

SIRIM-Fraunhofer Programme

SIRIM-Fraunhofer programme is a collaboration between SIRIM and Fraunhofer Institute of Germany established in 2015 to enhance productivity of SMEs in manufacturing sector.

Previous success with German's SMEs through technological innovation prompted SIRIM to adapt its methods and implement them to increase the usage of technology and innovation in Malaysia's SMEs.

The SIRIM-Fraunhofer programme is implemented through 4 core activities:

1. Implement Innovation Management
2. Increase Technology Uptake
3. Nurture Growth of SMEs
4. Cross-Cutting Programmes

Benefit to SMEs:

1. Implement Innovation Management
2. Increase Technology Uptake of SMEs
3. Boost Technology Commercialisation & Upscaling
4. Strategic Research For Future Applications
5. Nurture Growth of Small & Micro SMEs
6. Strengthen Market Access
7. Cross-Cutting Programmes
8. Support Programmes

Grant :

- Provision of grant on 80:20 principle; where 80% of the project value is subsidised by government and 20% is the commitment from the participating SMEs.

Eligibility Requirements :

- ✓ In the SME category
- ✓ Malaysian owned
- ✓ Involved in Manufacturing
- ✓ Has been in operation for at least 2 years
- ✓ Voluntary – willing to be audited and committed in follow-up programmes

SME definition for manufacturing sector:

- Firms with sales turnover not exceeding RM50 million or number of full-time employees not exceeding 200

SMEs must be entities registered with SSM or other equivalent bodies excluding:

- Entities that are public-listed on the main board; and
- Subsidiaries of :
 - Publicly-listed companies on the main board;
 - Multinational corporations (MNCs);

- Government-linked companies (GLCs);
- Syarikat Menteri Kewangan Diperbadankan (MKDs); and
- State-owned enterprises.

How to apply?

- Application for the programme at <http://sirimtechnologyaudit.my>

Programme Duration :

- 2015-2020

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