

The Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) hereby invites participation from all higher education institutions, companies and eligible research centres to submit a **Concept Paper Application (Request for Proposal)** as detailed below:

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Funding Ceiling:
RM100,000

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01 This initiative aims to support high-impact research that aligns with SSM's functions and areas of responsibility. The scope of research and development focuses on **two (2) key areas**, namely **General** and **Priority**.

02 Researchers may submit an application by proposing a concept paper based on either of the two focus areas.

Focus Area **General** :

- Corporate governance of companies, businesses, and Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs).
- Compliance with laws and best practices.
- Accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices.
- Corporate intermediary practices, auditing, and the winding-up of corporate entities.
- Digital transformation of companies, businesses, and LLPs.
- Entrepreneurship, the development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the gig economy.
- Research and studies to strengthen legislation related to SSM's areas of responsibility.
- Enhancement of SSM's products, services and service delivery.

Focus Area **Priority:**

RESEARCH OUTCOMES

1 Development of a Prototype Solution to strengthen enforcement and compliance monitoring under the Companies Act, Limited Liability Partnerships Act, and Business Registration Act using Artificial Intelligence (AI).



A research study on data-driven decision-making capability to

- identify companies at risk of non-compliance with the relevant Acts under SSM's supervision.

An AI prototype that provides early warning alerts to enforcement

- officers and/or at-risk parties, enabling preventive action before non-compliance occurs.

2 Development of an AI Prototype Solution for Corporate Intermediaries and Auditors.



The AI solution prototype (Minimum Viable Product – MVP) shall integrate key functions relevant to corporate intermediaries and auditors and include core modules such as

- compliance analytics, document verification, important date notifications and recommended corporate actions. A working demonstration shall also be developed for testing with selected users (pilot users).

A pilot evaluation report and implementation recommendations shall be produced covering pilot findings, AI model performance,

- feature effectiveness, risks, legal/compliance considerations and user feedback together with proposed enhancements for the next development phase or full-scale implementation.

RESEARCH OUTCOMES

3 Development of a Prototype Solution for a Virtual Company Director using Artificial Intelligence (AI).

An AI-based Virtual Company Director prototype that develops a model capable of replicating real-world directors' reasoning, decision-making patterns and typical behavioural responses across

- various corporate governance and management scenarios. The prototype should be able to run decision simulations to assess potential risks, compliance impact and management behaviour in realistic conditions.

A "Sounding Box" AI platform/prototype that enables company registrants to test and evaluate the Virtual Company Director as a basis for decision-making, supervision or policy changes. The platform should

- assess responses, risks and potential outcomes and generate structured analytics reports presenting simulation results, impact forecasts and improvement recommendations before actual decisions are made.

4 Examining the Relationship (Correlation) between legal compliance and corporate governance practices and a company's performance, achievements, and long-term sustainability.

To identify and analyse the relationship between the level of compliance with laws and

- corporate governance practices and financial performance, operational outcomes and a company's long-term sustainability.

To produce evidence-based findings that can serve as a reference for policy development and regulatory oversight, aimed at

- strengthening corporate governance practices across the industry and promoting self-compliance within the corporate sector.