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COURTESY CALL ON SARAWAK'S CHIEF MINISTER

PPKS devoted to developing future talent for the State of Sarawak

On 6 March 2017, a delegation comprising members of the Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Sarawak (PPKS) Management Council and PPKS Senior Management paid a courtesy call on The Right Honourable Chief Minister of Sarawak Datuk Amar Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg at Wisma Bapa Malaysia. Led by PPKS Chairman Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain, the other members of the delegation were Dato Hajah Maznah binti Dismi (Secretary of the PPKS Management Council), Tuan Haji Hilmy bin Haji Othman (Treasurer of the PPKS Management Council), Mr. Hallman bin Haji Sabri (Executive Director of PPKS), Mr. Mohamad Isham bin Fauzi (Chief Executive Officer of *i-CATS* cum Director of Marketing, PPKS), Mr Zakri Md Salleh (Deputy Executive Director, Education & Training Services), Pn Norashikin binti Dahlan (Deputy Executive Director, Corporate Services) and Pn Linda John Tambie (PPKS Corporate Communications Manager). During the visit, Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz congratulated The Right Honourable Chief Minister on his new appointment as Chief Minister of Sarawak and thanked him for his significant role in the establishment of PPKS. The Right Honourable Chief Minister was the former Protom Patron of PPKS from 1994 to 2000. During the course of the briefing to the Chief Minister, Mr. Hallman bin Haji Sabri highlighted that PPKS has remained steadfast in its commitment to develop a skilled workforce in line with the state's transformation programme. He added that PPKS's close collaboration with the industry has facilitated the design, development and delivery of both technical and soft skills training programmes.



Group photo with The Right Honourable Chief Minister of Sarawak Datuk Amar Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg.

Middle : The Right Honourable Chief Minister of Sarawak Datuk Amar Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg receives a memento from PPKS Chairman Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain.

Integrity, Trust & Respect, Teamwork, Customer First, Innovative, Results-driven



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The first quarter of 2017 has been an exciting period for PPKS, with the launch of various initiatives to develop future-ready talent for our state and nation. Indeed, with Industry 4.0 and the Digital Economy gaining momentum, it is of utmost importance for PPKS, as a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's economic and digital landscape, to be the flag-bearer in the quest to produce a qualified and competent workforce through continuous learning and development.

As a Centre of Excellence in Technology (CoET), PPKS has recently received approval to conduct the National Empowerment in Certification and Training for Next Generation Workers (NECT-Gen – Industry 4.0) Programme for HRDF levy-contributing companies. The main objective of the programme is to certify and upskill the current and next generation workforce through high-valued technology certification and training programmes. The programme is sponsored by HRDF under a special grant and there will be no levy deduction or payment required.

New programmes have also been initiated together with the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) such as Malaysian Meister Programme (MMP) in Mechatronics, Electrical and Electronics, and Automotive. With regard to academic programmes, the International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (*i-CATS*) launched two new programmes in March 2017, namely the Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Power) and Diploma in Hotel Management.

One of the highlights of the quarter was the Study Visit to the United Kingdom led by PPKS Chairman Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain. As highlighted in this volume of the Workforce, there is an oasis of opportunities in terms of potential tie-ups with various U.K. institutions of higher learning and organizations. Taking into consideration the vibrant growth of energy-intensive industries and various downstream industries in Sarawak, it is timely for PPKS to explore new frontiers, especially in the exciting field of Materials Science.

Indeed, with the support of various stakeholders from the Government, Industry and Academia, we will be able to fly the flag of excellence as we advance the noble cause of Human Capital Development.



Executive Director's Perspective

"Doing things better today than Yesterday"

Hallman Haji Sabri
Executive Director
Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Sarawak

Study Visit to the United Kingdom: Laying the Foundation for a Multi-pronged Approach to Sarawak's Economic and Digital Transformation

TWI MIDDLESBROUGH



Presentation of Memento : With Mr. Chris Peters, Global Training and Examinations Services Manager, TWI during a visit to TWI, Middlesbrough Campus. PPKS & TWI plan to offer Welding Certification Programmes.

Emirates

SPINNAKER TOWER

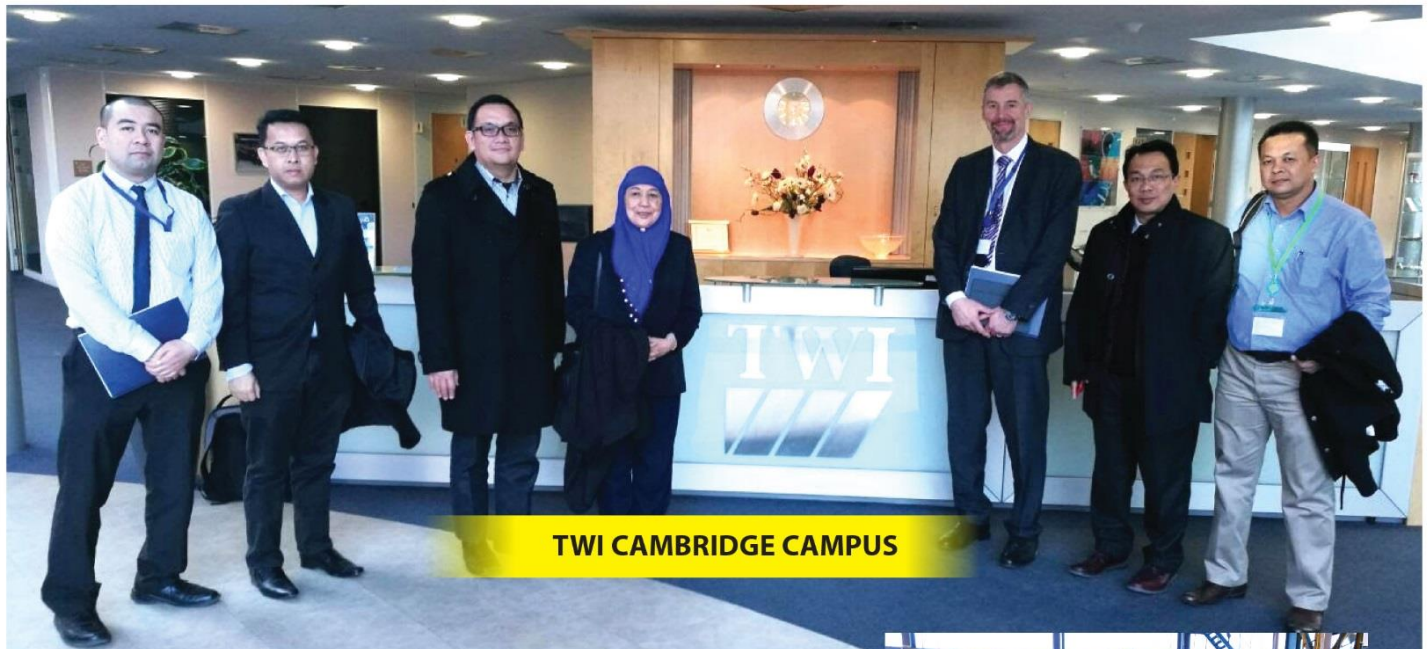


UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM



TWI CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS

The Study Visit to the United Kingdom by a delegation from PPKS together with representatives from the British High Commission, Kuala Lumpur and the Workforce Development Unit, Chief Minister's Office (Sarawak), has set the stage for a host of joint initiatives aimed at facilitating Sarawak's economic and digital transformation.



MATERIALS PROCESSING INSTITUTE (MPI)

Led by PPKS Chairman Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain, the main objective of the Study Visit from 16 to 24 January 2017 was to explore the possibility of strategic tie-ups with U.K. institutions of higher learning and various organizations, especially in the area(s) of Materials Science, Engineering and related technical specializations.



ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

In line with the numerous initiatives by the Sarawak Government to accelerate the pace of development, there is an urgent need to adopt a multi-pronged approach to the development of a competent workforce to meet the needs of industry. In this respect, the Study Visit has paved the way for strategic collaborations with various U.K. educational institutions and training providers to facilitate the transfer of technology in Materials Engineering, Metallurgy, Hydroelectric Power Plant Maintenance, Hybrid and Electrical Vehicle Maintenance, and Modernization of Agriculture.



SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SQA)

Indeed, for PPKS and its stakeholders comprising the Government and Industry, these latest developments will facilitate the ongoing drive to boost the development of future-ready talent for the broad spectrum of positions in the energy-intensive industries as well as downstream industries in Sarawak and Malaysia as a whole.



Perhimpunan Pelajar PPKS 2017

Pendekatan Industri Inisiatif Baharu



Pada 17 Februari 2017, telah berlangsungnya Perhimpunan Pelajar PPKS yang pertama bagi tahun 2017 di Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Sarawak (PPKS) Kuching. Perhimpunan Pelajar tersebut bertujuan bagi mengalu-alukan kehadiran pelajar-pelajar baharu yang mengikuti kursus-kursus TVET dan TAME (Program Jurutera Penyelenggara Pesawat) serta mengalu-alukan pelajar-pelajar terdahulu yang kembali melanjutkan pelajaran di tahap yang lebih tinggi dalam bidang teknikal masing-masing. Tuan Haji Rambli Haji Hasbi, Timbalan Pengarah Eksekutif Khidmat Pelajar PPKS semasa ucapan alu-aluannya menekankan beberapa aspek penting yang harus dikuasai oleh pelajar-pelajar sebagai satu persiapan sebelum melangkah ke dunia perkerjaan. Antara aspek yang dititik-beratkan dalam ucapannya adalah untuk menggalakkan pelajar dalam menguasai Kemahiran Berfikir Aras Tinggi (KBAT); memperkemaskan ketrampilan sendiri serta belajar untuk berdikari.

Tuan Haji Rambli Haji Hasbi turut menegaskan bahawa aspek-aspek tersebut merupakan antara faktor utama yang membolehkan graduan untuk mendapat pekerjaan dikalangan industri.

Menurut amanat yang disampaikan oleh Pengarah Eksekutif PPKS Encik Hallman Sabri, beberapa inisiatif pembaharuan akan dijalankan sepanjang tahun 2017 bagi memperkasakan pelajar-pelajar TVET di PPKS adalah melalui aktiviti kesatrian sebagai kokurikulum wajib serta mengadakan perhimpunan sekali sebulan dalam mewujudkan platform bagi perkongsian pengalaman industri dengan menjemput wakil daripada ahli-ahli industri PPKS untuk memberi taklimat. Encik Hallman Sabri turut menegaskan kepentingan Kemahiran insaniah seperti Kemahiran komunikasi dan ketrampilan diri haruslah di pertingkatkan. Turut hadir adalah Timbalan Pengarah Eksekutif Perkhidmatan Latihan dan Pendidikan, Encik Zakri Md Salleh, Pengurus Kanan Perkhidmatan Pelajar, Puan Hajah Hamdiah Sazali, Pemangku Pengarah Kampus PPKS Kuching, Puan Khartini Latif serta tenaga pengajar TVET PPKS.



PPKS Showcases a Wide Range of Academic and Skills Programmes at BPIEF 2017



The Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Sarawak (PPKS) Group of Institutions participated in The Borneo Post International Education Fair (BPIEF) from 11 to 12 March 2017 at the VIVACITY Megamall in Kuching. Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on both days, the PPKS booth showcased a wide range of academic and skills programmes offered by the PPKS Group of Institutions. In addition to programmes for fresh school leavers, working adults were invited to visit the PPKS booth, to explore the benefits of Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) and various pathways to earn industry-relevant qualifications.



The BPIEF was also a good platform to showcase two new diploma programmes, namely the Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Power) and Diploma in Hotel Management. Both programmes are offered by the International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (*i-CATS*), a subsidiary company of PPKS. In the pipeline will be the launch of the Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Honours) in Manufacturing System in Collaboration with Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) in the first quarter of 2018.





**Courtesy Visit to YB Datuk Jerip Susil,
Assistant Minister for Public Health
(9 January 2017)**



**Minggu Suai Kenal (Ambilan Januari)
(11 January 2017)**



**New Staff Induction Course
(2 March 2017)**



SCAT FAIR (3-5 March 2017)



**Lawatan daripada Sekolah Tunas
Bakti Kuching
(14 March 2017)**



**Kejohanan Rumah Sukan Kali
Ke-2 Peringkat KV PPKS 2017
(9 March 2017)**



Courtesy Visit to Sarawak Energy Training Centre (16 March 2017)



Courtesy Visit to SAINS (17 March 2017)



Lawatan Penanda Aras 5S ke SALCRA (17 March 2017)



Courtesy Visit to KKB Engineering (22 March 2017)



Visit by Mr. Paul Fraser of Gateshead College, U.K. (28 March 2017)



Lawatan daripada Tabung Ekonomi Gagasan Anak Bumiputera Sarawak (TEGAS) Bahagian Song (6 February 2017)



Pelajar *i*-CATS Miri Lawat Empangan Hidroelektrik Bakun

S eramai 10 pelajar termasuk 4 pensyarah Kolej Antarabangsa Teknologi Lanjutan Sarawak (*i*-CATS) telah mengadakan lawatan sambil belajar ke Empangan Hidroelektrik Bakun pada 15 Mac 2017.

Pelajar terbabit merupakan pelajar tahun akhir kursus BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) Kejuruteraan Elektrikal/Elektronik. Koordinatornya, Pn. Syuhaira Mat Zin berkata, rangka lawatan kali ini bagi mendedahkan

kepada pelajar situasi sebenar dalam industri kejuruteraan elektrik. “Sebelum ini mereka hanya didedahkan dengan teori sahaja dan di sini mereka berpeluang menyaksikan operasi sebenar penjana kuasa hidroelektrik. Lawatan ini juga memberi peluang kepada kami semua untuk mengetahui proses pembinaan empangan dan cabaran yang dihadapi oleh Sarawak Hidro semasa membinanya,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan akhbar. Menurut beliau lagi, lawatan ini juga turut berkaitan dengan subjek pembelajaran mereka iaitu kuasa elektrikal, mekatronik dan instrumentasi.



As part of its ongoing initiative to contribute towards the betterment of society, the PPKS Social, Recreational & Sports Club (SRSC) organized a visit to Rumah Seri Kenangan Kuching (Home for the Aged) on 24 February 2017.

Prior to the visit, a collection drive was held to encourage staff members from the PPKS Group to contribute to the noble cause. The staff members came out in full force to contribute various staple food items, dairy milk products, clothes, detergent, etc.

On arrival, the group was welcomed by Rumah Seri Kenangan Head, Mr. Dariel Thiong and his staff members. During the visit, Mr. Thiong shared that the home takes care of eighty (80) senior citizens from diverse cultures and races. In a nutshell, Rumah Seri Kenangan Kuching looks after the welfare of the elderly residents by providing holistic care in a supportive environment.



PPKS Social, Recreational & Sports Club Visits Rumah Seri Kenangan Kuching

Be strong
Remember You are
Loved
and NEVER GIVE UP!!



Group photo: 6th from left, Mr. Dariel Thiong (Head of Rumah Seri Kenangan) with Mr. Stanley Gona (fifth from left, Director of Corporate Services, i-CATS) and Mr. Eddisson Eddie Freddie Tikas (sixth from right, President of SRSC) and SRSC members



PPKS TRAK

Programme Offers a First Glimpse into the Exciting World of Skills Programmes

Tunggu Result Ambil Kemahiran (TRAK) programme enables participants to experience first-hand, the technical programmes offered by the PPKS Group of Institutions. Held from 10 January to 10 February 2017 at PPKS Kuching, the one-month programme was a platform to intensify awareness of skills and technical education among secondary school students.

Through the TRAK Programme, the participants gained valuable insights into the importance of industry-relevant technical education. They had the opportunity to gain hands-on exposure through introductory courses such as Oil Palm Planting & Maintenance (Pruning), Build Your Own Circuit with Electronics, Introduction to Hydraulic System, What is AutoCAD in Draughtsman, Basic Graphics Software, Introduction to HVAC & Basic Maintenance, Introduction to Computer Parts & Installation, Introduction to Meetings & Meeting Preparation, and Basic Electrical & Single Phase Wiring.

During the TRAK Closing Ceremony, Mr. Hallman Sabri, Executive Director of PPKS opined that technical education is critical for developing the state and he encouraged youths from rural areas to take up technical education as their first choice.

He also advised the participants about the importance of the English language and soft skills. Cindy Ak Ambu a 21-year-old STPM holder from SMK Datuk Patinggi Kedit Betong, commented that TRAK is a unique programme that allows participants to learn technical courses through hands-on experience.

Twin brothers from SMK Methodist Sibul, Tobias Lau and Elliot Lau, said the programme offered new knowledge and unique experiences. They shared, “Not only has the TRAK programme opened a different perspective on technical education, the TRAK modules also highlight the relevant expertise needed by the industry”. A similar programme was held at PPKS Mukah from 15 February to 15 March 2017.

PPKS Fast-track Diploma in Electrical Power Generation: From PT3 to Power Job

PROGRAMMES
& STUDIES

On 31 January 2017, fifty students who had completed their Form Three Assessment from various

schools throughout Sarawak registered for the fast-track Diploma in Electrical Power Generation offered by PPKS Private Vocational College. A total of 17 female students and 33 male students enrolled in the programme. Due to intensified promotional and marketing activities to increase the awareness of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in rural areas, there was an increase in the number of youths (from rural areas) joining the programme. For example, three Lunbawang students from SMK Trusan, Lawas registered for the programme. With at least grade “D” and Band 3 in Bahasa Malaysia, English, Mathematics, Science and Living Skills for PT3 and school assessment, students are eligible to enrol in the Diploma in Electrical Power Generation programme.

Upon completing the four-year Vocational Diploma, graduating students will be awarded the Malaysian Vocational Diploma (DVM) in Technology Electrical Power Generation, and a professional certificate (Wireman Grade II) from the Malaysian Electrical Inspectorate Unit.





Knowledge and Information Gateway: Laptops for *i-CATS* Business Degree Students

Group photo : YB Gerald Rentap Jabu (middle, in white shirt) with Mr. Mohamad Isham bin Fauzi, CEO of *i-CATS* (on YB Gerald's right) and Mr. Desmond Sateng Sanjan (on YB Gerald's left).

On 13 February 2017, the second cohort of students from the Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons.) in E-Commerce programme were each presented with a laptop during a Handing Over Ceremony at the International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (*i-CATS*) West Campus in Kuching. The ceremony was officiated by YB Gerald Rentap Jabu, Assemblyman for Layar. During the ceremony, YB Gerald Rentap shared on the immense business opportunities in e-commerce around the globe. He also highlighted the achievements and contributions of Jack Ma, the Founder and Executive Chairman of Alibaba Group, in shaping the vibrant e-commerce landscape.

YB Rentap also emphasized that graduates have to be creative in selecting suitable products to be marketed online locally or globally, and the need to formulate effective strategies in order to achieve competitive advantage.

Mr. Desmond Sateng Sanjan, Head of the *i-CATS* School of Business and Accounting shared that, "Providing the laptops for the business degree students is in line with the e-learning initiative at *i-CATS*. Indeed, we have long recognized that learning not only occurs in the classroom. Mobile computing devices such as laptops and tablets enable students to expand their learning space. The laptops also serve as a gateway to a world of knowledge and information."

At *i-CATS*, the Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons.) in E-Commerce is offered in collaboration with Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL). The degree programme prepares students for a wide range of managerial positions in an e-commerce environment. With the support and guidance of the *i-CATS* team of experienced lecturers, students will acquire a broad base of career-relevant knowledge and skills. During their studies, in addition to theoretical concepts, they will acquire practical skills in the various aspects of business including information technology. An important area will be the enhancement of skills related to the buying and selling of organizational products and services via the global electronic system.

GALAKKAN PELAJAR CINA MENCEBURI BIDANG TVET



En. John Rizal Biki (empat dari kiri) menyampaikan cenderamata kepada En. Lee Khoi Yun



MIRI: Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Sarawak (PPKS) berhasrat menggalakkan penglibatan masyarakat Cina dalam meningkatkan kemahiran mereka dalam bidang Pendidikan Teknikal dan Latihan Vokasional (TVET). Pengarah Kampus PPKS Miri, En. John Rizal Biki, berkata masyarakat Cina di bandar ini perlu mengambil peluang yang diberikan oleh kerajaan dengan mengikuti kursus kemahiran yang ditaja. “Pada masa ini kami telah menerima geran untuk menawarkan dua program iaitu Skim Perantisan Mekatronik (SPM) dan Pengiktirafan Pencapaian Terdahulu (PPT).

“SPM merupakan kolaborasi PPKS antara pihak Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) dan pihak industri di mana pelajar akan ditaja oleh syarikat terpilih untuk mengikuti pengajian terbabit,” katanya pada pertemuan bersama Dewan Perniagaan dan Perindustrian Cina Miri (MCCCI), pada 20 Februari 2017. PPKS Miri yang dihadiri oleh En. John Rizal Biki mengadakan pertemuan dua mata bersama Pengerusi MCCCI, En. Lee Khoi Yun bagi membincangkan mengenai peluang pendidikan yang boleh diperolehi oleh pelajar Cina. En. John turut menambah bagi program PPT, individu bekerja yang berpengalaman minimum lima tahun dan berminat memiliki Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM) dan Diploma Kemahiran Malaysia (DKM) adalah digalakkan memohon. Pertemuan tersebut turut dihadiri oleh Pengurus Pentadbiran dan Sumber Manusia PPKS Miri, En. Tuah Basir, Pengurus Program dan Studi, Pn. Ida Kartini Shanat dan ahli-ahli Exco MCCCI.



PPKS MIRI ANJUR BENGKEL KOLABORASI KEMAHIRAN SINAR KECEMERLANGAN

Seramai 15 orang terdiri daripada Pengetua dan Guru Bimbingan Kaunseling menghadiri Bengkel Kolaborasi Kemahiran Sinar Kecemerlangan (KSK) anjuran PPKS Miri pada 28 Mac 2017.

Ini merupakan lawatan penanda aras bagi Ahli Jawatankuasa KSK dan PPKS dalam mengenali kursus yang ditawarkan di institusi ini. Para delegasi diberikan taklimat mengenai PPKS oleh Pengurus Komunikasi Korporatnya, Pn. Linda John dan turut dibawa melawat ke makmal-makmal bagi menyaksikan hasil projek pelajar bagi setiap kursus.

Turut hadir bersama pada bengkel ini adalah Pegawai Pendidikan Daerah Miri, Dr. Hassan Hasbollah. Pengarah Kampus PPKS Miri, En. John Rizal Biki berkata, projek yang dinamakan KSK ini melibatkan 12 buah sekolah menengah Miri dan PPKS merupakan pusat bertauliah yang ke-8 dilamar untuk menjalinkan usahasama ini.

“Melalui MoU ini, PPKS bakal memberi peluang kepada pelajar yang lebih berminat menceburi pembelajaran dalam bidang kemahiran berbanding akademik.”

“Tawaran kursus kemahiran kepada pelajar tersebut adalah berdasarkan kuota pinjaman mahupun tajaan daripada Perbadanan Tabung Pembangunan Kemahiran (PTPK) yang kami perolehi,” katanya. Tambah beliau lagi, Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah (PPD) Miri dan sekolah-sekolah menengah bahagian ini memberikan sokongan penuh dalam menggalakkan pelajar menceburi bidang Pendidikan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET).