



Malaysia Board of Technologist (MBOT) Launch

17 November 2016

Dewan Tun Abdul Razak

Bank Rakyat Convention Centre

The Parliament of Malaysia has enacted the Technologists and Technicians Act 2015 (Act 768), an act to provide for the establishment of Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT), in line with other professional bodies in Malaysia. MBOT is responsible for the registration of graduate technologists and qualified technicians as well as to recognize professional technologists and certified technicians. The MBOT launching ceremony was successfully held on 17th November 2016 at the Dewan Tun Abdul Razak, Bank Rakyat Convention Centre. It was a grand occasion where around 1000 people from universities, polytechnics and industries congregated to witness and be part of the historic event.

The ceremony was scheduled to begin in the afternoon and the grand hall of Dewan Tun Abdul Razak began to fill up as early as 2pm. Booths were set up around the perimeter of the hall, one of them being the MySET booth. Our booth was just next to the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) booth, one of MySET's close partners, so it was fun to witness the event with familiar faces.

The event began with the arrival of VIPs followed by the guest of honour, YB Datuk Seri Panglima Madius Tangau, Minister of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) who was to officiate the launch. Also present was YB Dato' Seri Fadillah Yusof, Minister of the Ministry of Works (MOW). Shortly after singing the national anthem and recitation of doa, YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Academician (Dr.) Ir. Ahmad Zaidee Laidin, President of MBOT gave his welcoming speech. In his speech, Tan Sri Ahmad Zaidee thanked all the various parties who contributed in one way or another

to the formation of MBOT and urged everyone to work together to see the success of MBOT as a platform for the recognition of professional technologists and technicians in the country.

Next was the highlight of the ceremony; the officiating speech by YB Datuk Seri Panglima Madius Tangau. In his speech YB gave an overview on the role and responsibilities of MOSTI in spearheading the country's Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) agenda. He then talked about the importance of skilled workers in technical and vocational training (TVET) to drive the industrial sector towards 2020 and how MBOT will play a huge role to elevate TVET through professional recognition of technologists, technicians and skilled workers. He thanked and congratulated all parties who contributed to the formation of MBOT and urged all graduates of technology and technical disciplines to register with MBOT and subsequently acquire the recognition of being a professional who will contribute to the progress and prosperity of Malaysia as we leap towards becoming a high-income nation.



YB ended his speech by officiating the launch of MBOT. This was quickly followed by the MBOT montage which was the gimmick for the launch. The MBOT montage was coordinated through MySET by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tinia Idaty Mohd Ghazi, MySET Secretary General and Prof. Wan Mansor Wan Mohamad, MySET Vice President, together with the graphic designers from Artco Vision Enterprise. After the montage viewing, the event continued with a prize giving ceremony to the winners of the MBOT Logo competition which was won by Mohd Rais Mohd Yussof from Politeknik Muadzam Shah.

Next on the agenda was another highlight of the event; the presentation of credentials session for elected MBOT Council Members. MySET feels very proud that 3 of our council members are in the MBOT council members board; (i) Dato' Dr. Ir. Abdul Rashid Maidin, (ii) Prof. Dr. Wan Mohammad Wan Abdullah, (iii) Prof. Emeritus Dato' Abang Abdullah Abang Ali. We trust that they will each contribute greatly to MBOT.

Finally, the VIPs and ministers visited the booths around the hall to see the exhibitions, to meet key stakeholders and to show appreciation to everyone who came to make the MBOT launch a joyous occasion and a success.

