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#### **MRANTI AI CONNECT 2025, MALAYSIA'S NATIONAL AI INNOVATION FORUM AND INITIATIVE UNDER THE NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SANDBOX (NTIS)**

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**KUALA LUMPUR, 28 AUGUST 2025** – The Malaysian Research Accelerator for Technology and Innovation (MRANTI), under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), today launched MRANTI AI Connect 2025, Malaysia's national **AI innovation forum and initiative** under the National Technology and Innovation Sandbox (NTIS). This initiative encompasses structured programmes such as problem–solution matching, pilot project development, and commercialisation support to fast-track the adoption of AI solutions nationwide.

Organised in partnership with SPARK by CIO Academy Asia, the initiative accelerates Artificial Intelligence (AI) adoption across industries, connects Malaysian innovators with global technology leaders, and strengthens Malaysia's ambition to be ranked among the top 20 AI economies by 2030.

“Artificial Intelligence is no longer just a technology, it is a national necessity for Malaysia's economic future. Through the National AI Roadmap 2021–2025, we aim to be among the world's top 20 AI economies by 2030, with contributions exceeding RM60 billion to GDP. Since 2020, NTIS has supported over 220 projects, commercialised 77 technologies, and generated RM157 million in value. Building on this momentum, MRANTI AI Connect 2025 will strengthen our innovation pipeline, nurture talent, and expand infrastructure that will drive Malaysia's global competitiveness,” said YB Chang Lih Kang, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Held at MRANTI Park, the forum brings together government agencies, corporate leaders, researchers, investors, startups, and global technology companies, including NVIDIA, AWS, Microsoft, and Google. The forum featured fireside chats, CEO panels,



and practitioner-led discussions on building intelligent businesses and managing digital risks. In the afternoon, parallel AI masterclasses explore applications in supply chains, sustainable urban services, healthcare, and finance.

Professor Dr. Rofina Yasmin Othman, Chairman of MRANTI, was quoted as saying: “MRANTI AI Connect 2025 is designed to deliver both immediate results and long-term impact. Through this forum, we endeavour to produce 50 fellowship graduates recognised as AI experts, accessible via the MATCH platform to corporations, startups, and government agencies. We also expect to engage over 30 corporations through structured networking and matchmaking, embedding AI solutions into Malaysia’s key industries. At the same time, MRANTI AI Connect is more than a one-day event — it is a sustained initiative under NTIS that strengthens Malaysia’s readiness for AI, ensures our innovators are globally competitive, and positions the nation as a builder and exporter of AI-driven solutions,” she said.

MRANTI AI Connect also underscores Malaysia’s commitment to ensuring that AI adoption is ethical, inclusive, and responsible. This is in line with the Prime Minister’s vision for an AI Nation under the MADANI Economy agenda, which emphasises that AI must be inclusive, trusted, and built for purpose. The forum reinforces this commitment by ensuring that AI adoption uplifts the rakyat, safeguards data privacy, and creates new high-income opportunities while reflecting national values.

MRANTI AI Connect 2025 reflects Malaysia’s commitment to fostering collaboration between government, industry, and academia. By turning research into pilots and pilots into market-ready solutions, Malaysia is building an AI ecosystem that strengthens economic resilience and elevates the nation’s role as a regional leader in innovation

For programme details and participation opportunities, please contact **ntis.enquiries@sandbox.gov.my**.

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The Malaysian Research Accelerator for Technology and Innovation (MRANTI), a convergence of Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) Corporation Sdn Bhd and the Malaysian Global Innovation and Creativity Centre (MaGIC), is Malaysia's central research commercialisation agency that fast-tracks the development of technology innovations from ideas to impact.

MRANTI serves as a connector, incubator and catalyst to enable early-stage ideation to mature entities to commercialise and scale. MRANTI offers innovators and industry access to world-class integrated infrastructure, interventions & programmes, partnership and a suite of resources. In doing so, MRANTI aims to expand Malaysia's funnel of innovation supply, and unlock new R&D value by ensuring effective transitions in the commercialisation lifecycle. It will also link academia with industry and the public sector to streamline market-driven R&D efforts for mission-based outcomes.

MRANTI is headquartered at MRANTI Park, an extensive 686 acre 4IR innovation hub in Kuala Lumpur, is supporting the growth of smart manufacturing, biotech, agritech, smart city, green tech and enabling technology clusters.

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