

GROUP PROCUREMENT MOVES THE INDUSTRY4WRD



In response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), the Industry4WRD: National Policy on Industry 4.0 was launched by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) on 31 October 2018 to drive digital transformation of the manufacturing and related services sectors in Malaysia.

Following the success of the Industry 4.0 Awareness Programme last year, UMW Group Procurement in collaboration with Malaysia Automotive Robotics and IoT Institute (MARii) successfully organised the Industry4WRD Readiness Assessment and Intervention Programme at UMW Auditorium, Shah Alam. Held on 22 October 2019, the half-day programme was attended by 59 participants who were mostly existing UMW suppliers with the aim to support the transition and migration of SMEs towards Industry 4.0 - exposing them to available government assistance and sharing the current technology and trends in Industry 4.0.

Pn. Siti Rahimah Nor Rahim, Senior Manager, Group Procurement kicked off the programme with welcoming remarks followed by a speech from En. Nizmar Mohd Nazmar, Chief Technical Officer of MARii. En. Bakri Alias, Certified Assessor for Readiness Assessment then took the stage to brief the participants on the Readiness Assessment; a test designed by MITI to help companies understand their readiness for the change and subsequently offer recommendations on how to start the transformation.

A forum on Industrial Revolution 4.0 for SMEs Based on Case Studies then ensued. Moderated by Professor Dr Ishkandar Baharin, Associate for Robotics at MARii, the forum saw two panellists, En. Shairul Baki Mohamad Saleh and En. Syed Ahmad Badiuzaman Syed Noordin, both technical partners at MARii sharing their insights on the revolution.

It is hoped that the half-day programme had benefited all parties involved. On behalf of Group Procurement, we would like to thank all participants for their involvement in the programme.