, Group Chief Executive Officer of Cradle.

“As the implementing agency for the MYHackathon 2024 programme, Cradle believes that initiatives like this can elevate the national innovation development agenda by strengthening collaboration across Ministries and related agencies within the country’s technology ecosystem, thus enhancing digital infrastructure and governance systems that prioritise the people.”

Since its launch in 2020, the MYHackathon programme, held every two years, has successfully nurtured exceptional new talents among Malaysians and has become a platform to foster cooperation, entrepreneurship, and critical thinking among participants.

Among the successful solutions developed under this programme are the ARTEMIS Robot from A2Tech Sdn Bhd, which develops robotic technology products with Artificial Intelligence (AI) integration for early reconnaissance activities in Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, and the Anti Drone Detection System (DDS) from FlyBots Technology, which presents solutions to control drone intrusions intended for smuggling or unauthorised surveillance in areas with restricted access.

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APPENDIX A

The list of winners for MYHackathon 2024 Cohort 1 programme:

No.	Problem Statement	Ministries/Agencies	Winners
1.	Sistem Perakuan Bantuan Guaman Penuh	Jabatan Bantuan Guaman, Jabatan Perdana Menteri	V-Cred
2.	Sistem Digital bagi Pengurusan MyPPP	Unit Kerjasama Awam Swasta, Jabatan Perdana Menteri	Prigo X
3.	Sistem E-Hansard	Parlimen Malaysia	ParlimenAI
4.	Sistem E-Project Contract Tracking	PR1MA, Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan	S1ASIAPAC
5.	Sistem Aduan Awam Bersepadu 2.0	Biro Pengaduan Awam, Jabatan Perdana Menteri	NGU Gen
6.	Sistem Pengurusan, Pemantauan & Pelaksanaan Program CSR	Lembaga Tabung Haji, Jabatan Perdana Menteri	Team MVP
7.	Sistem Digital Ramalan Hasil Tuaian Padi	Kementerian Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan	TERRAAGRA