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PUTRAJAYA: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has urged private companies to use technology developed by local research centres.

He also asked government agencies to emulate Perfisio Solutions Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Utusan Melayu (Malaysia) Bhd, which had shown confidence in using technology developed by MIMOS Bhd.

He made the suggestion while launching the Tutor Intelligent Learning Management System (Tutor ILMS), a collaborative project between Perfisio Solutions, MIMOS Bhd and Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA).

The event also witnessed an exchange of documents for a Technology Licensing Agreement between MIMOS and Perfisio Solutions and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MARA and MIMOS.

Muhyiddin said the e-learning system project which provides an objective learning platform in line with the attributes and character of students resulting from the cognitive profile test, is the first to be developed in Malaysia and Southeast Asia.

He also said Perfisio Solutions has been delegated the responsibility by MIMOS to commercialise the application both at home and overseas.

"The company has also been given the task of improving the application as well as develop it to meet the needs of every customer who deals with it," he added.

He was confident that with the expertise available at Perfisio Solutions, the e-learning application can be further expanded not just at the level of schools and institutions of higher education, but also for the private sector learning centres.

Perfisio Solutions has also been picked by MIMOS as the party tasked with undertaking the Proof of Concept at institutions under MARA, that is the MARA Junior Science College (MRSM) and the MARA Skills Training Institutes (IKM).

Muhyiddin, who is also the Education Minister, said apart from MIMOS and the universities, a number of other local

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research centres, such as SIRIM, were also active in developing new technology every year.

He also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of MIMOS in placing the key focus on the application of innovative technology in Information Communication Technology (ICT) for the education sector.

"I believe, the research will become the starting point in eco-system education which will lead to an improvement in the education and learning sector," he added.

Meanwhile, the president and chief executive of MIMOS, Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah said the technology development agency has target to increase the number of intellectual properties to be filed with the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) this year.

"For just last year, we represented the highest number of applicants at 49 per cent of the overall number of applicants made by technology developers in the country," he added.

He highlighted that the increase in the number of intellectual properties filed under the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP) placed MIMOS at 186th spot among the 1,000 PCT applicants.

MIMOS, he said, is the only organisation from Malaysia listed on the chart, which also encompasses the international Fortune 500 companies.

According to Abdul Wahab, he can give the assurance that the technology yielded by MIMOS is on par, if not better, than the foreign technology with a far more reasonable pricing.

"Even those countries said to be the world's key technology drivers such as India, are also using technology developed by MIMOS," he said.

To date, including Perfisio, there are 25 local companies which have signed the Technology Licensing Agreement with MIMOS, as companies receiving technology.

Meanwhile, MARA chairman, Datuk Idris Jusoh said the organisation was undertaking the pioneer project for the Proof of Concept at four MRSM in Merbok, Kota Putra, Trolak and Tun Razak and one IKM at Sungai Petani.

"We will expand the use of the e-learning system to all the MRSM next year," he added. - Bernama

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Muhyiddin listens to a briefing about ecosystem education after launching the Tutor ILMS.