



PRESS RELEASE

MBOT ENTICE 2026

HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR PURPOSE-DRIVEN AI INNOVATION

Kuala Lumpur, 18 August 2026 – As Artificial Intelligence (AI) reshapes industries and transforms the way people live and work, Malaysia is strengthening its commitment to developing a responsible, ethical and innovation-driven AI ecosystem to remain competitive in the global technology landscape.

“AI should strengthen human capability, not replace human values. As AI transforms every sector of our economy, innovation must be applied responsibly for society, industry and the nation, in line with the spirit of Industrial Revolution 5.0, where automation and human ingenuity work hand in hand,” said Yang Berhormat Datuk Chang Lih Kang, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, during the officiation of the MBOT Experts Network in Technology, Innovation and Cooperative Event (ENTICE) 2026, organised by the Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT).

Under RMK13 (2026–2030), MOSTI is driving Malaysia’s transition towards a high-tech and innovation-led economy through responsible AI adoption and the development of future-ready talent. Through the National Guidelines on AI Governance and Ethics (AIGE), which are guided by principles of transparency, accountability, fairness and human oversight, as well as initiatives such as the STI100³ Programme, MOSTI and MBOT continue to support responsible AI adoption while nurturing the next generation of STEM and AI professionals.

MBOT ENTICE 2026 also recognised outstanding technology professionals for their excellence, leadership and contributions to Malaysia's technology and technical sectors through the presentation of several prestigious awards:

- Anugerah Teknologis Negara 2026.
- Anugerah Juruteknik Negara 2026.
- MBOT Woman Leadership Award 2026.
- Distinguished Honorable Award.

MBOT continues to elevate Malaysia's technology workforce on the global stage through strategic collaborations with international professional bodies, including the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) and the Institution of Engineering Technicians and Technologists Indonesia (ITERATI), thereby expanding opportunities for professional recognition, knowledge exchange and professional advancement.

Held under the theme "Breakthrough with Purpose in the Age of AI," MBOT ENTICE 2026 brings together 700 technology professionals, industry leaders, academia and key stakeholders to strengthen collaboration and accelerate innovation in the AI era. The event reflects MBOT's continued commitment to advancing the technology profession and supporting Malaysia's aspiration to become a high-tech nation.

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SENARAI PENERIMA ANUGERAH MBOT 2026

Bil	Nama Anugerah	Nama Penerima
1	Anugerah Teknologis Negara 2026	YBhg. Dato' Ts. Ir. Dr. Zahari bin Dollah, Principal Fellow Adjunct Professor, UNITEN
2	Anugerah Juruteknik Negara 2026	YBrs. Kapten Tc. Dr. Baharin bin Baharom, Pengarah Urusan, Selasih Sirih Sdn. Bhd.
3	<i>MBOT Woman Leadership Award 2026</i>	YBhg. Prof. Ir. Ts. Dr. Suraya binti Abdul Rashid, Profesor UPM/ Pengasas dan Ketua Saintis Syarikat Qarbotech
4	Distinguished Honorable Award	YBhg. Prof. Emeritus Datuk Ts. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah binti Tapsir, FASc.
5	MBOT Partnership Excellent Award (Industry) 2026	CelcomDigi
6	MBOT Partnership Excellent Award (Education Provider) 2026	i-CATS University College
7	MBOT Partnership Excellent Award (Government Agency) 2026	Jabatan Digital Negara
8	MBOT Partnership Excellent Award (Training Provider) 2026	Dream Catcher Consulting Sdn Bhd
9	MBOT TTWG Excellent Award 2026	Telecommunication and Broadcasting Technology (TB)