

PR - Aug 7, 2017 - Cyberjaya - IBM Malaysia and MDEC collaborate to enable students as future Digital Makers through the IBM Watson Maker Workshop

In an initiative to transform young Malaysians from digital consumers into digital makers, Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and IBM Malaysia recently co-hosted the IBM Watson Maker Workshop for SMK Kompleks KLIA. This workshop's objective is to enable students to acquire beginner's maker and coding skills, and to learn about artificial intelligence in a fun way.



Volunteers from IBM Malaysia guided 30 students in building and assembling 'TJBots' from laser-printed cardboards and Raspberry Pi 3 boards before connecting them to Watson Speech to Text application programming interface (API) service available on IBM Bluemix. Through this initiative, IBM and MDEC aim to strengthen the students' problem solving skills and expand their level of creativity.

"It is gratifying to see students team build their own robots while learning and exploring technology. Technology is all about keeping experiments going and coming up with something truly life-changing for the world and the community. By exposing students to coding, robotics and artificial intelligence, we are preparing them for the future where digital technology is disrupting businesses. It was great to see the commitment from MDEC towards the #mydigitalmaker initiative to skill up youth in the ecosystem.," said David Raper, Lead, Corporate Citizenship, IBM Asia Pacific and Greater China Group.

