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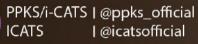
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We are pleased to release the October - December 2020 issue of WORKFORCE, the official newsletter of Sarawak Skills Development Centre. It features updates on events and happenings in Sarawak Skills.





Mung HALLMAN HAJI SABRI

Executive Director Sarawak Skills Development Centre

> he year 2020 will go down in the annals of history as a year like no other - across the globe, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought the curtain down on 'life and business as usual'. Notwithstanding the many scenes of doom and gloom, humanity has displayed its trademark resilience to bounce back from the brink of disaster. Although the way forward may well be a voyage into unchartered waters in search of opportunities amidst a sea of impossibilities, a message rings loud and clear - we will win the war against COVID-19!

At Sarawak Skills, to thrive in today's highly volatile environment and to chart the way forward, we have embraced a continuous improvement mindset. In this respect, the continued support of our stakeholders comprising the government, various sectors of industry, parents, alumni, students and staff members has enabled us to have an unwavering focus on our North Star, i.e. our mission to produce a qualified and competent workforce through continuous learning and development. Indeed, with the support of our stakeholders, we have embarked on a host of strategic initiatives during the quarter. For example, to advance the noble cause of Strategic Human Capital Development, Sarawak Skills entered into MoUs with the Public Works Department Sarawak (JKR Sarawak), the Ministry of Utilities Sarawak and a number of strategic partners. Our inaugural Sarawak Skills Industry Webinar was also launched during the quarter. Aptly titled 'Improving Productivity in the New Normal', the diverse online audience comprised representatives from the government, various sectors of the industry. Sarawak Skills members, and staff from across the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions.

On 3 December 2020, the International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (i-CATS) in Kuching was elevated to a University College by the Ministry of Higher Education. This momentous milestone sets the stage for i-CATS University College to develop and offer a wide range of home-grown undergraduate and postgraduate programmes for Malaysian and International students. We will also be able to strengthen further our ties with the industries in areas such as the integration of Industry Revolution 4.0 technologies, curricula development and enhancement, as well as joint research initiatives.

As we look forward to the new year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly elected Management Council Members for the 2021 - 2023 term. Their combined breadth and depth of experience covering the vibrant canvas of government and industry will be invaluable to support Sarawak Skills' multipronged approach to development and facilitate transformation of Sarawak's economic and digital landscape.





Mr. Hallman Sabri (Centre) showing the University College licence issued by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia. Also in the photo: Yang Berbahagia Dato Hajjah Maznah binti Dasmi, Secretary of the Sarawak Skills Management Council (Third from Left), Mr. Mohamad Isham bin Fauzi, Chief Executive, i-CATS (Third from Right) and members of the management team.

i-CATS Elevated to a University College:

i-CATS University College to offer a Wide Range of Home-Grown Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes for Malaysian and International Students

he International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (i-CATS) Kuching is now a recognized University College after receiving approval from the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) Malaysia.

Commenting on this latest development at i-CATS, which is managed by PPKS Ilmu San. Bhd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sarawak Skills Development Centre (Sarawak Skills), Mr. Hallman Sabri, Sarawak Skills' Executive Director and i-CATS' Managing Director highlighted, "With the recent approval by the Ministry of Higher Education, i-CATS is now known as i-CATS University College or i-CATS UC. This momentous milestone heralds a new era for us in our ongoing quest to produce a qualified and competent workforce through continuous learning and development."

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"We are indeed grateful for the tremendous support by the State and Federal Government(s) and our stakeholders, comprising the various sectors of industry, parents, alumni, students and staff members. With their support, we have this wonderful opportunity, as a University College, to raise the bar in our ongoing effort to advance the noble cause of Sustainable Human Capital Development," he added.



the official launch of i-CATS University College."

With regard to upcoming intakes, Mr. Mohamad Isham bin Fauzi, i-CATS Chief Executive shared, "i-CATS is having its January 2021 intake for diploma programmes. Meanwhile for the March 2021 intake, we will be offering our first home-grown Bachelor in Tourism and Hospitality (Honours) degree programme."





SARAWAK SKILLS' 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: STAKEHOLDERS' SUPPORT PIVOTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF SARAWAK SKILLS' MULTIPRONGED APPROACH TO TALENT DEVELOPMENT



ne of the key takeaways from the Sarawak Skills

Development Centre's twenty-fifth (25th) Annual General

Meeting (AGM) was the importance of having the
continued support of Sarawak Skills' key stakeholders,
namely the Government and Industries, to facilitate the
centre's multipronged approach to talent development.

The AGM was held on 6 October 2020 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK). In his opening remarks, Sarawak Skills' Chairman, Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain expressed his gratitude to the Government, members of the Sarawak Skills' Management Council and Sarawak Skills Members for standing shoulder to shoulder with Sarawak Skills in the quest to produce an industry-ready workforce. Indeed, their tremendous contributions have facilitated the transformation of the socio-economic landscape in Sarawak and Malaysia as a whole.

Among the highlights of the AGM were the Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) certificate presentation to staff members of Senari Synergy Sdn. Bhd. and Biomedix Solutions Sdn. Bhd., exchange of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between Sarawak Skills and various organizations, and the election of Members of the Sarawak Skills' Management Council for the 2021 – 2023 term.

Seven (7) staff members from Senari Synergy Sdn. Bhd. completed either the Malaysian Skills Certificate (Level 2) in Office Administration or the Malaysian Skills Certificate (Level 3) in Office Administration Supervision. For Solutions Sdn. Bhd., ten (10) staff members completed the Malaysian Skills Diploma (Level 4) in Electronic Product Development. At Sarawak Skills, the Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) programme enables members of the workforce to earn industry-relevant certifications based on skills, knowledge and experience gained during the course of their work or careers.



Following the RPEL certificate presentation, there was an Exchange of MoUs between Sarawak Skills and three organizations, namely Senari Synergy Sdn. Bhd., One Medicare Sdn. Bhd. and Hemisphere Corporation Sdn. Bhd. For the MoU exchange, the representatives from the various organizations were Tuan Haji Jefri Ahmad Tambi (Group Managina Director. Senari Synergy Sdn. Bhd.), En. Sazali Tuah Neli (Chief Executive Officer, One Medicare Sdn. Bhd.), Dr. (HC) Yuslan Yusoff (Chief Operating Officer, Hemisphere Corporation Sdn. Bhd.) and En. Hallman bin Haji Sabri (Executive Director, Sarawak Skills). The MoU exchange was witnessed by Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain, Sarawak Skills' Chairman.

Commenting on the MoUs, En. Hallman highlighted, "These MoUs pave the way for all parties to collaborate in the area of Strategic Human Capital Development. For example, through this mutually beneficial relationship, staff members of these organizations will have access to the wide range of industry-driven and future-oriented educational and training courses and programmes at Sarawak Skills, including a host of upskilling, reskilling and multi-skilling programmes.

During the election of Members of the Sarawak Skills' Management Council for the 2021 - 2023 term, Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain was re-elected as Sarawak Skills Management Council Chairman. The Management Council and Sarawak Skills' members, comprising various Government agencies and more than 65 organizations from the broad spectrum of industry, play the all-important role of charting the way forward for the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions.



PICTORIAL



SME Skills Enhancement Course at Sarawak Skills, Kuching (2 October 2020)



Sharing Session by Alumnus Mohd Huzaini bin Tahir to Sarawak Skills' Graphic Students (7 October 2020)



Coaching & Mentoring Course for Sarawak Skills TVET & AWISAR Instructors (13 - 14 October 2020)



Benchmarking Visit by Students Development Unit, Sarawak Skills Kuching to UiTM Kota Samarahan 2 (15 October 2020)



Benchmarking Visit by Students Development Unit, Sarawak Skills Kuching to Politeknik Kuching Sarawak (22 October 2020)



Sharing Session by Encik Zulkipli bin Ismail from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research Sarawak (MESTR) on Employability Begins Today to Sarawak Skills' Students (26 October 2020)



Online Entrepreneur Talk: 'Program Keusahawanan' for Sarawak Skills' students by Mr. Ahmad Qadri Basri, Director of Aqademi Exp. Co. (3 December 2020)



Coaching and Mentoring II Programme at Sarawak Skills Kuching 9 - 10 December 2020



Advanced Teaching Course for Lecturers facilitated by Dr. Norseha Unin, Dr. Sueb Ibrahim, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jati Kasuma & Abang Fhaezdhyall of Universiti Teknologi Mara Cawangan Sarawak (UITM) at Sarawak Skills Kuching (10 - 11 December 2020)



Study Tour by Graphic Design Level 3 Students of Sarawak Skills to D-Virtual Park, Kota Samarahan (11 December 2020)



Alumni Motivational Talk by Mr. Paul Aron Ak Sumping (14 December 2020)



TVET Awareness to the Community at Kampung Jaya Bakti (29 December 2020)



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JKR SARAWAK AND SARAWAK SKILLS **DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

In his speech, Datu IR. Haji Zuraimi elaborated that the MoU would "go a long way in ensuring that our staff members could enhance their skills and even acquire new ones in a timely manner." Indeed, this would be "an important pathway for JKR staff members to earn higher qualifications that would facilitate advancement of their career and also life goals."



The Sarawak Public Works Department (JKR Sarawak) and the Sarawak Skills Development Centre have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the provision of training and development initiatives for the department's workforce in the state.

The signing ceremony was held on 20 October 2020 at the Sarawak Skills Auditorium in Tabuan Jaya, Kuching. This momentous occasion was witnessed by Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Julaihi bin Haji Narawi, Assistant Minister of Infrastructure and Ports Development, Sarawak and Yang Berbahagia Dato Hajjah Maznah binti Dasmi, Secretary of the Sarawak Skills Management Council.

Datu IR. Haji Zuraimi bin Haji Sabki, Director of JKR Sarawak signed the MOU on behalf of JKR Sarawak while Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director represented Sarawak Skills.

In his address, YB Datuk Haji Julaihi shared that the collaboration between the Sarawak Public Works Department and Sarawak Skills would be a boon to the state's technical manpower needs in view of the number of ongoing mega projects. He highlighted, "Today's MoU signing is the right move by both Sarawak Skills and Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak (JKR). We are in need of more youths who can be trained to be part of the industry, especially when these mega projects are ongoing." He also shared that currently, Sarawak relied heavily on skilled workers and technical manpower from other states and countries. In this respect, it is timely for Sarawak to train its own technical manpower.

Meanwhile, in his welcoming remarks, Mr. Hallman shared that it was an honour for Sarawak Skills to play a vital role in human capital development - to meet the needs of the diversified industries in Sarawak. He highlighted that to date, Sarawak Skills has trained more than 62,000 individuals. These trainees have benefited from Sarawak Skills' diverse range of courses and programmes such as upskilling and reskilling programmes, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) and a host of professional courses.

Following the signing of the MoU, there was a certificate presentation to staff members (from JKR Sarawak and the Ministry of Local Government and Housing Sarawak) who completed a short course on 'Procurement Procedure for State Tenders'.

Also present during the event were IR. Wisil Lichok (JKR Sarawak's Deputy Director of Corporate Affairs Sector), Mr. Zakri Md Salleh (Sarawak Skills' Deputy Executive Director of Education, Training and Student Services Division), management and staff members from JKR Sarawak and Sarawak Skills.



he signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Utilities Sarawak and the Sarawak Skills Development Centre has paved the way for Sarawak Skills to produce qualified pipe fitters and mains layers.

Held on 8 December 2020 at the Ministry of Utilities Sarawak, LCDA Tower, Kuching, the signing ceremony was witnessed by Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Dr. Stephen Rundi Utom, Minister of Utilities. Dr. Martin Anyi, Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Utilities Sarawak signed the MoU on behalf of the ministry while Mr Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director represented Sarawak Skills.

In his address, YB Dato Sri Dr. Stephen Rundi highlighted that the signing of the MoU is timely in view of the expected increase in demand for qualified pipe fitters and mains layers. He emphasized, "We foresee that we will need a lot of pipe fitters and mains layers with the expected implementation of the many water supply projects as well as building projects in the coming 12th Malaysia Plan."

In his speech, Dr. Martin shared, "In order to produce more competent persons who are qualified as pipe fitters and mains layers, the ministry took the initiative to collaborate with the accredited learning institutions to conduct the courses and provide the required facilities as examination centres for candidates applying for certification as pipe fitters and mains layers."

Commenting on the MoU, Mr. Hallman stated, "We hope to commence the pipe fitting and mains layers courses in the first quarter of 2021. Indeed, we look forward to working closely with the Ministry of Utilities Sarawak to realize the noble objective of producing competent pipe fitters and mains layers."

Also present during the MoU signing ceremony were Mr. Cho Kwong Ming, Director of Water Supply Division, Ministry of Utilities Sarawak, Mr. Abdul Rahman Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer of Akademi Binaan Malaysia (ABM) Sarawak Region and Mr. Zakri Md Salleh, Deputy Executive Director of Education, Training and Student Services Division, Sarawak Skills,

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- 1 Industrial experience sharing session by successful SAVTI Graduate Mr. Richard Taie, Estate Manager, Linau Mewah. (13 October 2020)
- 2 Sarawak Planning Unit (SPU) Short Courses on Washing Machine and Refrigerator Maintenance at Sarawak Skills Mukah.
 (19 23 October 2020)
- 3 Short Course on Furniture Making at Sarawak Skills Mukah. (9 13 November 2020)
- 4 Community Service Programme by Sarawak Skills SAVTI : Tree-Planting at Rumah Panjang Semuru A. (4 December 2020)
- Wireman G2 exam at SEITI, on 17 and 18 December 2020.
- Back to School Programme by Sarawak Skills Miri with Pusat Jagaan Anak-anak Kesayangan Kami. (18 December 2020)
- 7 Sarawak Skills Miri Won the Second Place in the Landscaping Competition Organized by the Miri City Council. (23 December 2020)



MUHAMMAD HARITH HAZARIL BIN ALIOSMAN

As Commis Chef (Commis 2) The St. Regis Langkawi

Secondary School: SMK Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Hajjah Normah, Daro

Class of 2018: Diploma in Culinary Arts

Where there's a will, there's a way.



As Full Stack Developer, Kira Technologies, Australia

Secondary School: SMK Sungai Maong, Kuching Class of 2019: Diploma in Software Engineering

Seize every opportunity, or it may take a long time before another one arises.





Slope & Bridge Maintenance (2 & 3 December 2020)

AUTOCAD Advance (7 - 9 December 2020)

Draughting Level 1 for Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak (JKR) (9 - 11 December 2020)

Bridges and Riverine Infrastructure for Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak (JKR) at Sarawak Skills, Miri









Industry Talk Webinar: "Improving Productivity in the New Normal" in collaboration with our strategic partner Mr. Anthony Tan Eng Lan (17 December 2020)



AutoCad 2D for Unit Pembangunan Kontraktor dan Pembekal (UPKP) (4 - 6 November 2020)

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