



**PRIME MINISTER  
MALAYSIA**

## **FOREWORD**

I would like to firstly congratulate SEGi University, Malaysia in organising the International Conference on **Industry 4.0: A Global Revolution in Business, Technology & Productivity** – an important discourse aimed at propelling Industrial progress further at a more rapid pace.

There is no simple approach in dealing with the multidimensional nature of industrial change. Even large businesses can become disrupted as change builds on change, leaving almost nothing certain. Yet to stand aside and not do anything is not an option. The paradox of Industry 4.0 is that we have to ride the waves with the rest of the world that embrace it. Not keeping up will impede our opportunities to reap the benefits offered by the new industry.

Malaysia has significantly progressed in Industry 4.0 and regionally it has taken the lead role in transforming industry. Our diversity, rapid industrialisation potential, fast-growing SMEs and digital infrastructure makes Malaysia a potential international hub for high-technology industries.

Thus, the Government's special emphasis in Industry 4.0 aimed at increasing the pace of economic growth. And it is this emphasis that had ensured Industry 4.0 to be recognised and accepted nationwide.

We have launched the Industry4WRD, our national policy on Industry 4.0. This should lead to digital transformation of the manufacturing sector and other service-based industries into a more progressive and systematic manner.

Now, as we move the Industry 4.0 sector further, a conducive climate needs to be in place to encourage greater usage and to spur innovative product development. Investments in the right education must continue to develop the right talent. Young and old generation must be ready to shift towards a knowledge-based economy.

SEGi University together with its partner organisations, have provided a central platform and communication channel for all stakeholders such as Government agencies, Business Leaders, manufacturing and service-based industries, SMEs, technology service providers, consulting firms, academic institutions and associations.

As this is going to be an international event, I would like to encourage all the stakeholders to attend and participate in the conference which includes forum, workshops, Industry 4.0 tracks, product and service exhibitions to understand the implementation and benefits of Industry 4.0 for your businesses and to be a platform to showcase new products and technologies.

This gathering of minds and expertise will encourage a healthy environment for research and also address the many issues plaguing this industry – from interpretations of laws, compliance and governance, legal implications, training and development – all aspects necessary to elevate the Industry 4.0 sector.

I would like to wish all participants an enjoyable and fruitful time and to delegates from abroad, *Selamat Datang*, enjoy and experience our hospitality and have a memorable stay here in Malaysia.

Thank you.



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