

# Sabahans need knowledge, training to face 4IR – Jenifer

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Sabahans need to be equipped with the right knowledge and training to embrace the emerging Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

Assistant Education and Innovation Minister Jenifer Lasimbang said the ministry will ensure that the people would not be left behind in the 4IR.

“We will be engaging with more experts in the various segments in 4IR to better understand what we need to have and do to equip Sabahans with the right education and training in relation to 4IR.

“When the latest World Bank Global Economic Prospects was released, it forecast that the emerging market and developing country are expected to do better than the rest of the world, where the growth is projected at 4.5 percent,” she added.

She stated that the Asian regions will be experiencing the fastest growth among other Emerging Market and Developing Country (EMDE).

“As for Sabah, Malaysia, while all this forecast means opportunity, however it is also dependent on how well we could better prepare our society so they are not left be-



Daniel (right) presenting Jenifer a souvenir during the event.

hind in their knowledge on technology and more so to prepare them for the inevitable fourth industrial revolution (4IR), which is basically about digital economy, artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of things (IoT), cross-border e-commerce, and Blockchain among others,” she said.

She said this at the Borneo Blockchain Summit 2018 at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK) Faculty, on

Saturday.

In an effort to make Malaysia to -be fully equipped with 4IR knowledge, the nation has already engaged a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between University Utara Malaysia (UUM) and Alibaba Group Limited which UUM will also offer courses such as e-commerce, information technology, and big data.

Besides that, the public universities and polytechnics will soon be offering programmes

through the collaboration of Alibaba Business School.

“All these efforts are examples which prove that Malaysia is ahead of the curve and is serious in addressing the structural issues of the economy and boosting total factor productivity.

“This also means Malaysia is soon expected to “graduate” from the EMDE category and join the ranks of high-income economies, as predicted by the World Bank,” she stated.

Commenting on the programme, Jenifer said that the Borneo Blockchain Summit 2018, organized by SteemXP and its partners is an exemplary initiative that is needed in the State.

“We would like to thank and congratulate the organisers, for organising such an important educational event that brings necessary knowledge to the state.

“We hope that the organizers would consider having this as a yearly event to bring in latest information and updates in regards to the blockchain technology as it would be beneficial to blockchain enthusiasts in the state.

Also present was Steem XP Founder From Steemit Team Malaysia and also the main organiser, Daniel Doughty.