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PUTRAJAYA: Nineteen higher education institutions (IPT) and Skills Training Institution (ILK) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT), which allows graduates to register as members of the professional body.

It was a significant milestone for higher education, particularly technology and technical programmes, as graduates from MBOT-accredited programs will gain automatic recognition.

The accreditation of academic programmes conducted by MBOT meets the competencies required by a professional technologist and technician. In addition, MBOT's accreditation complies with the latest technological innovations and industry development in term of competency and marketability.

The recognition was achieved through the MoU which involved a network of academic collaborations between MBOT and 19 IPT and ILK namely;

Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA), Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (Usim), Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar), Universiti Teknologi Petronas

(UTP), Monash University, Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT), International Medical University (IMU), Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten), Peninsula College, UCSI University cawangan Bangladesh, Kolej Universiti TATI (UC TATI), Inti International University, Management and Science University (MSU) and Terengganu Skills Development Centre (TESDEC).

"This is also in line with the government's recent announcement of RM 6.8 million allocated to the TVET sector in Budget 2024 which, among others, targets more industry-recognised professional recognition to TVET graduates.

"The Board holds unwavering confidence in the programmes accredited by MBOT, ensuring they are aligned with the standards for producing technologists and technicians who are equipped with knowledge and skills demanded by both the industry and the nation.

"Graduates in these programmes will be eligible to be recognised as Graduate Technologists and Qualified Technicians upon graduation, thus becoming the heart of technology development that will contribute to the development of the country's economy," said Prof. Datuk Ts. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah binti Tapsir, President of MBOT.