

New Campus for PPKS Mukah:

Earthworks Commence

arthworks at the site of the new campus for PPKS Mukah commenced on 18 November 2014. With an area of 13.78 acres at Sungai Petian, the new state-of-the-art campus will be able to accommodate 1,000 students. On completion, the campus will serve as a Regional Hub for a host of technical and vocational courses offered by the PPKS Group.



Rancangan Integrasi Murid Untuk Perpaduan (RIMUP): PPKS Mukah Extends a Warm Welcome to Young Visitors



n 24 October 2014, a group comprising 24 primary six students, their teachers and officers from the Daro District Education Office, visited PPKS Mukah.

The visit, under the Rancangan Integrasi Murid Untuk Perpaduan (RIMUP) was coordinated by the Daro District Education Office

(Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah Daro). The students were from the following schools: SK Bruan Mapal, SK

Campuran, SK Hijrah Badong, SK Kuala Matu, SK Nangar, SK Pangtray, SK Pergau, SK Sekaan Kechil, SK Sergunim, SK Sok, SK Tebaang and SK Ulu Daro.

On arrival, the visitors were briefed on the range of courses offered by PPKS Mukah followed by a video presentation on the PPKS Group of Institutions. Indeed, for the students, the visit brought home the importance of continuing one's studies after secondary school and pursuing industry-relevant courses; a step in the right direction to a world of exciting careers.

Liga Futsal Kesihatan 1 Malaysia

n Saturday, 15 November 2014, the Liga Futsal Kesihatan 1Malaysia was held at the Dewan Sukan Tertutup Mukah, Kementerian Pembangunan Sosial

The league which was organized among various parties and individuals who are actively involved in the various sports and recreational activities in Mukah was aimed at promoting the healthy lifestyle to the public. In addition, to foster closer relationship among the players as well as the sportsmanship spirit.

Eight teams participated namely JDT FT, Emang Bisa FT, Klanxz Kluz FT, Jinchuriki FT, Low Profile FT, Plagus FT, PB Community dan Die Borussen.

Low Profile FT emerged as champion in the one-day event. Die Borussen from Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Sarawak Mukah took second place and Jinchuriki FT third

PPKS Mukah Futsal Team Bags Silver Medal in Liga Futsal Kesihatan 1Malaysia

On Saturday, 15 November 2014, the PPKS Mukah Futsal Team did the college proud by clinching second place in the Liga Futsal Kesihatan 1 Malaysia!

Held at the Dewan Sukan Tertutup Mukah, Kementerian Pembangunan Sosial Mukah, eight teams participated in the 1-day event:

Jinchuriki FT, Low Profile FT, Plagus FT, PB Community and PPKS Mukah's very own team Die Borussen

The brainchild of the various futsal teams and individuals actively involved in various sports and recreational activities, the league was aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle and fostering the spirit of sportsmanship.

Top 3 Teams: Champion : Low Profile FT Second Place : Die Borussen (PPKS Mukah) Third Place : Jinchuriki FT









for rising from a small training centre to an institution that has become the backbone of the production of trained human capital for Sarawak as the state heads into an industrial-based economy. His speech was delivered during PPKS 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching on Friday, 31 October 2014.

Taib and State Dignitaries. The Chairman of PPKS, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Abdul Aziz Bin Dato Haji Husain also spoke at the function and reiterate that PPKS had produced competent workers with competitive skills, allowing foreign and local industries to invest in the state.

The event were attended by other state dignitaries including the Sarawak

who is also Patron of PPKS The Honorable Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Assistant Minister of Industrial Estate Development Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie and PPKS Executive Director Dato Haji Baharudin Haji Abdullah.

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t has been an exciting year for us at PPKS/I-CATS. The last quarter of the year ended with success stories and we are greatly indebted to the continuous support from the Management Councils and Management

team of PPKS

In October, the month long anniversary celebrations kicked off with PPKS Run and mass exercise. Members of publics, students and staffs participated in various categories for the 5km and 10km run. The flag off begins as early as 7am after a simple yet remarkable launching ceremony by the Executive Director. He then led the 5km walk with staff of PPKS/i-CATS and all staff participate in mass aerobics thereafter. The highlights of the 20th Anniversary celebration were the Gala dinner at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching.

The vibrant happenings continue with the groundwork for the annual convocation ceremony. Held at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching, the event witnessed more than 700 graduates of PPKS/i-CATS and its subsidiaries received their scroll from the guest of honour. To commemorate the ceremony, fun filled activities such as Autoshow, Anime Gathering, Tamiva Mini 4D, fancy dress, Zumba, fishing competition, health screening and many more were also held at PPKS Headquarters for two consecutive days.

Congratulations to all staffs for the marvellous teamwork and job well done!

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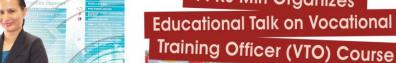
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Talk session handle by Mr. Syukri, Marketing Executive of PPKS Miri

n 29 October 2014, at the invitation of Institut Kemahiran Belia Negara (IKBN) Miri, PPKS Miri organized an Educational Talk on the Vocational Training Officer (VTO) course for the benefit of IKBN students.

Held at IKBN's Miri campus, a total of 140 students attended the twohour session by Mr. Muhammad Syukri Basri, a marketing executive from PPKS Miri. During the session, Mr. Muhammad Syukri highlighted the pathway for IKBN's Level 3 graduates to embark on the VTO course and the career prospects upon completion of the course. The total duration of the course is 9 months for full-time students and 14 months for part-time students.

The VTO

course, a recognized qualification by the Department of Skills Development (under the Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia), is designed for those who wish to embark on a career as an educator or trainer. Indeed, upon completion of the VTO course, graduates will be able to contribute towards the noble cause of providing industry-relevant technical and vocational education, and training to equip the workforce with the necessary skills and prepare them for the global environment.



Mr. Syukri interacting with one of the participants in the educational talk

6th Convocation of PPKS Wilayah Miri

n 25 November 2014, PPKS Wilayah Miri held its sixth Convocation Ceremony at the Mega Hotel Ballroom in Miri.

The guest of honour, Datu Len Talif Salleh, Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office (Promotion of Technical Education) conferred the



graduates PPKS in Miri and witnessed by Mr. Hallman Sabri

certificates on the graduating students. A total of 139 students from various courses received their certificates during

In his graduation address, Datu Len Talif Salleh highlighted that education, as a lifelong journey, benefits both the individual and society. In

> addition to opportunities for career advancement for graduates, the gentle shower of education produces individuals who are competent, knowledgeable and possess high moral standards. This goes long way towards contributing towards the betterment of society. He also emphasized that the trainees/ graduates needed to change their mindset, be receptive to change and keep abreast of the

latest changes in technology and current market demand.

As part of his congratulatory remarks, Encik Hallman Bin Haji Sabri, PPKS Deputy Executive Director (Corporate Services) said, "This graduation marks another milestone for PPKS Wilavah Miri as this is the sixth graduation ceremony." He also emphasized that the graduates, as they take on various roles, would contribute towards the development of the vibrant landscape of industry and nation building.

Indeed, this momentous occasion was not only a cause for celebration but a time for the graduates to reflect on the voyage towards the fulfilment of their respective educational and life goals. For them, this ceremony also marked a new beginning; the bold step forward to the future!

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Welcoming AWISAR New General Manager



Encik Maklen witnessed the handing over of "20th Anniversary T-Shirt" to AWISAR staff, the Technical and Vocational Training Manager, Encik Jaidel from Admin and HR Executive, Encik Mohd. Aziz



Encik Maklen Ali and farewell to Encik Morni Tambah who was transferred to PPKS







A friendly visit from ADTEC Melaka



The Operation manager from Wong Fong Engineering Work, Singapore interviewing AWISAR diploma students from Welding Technology programme





Meeting with visitors from the American Welding

Students from SMK Sungai Paoh, Sarikei



√ he year 2014 has been a remarkable and unforgettable for PPKS as it celebrates the two decades of the journey. From the humble beginning of 8 staff operating the small office at the formerly Public Work Department in Tabuan Jaya, today, PPKS prided itself for being able to expand throughout the state of Sarawak and a branch office in Kuala Lumpur with the support of more than 300 manpower.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Sarawak State Government, the Federal Government, the Management Council Members, the industries and my successors for their initiatives in setting up PPKS 20 years ago. The mutual understanding formed an important element in the expansion of PPKS today.

The grand celebration of 20th anniversary has been a successful one and attended by 1000 guests including our overseas partner. The gala dinner, an indication of our appreciations to our supporters especially the State Government, the industries, strategic alliances and the staff of PPKS. The night was memorable due to the presence of His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak and his wife. During the night, His Excellency Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud officially launched the Yayasan Pendidikan Industri Sarawak and presented an amount of RM100,000 for the foundation. The launching of Yayasan Pendidikan Industri Sarawak will provide financial aids, to the less fortunate students seeking skills, knowledge at PPKS and various training centres. The foundation, was part of Corporate Social Responsibilities for PPKS Group of Subsidiaries and its members with the aims to provide financial assistance to the needy students. More than 10 organizations have pledged their supports towards the charity

As years go by, PPKS continues to produce students specializing in various technical fields. During the recent PPKS/i-CATS 17th Convocation Ceremony, a total of 844 students graduated with skills certificates and diplomas. To date PPKS has produced more that 41,000 graduates from various programmes ranging from Electrical Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineerings, Mechatronics, Civil Engineerings, Nursing, Welding, automotive, Plantations, Wiremen, Information Technology, Air Conditioning and Tourism.

With the encouraging support from all, our aspiration to train and enhance human capital advancement in Sarawak will be achieved.

Thank you.

Dato Haji Baharudin Haji Abdullah Executive Director PPKS & Chief Executive Officer i-CATS

TECHNICAL TRAINING & EDUCATION





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Congratulations to Serit Lakai

- The winner of President Award 2014

erit Anak Lakai, a graduate of Diploma in Plantation Management International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (i-CATS), was announced as the recipient of "Anugerah Presiden" during the PPKS/ i-CATS 17th Convocation Ceremony which was held on the 3 December 2014 at the Borneo Convention Centre

He was very grateful with the recognition and would like to extend his deepest thankful to the lecturers and instructors who helped him a lot during three years studies at PPKS/i-CATS. Along the journey, he started by working as a Nursery In-charge at Sarawak Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA) for 6 months before he decided to further his studies at i-CATS. During his studies at i-CATS, he was actively involved in



Serit Anak Lakai photographed his memorable moments with his beloved families

club activities and associations, whereby he showed his leadership skills by leading the Kelab Srindang Seri Tari and appointed as the President for "Jawatan Kuasa Perwakilan Pelajar" (IPP). He took the responsibility as an opportunity for him to learn and improve his knowledge and interpersonal skills.

According to Serit, he was not really into any types of entertainment gadget and focused more on completing his assignments and doing revisions. He determined to further his Master Degree in Plantation after this. Now, he's currently working as Plantation Instructor in PPKS Mukah.

Emelia Merlanthy the first to be awarded with Anugerah TVET

melia Merlanthy who hailed from Miri, Sarawak is the third child out of five siblings of Mr.

Merong Anak Jek and Ms. Ela anak Ubong. The 24-year old is her parents' pride and joy after being awarded as the



Emilia receiving the prestigious trophy from YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain, Chairman of PPKS

recipient of prestigious award called Anugerah TVET. Emelia has been chosen as the recipient of the award due to her excellence in academic, cocurriculum and other aspect. She had shown her excellence in academic, cocurriculum and attitude during her studies in PPKS. Previously in 2012, Emelia was awarded as the best students of PPKS Miri.

The prestigious "Anugerah TVET" was the idea from Dato Haji Baharudin Haji Abdullah, the Executive Director of PPKS in order to acknowledge the achievement of TVET student. The inaugural award was awarded to her due to her magnificent achievements in academic, cocurriculum and excellence personality during her studies in PPKS. PPKS would like to congratulate Emelia for his magnificent achievements!

i-CATS Nursing Students Join Flood

Relief Effort in Kelantan

n December 2014, sixteen nursing students from the i-CATS Diploma in Nursing programme joined the flood relief effort in Kelantan. Aptly named #OpsHarapan, the relief effort was coordinated by the Center for a Better Tomorrow (CENBET).

For the nursing students, their arrival in Kelantan, with PPKS/i-CATS staff members Ms Amy Francis (Quality Assurance Manager, PPKS) and Ms Norzizan Yahya (Clinical Instructor at i-CATS), brought home the essence of their noble profession; contributing towards the well-being of humanity. The presence of Dato Haii Baharudin Haii Abdullah, Executive Director of PPKS



Dato Haji Baharudin participate in the #opsharapan programme

working alongside the PPKS/i-CATS team members was a morale booster for all involved!

In Kelantan, the PPKS/i-CATS members were assigned to three teams/ zones, namely Mobile Clinics, Hospital Tumpat and Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II. This facilitated the ongoing effort to reach out to those in need across the many affected districts. During the course of their 7-day mission, the PPKS/ i-CATS team carried out a host of activities (please see "Snapshot of Activities" below).

One of the major challenges was the unavailability of tap water in many areas. In addition, there was some



Mobile clinic counter is open for

Bursary Department Visited the Less-fortunate Children

n 17 December 2014 at 2.30 pm, the Bursary Department of PPKS visited Pediatric Ward at Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching. The main objective of this visit is to engage and spend time with the unfortunate children at the ward.

Upon arriving at 2.45 pm, the staff were welcome by the hospital office and nurses. They were divided into two groups to visit the wards. The children were very happy to see visitors coming with soft-toys, balloons, stationaries and foods. It was heartened to see happy

faces of the unfortunate children. The visit session ended at 4.45pm. It was a short yet meaningful session to spend time with those children. Bursary Department was very thankful to have this opportunity and hope to visit again in the future.



disruption to electricity supply. These challenging conditions brought out the best in the PPKS/i-CATS Team and reaffirmed the importance of teamwork and voluntary work. For the nursing students, they also gained hands-on experience in the area of community health. Indeed, this experience will go a long way towards preparing the students for the nursing profession.

Snapshot of Activities by the PPKS/i-CATS Team in Kelantan:

- ▶ Set up mobile clinic counters (SK Kubang Chenok Pasir Mas, Kampung Kusial Baru, Kampung Pasir Panii. Kampung Jelatok, Persatuan Peranakan Cina Kelantan and Kampung To' Uban) and patient registration at Hospital Tanah Merah A&E.
- Students attached to Hospital Raia Perempuan Zainab II: Assisted with the cleaning work(s) at Klinik Kesihatan Wakaf Che Yah, Klinik Kesihatan Ketereh, Klinik Kesihatan Kota Bharu, Klinik Pangkalan Chepa, Klinik Desa Salor and Klinik Desa Pintu Geng. The students also assisted at Klinik 1Malaysia Panji.
- ▶ Students attached to Hospital Tumpat assisted the Health Department to: distribute chlorine tablets to the villagers of Kampung Dalam Rhu and Kampung Dalam Nanas. The students helped in explaining to the villagers on the proper use of the tablets;
- spray Lysol at SMK Kutan to prevent the breeding of flies;
- paste health-related posters in schools and public areas:
- distribute brochures and give health education talk to the villagers in the Tumpat district:
- pour chlorine tablets into water wells in Tumpat district:
- sprav mosquito killers in selected
- areas: and help with the cleaning of Klinik Desa Kampung Laut Tumpat.



PPKS Staff Educational Trip to South Korea

n 20 October 2014 marked another memorable chapter in PPKS history, where 33 staff of PPKS and their spouses went on a 7 days educational trip to South Korea.

Upon arrival to South Korea, the group started their trip with a visit to Suwon Hightech Meister High School, established in 2010. The network of Meister Schools is specifically designed to prepare youths to work in highskilled manufacturing jobs and other

to Hyundai Motors in which its' factory produces Hyundai Sonata and then to Ottogi Food Manufacturing. Then the group proceeded to Andong and retired for

the night at Korean traditional house. It was quite an experience to stay in a basic living quarters with 3 other roommates and sharing outdoor bathrooms with



Mr. Zakri was briefed by tour guide

The following days we proceeded to Yeongju Polytechnics which specialize in automotive and other engineering courses. And Dosan Traditional School. The next few days were filled with visits to apple farm. Hawoi Village, Naksan Temple, Mt Seorak (beautiful mountain scenery), Everland and Seoul city tours.

The most awaited place to visit was none other than Nami Island, especially for those who were fans of Winter Sonata. The spectacular view of autumn on this island was definitely a Kodak moment.

No trip is complete without a shopping spree. On our last day, the group had the opportunity to shop at Myeong-dong & Namdaemun Market.

Overall, it was an unforgettable trip, especially for those who had never been to overseas before.

Our utmost and sincere thanks to Dato Haji Baharudin Haji Abdullah and PPKS for making it possible to experience the different culture and the beautiful autumn weather in South Korea and hope to return again someday.



Farewell to Mr. Albar!

tarted his career at PPKS as a Coordinator for Technical Training, Mr. Albar Abdul Rahman has served PPKS for 20 years. He is indeed a dedicated staff and a gemstone of PPKS. He had been holding various positions in PPKS such as a coordinator, head of department, manager, registrar, General Manager, Campus Director and in his final years in PPKS as the Director for Yayasan Pendidikan Perindustrian Sarawak and Head of Talent

Development & Quality

Management Department. Mr. Albar has a lot of contribution to PPKS. He composed Kecemerlangan Menuju Kejayaan the official song for PPKS. He was also the first Campus Director of PPKS Mukah. PPKS

would like to congratulate and thank Mr. Albar for his retirement and contributions to the development of PPKS since its inception. PPKS wishes him a successful and prosperity life a head. Thank you Mr.

YB Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah

Visited PPKS and i-CATS



Group photo of YB Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah and the management of PPKS

n 21 October 2014, it was an honoured to receive visit from Yang Berhormat Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah, Minister Welfare, Women & Family Development Sarawak to PPKS. The visit was meant to update YB Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah who is the Vice President for i-CATS on the development of PPKS and i-CATS. At the same time, a press conference with YB Datuk Hajah Fatimah Abdullah was held to update the press on the development of PPKS and i-CATS. It is hoped that PPKS and i-CATS will continue to success in future.

PPKS Joins Governor of Sarawak's Delegation on Official Visit to Chennai

n December 2014, PPKS was invited to join the Governor of Sarawak's delegation on a working visit to Chennai, Organized by Yavasan Sarawak, PPKS was represented by its Chairman, Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain and Deputy Executive Director (Corporate Services), Mr. Hallman bin Sabri.

During the visit from 6 to 11 December 2014, His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud and his entourage visited three established technical and medical universities, namely B.S. Abdur Rahman University, Anna University and Ramachandran Medical University The fruitful discussions and sharing of ideas with these institutions paved the way for collaborations in the area of human resource development: to equip the workforce in Sarawak with the relevant technical/vocational skills. This is in line with the Sarawak Government's industrial development initiatives, in particular, the development of the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE).





Chairman of PPKS handing souvenir to Chairman of B. S. Abdur Rahman University

Among the dignitaries from Sarawak joining His Excellency the Governor were Datuk Amar Haii Mohamad Asfia bin Awang Nassar, Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, Datuk Amar Awang Tengah

Planning and Environment, Datuk I.R. Haii Daud bin Abdul Rahman, Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office Datu Hi Mohamad Abu Bakar bin Marzuki, Sarawak Foundation Director and other senior officers of the state civil

(Islamic Affairs) and Assistant Minister for Infrastructure Development, Datu Haii Len Talif Salleh, Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office (Promotion of Technical Education) and Assistant Minister for Environment,

service and learning institutes.

Group photo with His Excellency the Governor of

Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Haii Abdul Taib Mahmud

Ali Hasan, Second Minister of Resource

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PPKS Launched Yayasan

Pendidikan Industri Sarawak

n-Line with its vision to be a leader in technical training education, PPKS has taken initiative to be the first skills centre in Malaysia establishing its own foundation namely Yayasan Pendidikan Industri Sarawak.

In conjunction with PPKS's 20th Anniversary Dinner, the Yayasan Pendidikan Industri Sarawak was officially launched by Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Sarawak on 31 October 2014 at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK).

Aimed at reaching out needy and deserving students, this foundation act as a charitable organisation which provides various form of assistance such as scholarships and other forms of



One of the donors for Yayasan Pendidikan Industri Sarawak, Hock Peng Organization presented mock cheque to Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, Tuan Yang Terutama

financial assistances. On the other hand, YPIS will also advise students and parents on other financing options. Other than that, this foundation will enable PPKS to serve the community directly and also to provide channel for corporate sectors to contribute the needy and deserving students.

PPK\$ 17th Convocation Ceremony

PKS marked another milestone in producing 704 more graduates by organizing its 17th Convocation Ceremony on 3 December 2014 at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK). The ceremony was officiated by YB Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, the Assistant Minister in Chief Minister's Office (Promotion of Technical Education) representing Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hassan,

Minister of Resource Planning and Environment II, Minister of Public Utilities, Minister of Industrial Development. In his speech, Datu Len congratulates PPKS on the establishment for 20 years in the sector of technical education.

On the same note, PPKS and i-CATS celebrated 25 excellent students who received Industrial Awards form the industries. Industrial Awards was



Selfie First! Cheerful faces of graduates of i-CATS posing for selfie photos

sponsored by members of PPKS such as Normah Medical Specialist Centre, Hornbill Skyways Sdn Bhd, Serba Dinamik Sdn Bhd, Gegasan Sdn Bhd, Brooke Dockyard & Engineering Works Berhad, Toko Electronic (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, Naim Holdings Berhad, KKB Engineering Berhad, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Sarawak Energy Berhad, Samling Group of Companies and PETRONAS Sarawak Regional Office. PPKS would like to take this opportunity to express our utmost thanks to our participated members in these industrial awards.



We did it...photos of recipients Anugerah Industri during PPKS/i-CATS 17th Convocation Ceremony

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Happenings in Corporate **Training Department**





PROGRAM TITLE : TEAM BUILDING FURNITURE DESIGN MAKING VENUE KEM ALAPONG LUNDU



PROGRAM TITLE : FIRE FIGHTING TECHNIQUES & EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS CLIENT DNC ASIATIC HOLDING SDN. BHD. 20-21 NOV 2014 VENUE DNC, DEMAK LAUT INDUSTRIAL



ENHANCE YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL CLIENT SOP SARAWAK OIL PALM BERHAD DATE 19-20 NOV 2014 SOP TRAINING ACADEMY MIRI VENUE



PROGRAM TITLE : ENHANCE YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL CLIENT : 24-27 NOV 2014 DATE SOP TRAINING ACADEMY MIRI VENUE



PROGRAM TITLE : BASIC ENGLISH COMMUNICATION 23-24 NOV SESSION NOV 2014 VENUE KOMPLEK ISLAM

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Group photo of PPKS management team during document review workshop

eing an ISO 9001:2008 organization, PPKS/i-CATS is committed to provide quality management system to ensure that they meet the needs of their clients and other stakeholders while meeting statutory and regulatory requirements related to their services. The scope of certification for PPKS/i-CATS is Provision of Education and Training Services for Short Courses, Certificates and Diploma Programs.

Internal Audit Training was

conducted by Lead Auditor, Mr. Amirul Sait on the 8 September 2014 to give an insight for the internal auditor on their roles and responsibilities in the maintenance & improvement of quality management systems.

ISO Certification Audit, 5-7 November 2014: TVET Department being audited on the Teaching Portfolio by SIRIM Auditor, En. Muzammil Md. Kassim.

ISO Certification Audit, 5-7 November 2014: Academic Department, Loan and Recovery Department and Registrar Department being audited on Coordination of Academic Program and Student Personal Record by SIRIM Auditor, En. Mohd. Abdul Kadir Johari.

Document Review Workshop was held on the 21-22 August 2014 to ensure that all department maintain an accurate and up-to-date procedures for continual improvement of the quality management system.



Session to check the ISO procedure

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Pesta Konvo 2014

n conjunction with the celebration of PPKS/i-CATS 17th Convocation 2014, a "Pesta Konvo" was held on 29 November 2014 prior to the Convocation Day. Attended to officiate the event was Mr. Hallman Sabri, Deputy Executive Director (Corporate Services). A lot of activities were organized such as, anime gathering, face-painting, photo booth, auto-show, colouring contest for kids, cupcake decorations kids fashion show, face identical competition "Mommy-Child" lookalike contest, "My Daddy My Hero" contest, health screening, fishing competition and Tamiya Mini 4D.

Most highlighted event was the Tamiya Mini 4D Competition which received participation from the public by almost 100 participatns. Organized by Wei Hobby Zone, the competition was held to offer opportunity to the fans



Nursing students at nursing booths entertains the public for health screening

of Tamiya to compete healthily. The event

The event received encouraging support from public, students and staff. PPKS hopes to continue this event in the



Colouring contest for kids



Mr. Hallman Sabri, Deputy of Executive Director flanked by Mr. Morni Tambah and Mr. Zakri Md Salleh painted their palm and past on to the banner to symbolize the beginning of celebration Pesta Konvo 2014



ishing Competition at PPKS's lake

PPKS 20th Anniversary Run

n conjunction with PPKS 20th Anniversary celebration, to mark 20 years PPKS establishment in the industry, Promotion Committee has organized "PPKS 20th Anniversary Run" prior to the biggest celebration on 31st October.

The event was held at PPKS premise, received encouraging responses from the public, comprising participation from the members of public, secondary and primary school students in Kuching, and also PPKS staffs. The participants were divided into four categories; Male and Female Open (5km routes) for aged 18 years old and above, and also Boy and Girl Junior (5km routes) for aged 10 Ty vears old.

The event started with welcoming address from Dato Haji

Baharudin bin Haji Abdullah, Executive Director of PPKS. After that he officiated the event by releasing 20 balloons as a symbol of 20 years PPKS anniversary. The run flagged-off at 6.45 am and ended at 9.00 am with prizes presentation to the winner for each category.



Dato Haji Baharudin, Executive Director of PPKS handed the winner of PPKS 20th anniversary run



