## Local Minds Challenged to Produce Made-in-Malaysia Robots

Local scientists, engineers, researchers and practitioners have been challenged to produce made-in-Malaysia robots. Chairman of Malaysian Robotics and Automation Interest Group (MYRAIG) Prof. Dr Ishkandar Baharin said that the robotics and sensors industry had a bright future as the Government and industries strove to enhance efficiency, flexibility and mobility. Robotics and automation was one of the key initiatives seriously looked into to overcome the shortage in skilled manpower. The International Symposium on Robotics and Intelligent Sensor (IRIS) 2012 was organised by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Universiti Teknologi Mara in collaboration with MYRAIG, the Malaysian Society for Engineering and Technology (Myset) and the Graduate School of Information Science, Nagoya University, Japan. The symposium themed "Smart Sensors, Smart Robots" presents a comprehensive landscape of the progress of the 21st century with robotics and sensors playing a pivotal role in the future technology of mankind. It aimed to bring together international and local scientists, engineers, researchers, practitioners and students to present and deliberate on their latest research, findings, ideas, developments and applications related to various aspects of robotics and sensors.

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