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### **MBOT ADVOCATES FOR EQUALITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN IN STEM**

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**KUALA LUMPUR, 15 DECEMBER 2023** – Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT) is continuing its commitment to empowering and uplifting women in technology by organising a WTC Red LIPS Mentorship Program. This initiative aligns seamlessly with MBOT's Woman Technologist Chapter (WTC) initiative.

In her opening remarks, Prof. Datuk Ts. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah Tapsir, FASc., President of MBOT, states, "Venturing into the world of STEM is like stepping into a realm of endless possibilities and innovation. Yet, it remains a field where women are underrepresented."

In 2022, the United Nations reported that globally, women made up only about 35% of STEM students. However, in Malaysia, we saw a higher percentage of women in STEM graduates, reaching 51.7%. Despite this, the employment rates for women with STEM degrees still lag behind. This data emphasizes the need for collective efforts to bridge this gap and ensure that women in STEM not only graduate but also thrive in their careers.

The mentorship program, a key component of the WTC initiative, brings together eight prominent figures and women members of MBOT. Its primary goal is to address the unique challenges faced by women in the tech industry while providing a supportive platform for networking, mentoring, and knowledge sharing.

The mentors for the program include Ts. Sharifah Zaida Nurlisha Syed Ibrahim, CEO of MMC Oil & Gas Engineering Sdn Bhd (MMC OG), Ms. Grace Chan, Head of Human Resource at Hengyuan Refining Company Berhad (formerly known as Shell Refining Company Berhad), Dato' Roslina Zainal, Independent Non-Executive Director of Tenaga Nasional Berhad, Prof. Ts. Dr. Massila Kamalrudin, Vice Chancellor of Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) and Ts. Annaliz Abu Bakar, Chief Executive Officer, PETRONAS Global Technical Solutions Sdn Bhd. Additionally, Ts. Dr. Mahaletchumy Arujanan and Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Ruslinda binti A. Rahim, Board Members of MBOT were also playing their role as mentors.

The event attracted 100 participants from diverse technology fields in both government and private sectors.

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Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT) is a professional body that provides professional recognition to Technologists and Technicians in the field technology and technical. MBOT was established under the Technology and Technicians Act 2015 [Act 768] to recognise, promote and develop the profession of technologist and technician as professionals.

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## ATTACHMENTS



Prof. Datuk Ts. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah binti Tapsir, FASc.  
during her opening remarks.



Mentorship Session



The session concludes with a photo session featuring all participants and mentors.