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MIMOS Bhd, a government research agency, targets to receive more than 100 technology transfer applications by end of 2009, its chairman Datuk Suriah Abdul Rahman says.

She said Mimos has transferred its technology platforms to eight companies and has received 76 technology transfer applications from potential technology recipients.

The technologies include in areas like wireless communication, semantic technology, knowledge and grid computing.

"We see a significant increase in interest and uptake for our technology platforms that are ready for commercialisation by indigenous industries," she said, noting that Mimos has developed a total of 21 technology prototypes.

In her welcoming address at the Mimos Technology Preview (MTP) in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, Suriah said transfer of the agency's frontier technology platforms from its laboratories to the industries marks a significant milestone for Mimos.

"Our applied research efforts are only successful when Mimos' technology platforms find a place in the market,"

she said.

Suriah said as such, the agency is now focused on the process of technology transfer for commercialisation in line with efforts to create a funnel of innovations to push the industries to the global market.

Also present at the event were Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili and Mimos chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah.

Suriah said Mimos' focus is on strategic market-driven product development and advanced technology which essentially involves the development of technology platforms for commercialisation by industries.

MTP, which entered its fourth year, is part of Mimos' commercialisation efforts and designed to attract more companies to take up the agency's technology platforms to enhance existing product and service offerings to the global market.

More than 200 industry participants — from the telecommunications and ICT sectors of both local and multinational companies attended the event.