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**MPC-MyRAS Collaborate to Accelerate the Adoption of Industry 4.0**

**Petaling Jaya** – The Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) has agreed to collaborate with Malaysia Robotics & Automation Society (MyRAS) in the efforts to educate and transform the manufacturing and production industries to become more robust through adoption and integration of robotics & automation technological processes.

Director General of MPC, YBhg. Dato' Abdul Latif Haji Abu Seman said, both parties have been playing active roles in driving the industry towards Industry 4.0 especially among the manufacturers.

He said, one of the possible ways to accelerate Industry 4.0 implementation in Malaysia is by having a pre-determined set of indicators in order to understand the industries capabilities and gaps, which will enable them to prepare feasible strategies and plans to move towards Industry 4.0.

“As we all know we are already embracing Industry 4.0 where we see transformation with the application of advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data Analytics, Additive Manufacturing, System Integration, Autonomous Robots and Internet of Things (IoT). It holds the key to accessing real-time results and data that will catapult the industry into new levels of lean achievements.

“We encourage more companies in the manufacturing or manufacturing related services sectors to involve in Industry 4WD Readiness Assessment (RA) and we will send qualified assessors to conduct onsite assessment and produce a report on their status in Industry 4.0, after which they will make recommendations for improvement. Qualified SMEs do not need to pay as it is fully subsidised by the government,” he said.

He added, the government allocated RM 210 million from 2019 to 2021 to support the transition and migration to Industry 4.0.

“MPC through nine (9) Productivity Nexus under Malaysia Productivity Blueprints (MPB) has continues to carry out Readiness Assessments to assist up to 500 Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to migrate to Industry 4.0 technologies,” he said that after the official meeting with Malaysia Robotics & Automation Society (MyRAS) which was held to initiate the working collaboration process between both parties.

Dato' Abdul Latif commended the partnership, saying it would hopefully benefit the nation in development of digitisation.

Industries are encouraged to participate the Industry 4WD Readiness Assessment (RA) through <https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/forms/form/90>.

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**About Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)**

*Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) is a statutory body under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). MPC promotes productivity, quality and competitiveness to the industries and organisations in Malaysia. MPC's vision is to be the leading organisation in productivity enhancement for global competitiveness and innovation.*

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