



RM1.4 MILLION GRANT FOR FACTORY TRANSFORMATION

KUALA LUMPUR (9 APRIL 2021): The development of the timber industry through the utilisation of automation and innovative technologies related to Industry 4.0 is paramount for the growth of the sector. Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities Dato’ Sri Dr Wee Jeck Seng said this at the Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony for the Factory Transformation Programme (FTP) for Manufacturing SMEs at Menara PGRM here, today.

The MoU, between SIRIM STS Sdn Bhd, Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) and the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB), is set to further empower the timber industry.

Present at the MoU signing were MTC CEO Tuan Muhtar Suhaili, SIRIM STS Senior General Manager Dr Mohd Azman Idris and MTIB Director General Mr Mohd Kheiruddin Mohd Rani.

The government, through SIRIM STS, has allocated a RM1.4 million grant for FTP central to the timber industry. The one-year programme, which started

last December, involves 14 companies mainly from the furniture sector.

FTP aims to assist the timber-based industries, in particular companies that carry out factory evaluation as well as diagnostic studies to identify inefficiency and wastage through the SIRIM Green 5S applications, techniques, and lean management.

“The organisation of the lean and Green 5S management programme by MTIB from 2014 to 2019 benefitted 171 companies with savings of RM89.6 million,” said Dato’ Sri Wee.

SIRIM STS will finance 80% of the participation fees, with the remaining 20% funded by MTC.

