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We are pleased to release the April - June 2024 issue of Workforce, the official newsletter of the Sarawak Skills Development Centre. It features updates on events and happenings in sarawak skills.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The second quarter of 2024 can best be described as a hive of activity. During the quarter, Sarawak Skills announced a series of staff talent development initiatives to support the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030) and the Sarawak Government's ongoing initiatives in carbon reduction emission. In this respect, from 21 April to 7 May 2024, ten (10) teaching personnel, comprising staff members from the Automotive and Welding Institute of Sarawak (AWISAR), i-CATS University College, and Sarawak Skills Kuching, completed a two-week Hydrogen Technology Training programme at Foshan Polytechnic and Foshan Feichi Motor Technology Co. Ltd. in China. In June 2024, under the umbrella of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC), three (3) trainers from Sarawak Skills completed the Train-the-Trainer (TTT) MEISTER Mechatronic Programme at HWK Aachen, Germany.

Through our newly minted collaboration with the Advanced Technology Training Centre (ADTEC) Bintulu, on 20 April 2024, training commenced for the inaugural cohort of Sarawak Skills' Wireman Second Grade (G2) short course at ADTEC Bintulu. There will be a phased roll-out of various courses and training programmes.

On 25 June 2024, Sarawak Skills and i-CATS University College (i-CATS UC) entered into memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with Foshan Polytechnic, China to jointly develop and offer various customized programmes in Hydrogen Fuel Technology. The MoUs cover development of various programmes under the "Kuna Fu Workshop" initiative. Sarawak Skills is honoured to be Foshan Polytechnic's first overseas partner to embark on the "Kung Fu Workshop" initiative - a novel way to promote international cooperation in the fields of vocational education and training, scientific and technological innovation and entrepreneurial development.

The handover of welding equipment on 27 June 2024 by JX Nippon Oil and Gas Exploration (Malaysia) Limited to Sarawak Skills is a shining example of our strong ties with the various industry sectors. As Sarawak Skills charts the way forward, the continued support of our stakeholders comprising the government, various sectors of the industry, parents, alumni, students and staff members will be of utmost importance in our ongoing quest to explore new frontiers and expand our horizons in talent development.



HALLMAN SABRI

Executive Director Sarawak Skills Development Centre

cross the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills), a major point of pride is our ongoing contributions as a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's digital, economic and educational landscape. Indeed, as a Hub of Industry-Driven Talent Development, Sarawak Skills has long realized the importance of prioritizing agility, innovation, responsiveness, speed and the value of human connection.

Based on the foregoing and taking into consideration the importance of sustainability in all aspects of our lives, Sarawak Skills has tweaked its 'Business Model' by integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors into our internal strategy and operational decisions. In this respect, our sustainability journey has shifted into high gear with our team members attending ESG training and workshops. This has opened new doors of opportunity, especially in the area of developing new teaching, training and learning initiatives.

TRAINING

SARAWAK SKILLS' STAFF TALENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN LINE WITH PCDS 2030 AND SARAWAK GOVERNMENT'S ONGOING INITIATIVES IN CARBON REDUCTION EMISSION

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s a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's digital, economic, and educational landscape, the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills) has announced a series of staff talent development initiatives to support the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030) and the Sarawak Government's ongoing initiatives in carbon reduction emission.

Commenting on the staff talent development initiatives, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills highlighted, "Ten (10) teaching personnel from the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions have completed a Hydrogen Technology Training programme in the People's Republic of China. The staff members are from the Automotive and Welding Institute of Sarawak (AWISAR), i-CATS University College, and Sarawak Skills Kuching."



TRAINING

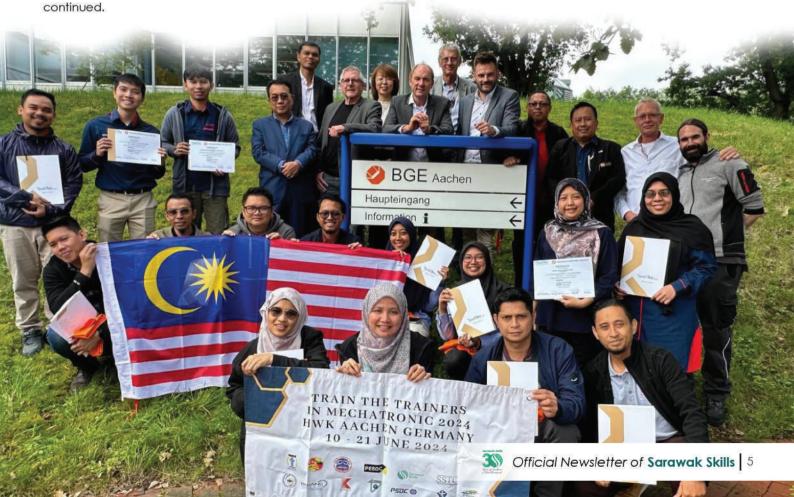
He added, "The training was held over a period of two weeks (from 21 April to 7 May 2024) at Foshan Polytechnic and Foshan Feichi Motor Technology Co. Ltd. in Foshan, Guangdong Province, China."

Mr. Hallman, who is also the Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) shared, "FMSDC has a long-established relationship with HWK Aachen, Germany to enhance the competencies of trainers from the various skills development centres under the umbrella of FMSDC. In this respect, from 8 to 22 June 2024, fifteen (15) trainers, including three (3) trainers from Sarawak Skills were in Germany for the Train-the-Trainer (ITT) MEISTER Mechatronic Programme."

"Indeed, for Sarawak Skills, the aforementioned staff talent development initiatives will go a long way towards supporting the noble cause of human capital development for the betterment of current and future generations of the workforce in line with the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030)," he









Sarawak Skills and i-CATS UC Team Up

to Customize Programmes in Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technology

n 25 June 2024, Sarawak Skills and i-CATS University College (i-CATS UC) entered into memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with Foshan Polytechnic, the People's Republic of China to jointly develop and offer various customized programmes in Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technology.

The first MoU was signed between the Sarawak Skills Development Centre and Foshan Polytechnic at the Sarawak Skills group headquarters at Tabuan Jaya, Kuching. The second MoU was signed between i-CATS UC and Foshan Polytechnic at i-CATS UC's campus at Jalan Stampin Timur, Kuching. The MoUs cover the development of various programmes under the "Kung Fu Workshop" initiative.

In his speech during the signing ceremony of the MoU between the Sarawak Skills Development Centre and Foshan Polytechnic, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) highlighted, "Sarawak Skills is honoured to be Foshan Polytechnic's first overseas partner to embark on the "Kung Fu Workshop" initiative. The term "Kung Fu Workshop" is an international vocational and education brand initiated by Foshan Polytechnic. Foshan is known as China's "Hometown of Martial Arts" and "Capital City of Manufacturing in China". The brand "Kung Fu Workshop" integrates Chinese Kung Fu and vocational education ideas, craftsman experience, industrial technology and standards - truly, a novel way to promote international cooperation in the fields of vocational education and training, scientific and technological innovation and entrepreneurial development."

He continued, "The MoUs are in line with the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions' role as a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's digital, economic, and educational landscape. and ongoing initiatives to support the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030) as well as the Sarawak Government's ongoing initiatives in carbon reduction emission. In a nutshell, the MoUs pave the way for Sarawak Skills, i-CATS UC and Foshan Polytechnic to synergize substantial expertise and resources to develop and eventually offer a wide range of customized programmes in hydrogen fuel cell technology.

This will go a long way towards supporting Sarawak's clean energy ambitions, specifically to become a regional green hydrogen production hub by 2027." Mr. Hallman also shared on recent staff talent development initiatives at Sarawak Skills. whereby ten (10) teaching personnel from Sarawak Skills and i-CATS UC completed Hydrogen Technology Training at Foshan Polytechnic and Foshan Feichi Motor Technology Co. Ltd. Following the aforementioned training, Sarawak Skills, i-CATS UC and Foshan Polytechnic have jointly developed the "Fuel Cell Vehicle Safety Officer" and "Fuel Cell Field Engineer" programmes for both Sarawak Skills and i-CATS UC respectively.

In his speech during the signing ceremony of the MoU between i-CATS UC and Foshan Polytechnic, Professor Dato' Dr. Shazali Abu Mansor, Acting Vice Chancellor of i-CATS UC emphasized, "The MoU opens the door of cooperation between Foshan Polytechnic and i-CATS UC to initiate various joint activities and programmes, including student and staff exchange programmes, academic and research collaboration in areas of mutual interest, exchange of ideas, information, as well as teaching and learning materials, and organizing joint seminars and/or conferences".

In his address during the aforementioned ceremonies, Prof. Dr. Zhao Yinsheng, Vice President of Foshan Polytechnic expressed his appreciation to Sarawak Skills and i-CATS UC on the joint launch of the Kung Fu Workshop. He was pleased to that Sarawak Skills and i-CATS UC have set up dedicated teaching and training facilities to support the Kung Fu Workshop. He also highlighted that the MoUs between the three (3) institutions marked an important beginning for the parties to jointly develop various strategic and talent development initiatives, including the internationalization of their respective institutions.

Handover of Welding Equipment from JX Nippon to Sarawak Skills



On 27 June 2024, in line with its noble initiatives to foster the sustainable development of oil and natural gas resources, JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration (Malaysia) Limited ("JX Nippon") presented Sarawak Skills with welding equipment amounting to RM100,000.

Held at the Automotive and Welding Institute of Sarawak (AWISAR), Mr. Katsunori Ozawa, Executive Officer, Chief Representative of Malaysia, and Managing Director of JX Nippon handed over the welding equipment to Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Sarawak Skills' Executive Director, and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC). This momentous occasion was witnessed by Madam Anielia Anak Siam, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD) who represented The Honourable Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn, Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak. AWISAR is part of the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills).

Indeed, this latest development is a shining example of stakeholders working as one to facilitate the development of industry-relevant skill sets for the benefit of current and future generations of the workforce.





PICTORIAL



Sarawak Skills "Bejarah Raya Aidilfitri". (24 April 2024)



Team Building: Student Development Unit (SDU) with Final Year Students. (24 April 2024)



Industry Continuous Professional Development Programme (iCPD) In Miri. (3 May 2024)



SECA Badminton Tournament. (4 May 2024)



"The Choice" Education Programme Co-organized by Sarawak Skills, Sarawak Electronics and Supporting Industries Companies Association (SECA), i-CATS University College and SMK Tebedu. (11 June 2024)



"Ibadah Korban 1445H/2024M" Programme Organized by Surau Darul Ilmi, Sarawak Skills. (18 June 2024)



PICTORIAL



Bowling Competition 2024 Organized by Student Services Unit, Sarawak Skills. (26 April 2024)



Skill Career Opportunity Talk 2024 at SMK Pending. (3 May 2024)



Student Assembly: Teacher's Day Celebration in Sarawak Skills. (17 May 2024)



Keith Junior Anak Johnny, Sarawak Skills Electrical Instructor Won the Gold Medal for Amateur Fight, 60-63 Kg Category in Premier of Sarawak's Trophy, Muay Thai Tournament at Naim Street Mall, Bintulu. (26 May 2024)



TVET Cloud LMS and Digital Contents Training Programme. (24 June 2024)



Sarawak Skills Green Ruai Booth in Collaboration with Sarawak Tourism Board During the Rainforest World Music Festival 2024. (28 - 30 June 2024)

Sarawak Skills' Sustainability Journey Goes Into High Gear

Thirty (30) staff members from across the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills) have completed a two-day intensive, cutting-edge Sustainability Workshop, Held at the Sarawak Skills Group Headquarters, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching on 15 and 16 May 2024, the workshop was facilitated by Mr. Fareed Abdul Ghani, Managina Director and Principal Consultant of Mindsights Sdn. Bhd. Commenting on the workshop, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills highlighted, "For Sarawak Skills, this workshop serves as an important milestone - taking that all-important step to shift our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) journey under our sustainability initiatives into high gear, and transform our team members into Sustainability Champions. Indeed, as a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's digital, economic, and educational landscape, this workshop is part and parcel of Sarawak Skills' ongoing staff talent development initiatives to support the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030) and the Sarawak Government's ongoing initiatives in carbon reduction emission."

Mr. Hallman, who is also the Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) added, "I am pleased to note that the hands-on workshop introduced participants to the foundations upon which sustainability and modern-day ESG are built, how market forces react to ESG, and ways to create value using ESG-related strategies. During the course of the workshop, our team members also examined the challenges that corporations and stakeholders face when it comes to leveraging sustainability and ESG reporting into their portfolios, and how the changing landscape of national and international sustainability and ESG disclosures are

important to the future of doing business around the globe. Indeed, ESG criteria are increasingly used by investors and other stakeholders to assess the sustainability and long-term viability of organizations. Organizations that score well on ESG criteria are often seen as more responsible and better managed, which can translate into better financial performance over the long term." He continued, "By learning from real-life case studies during the workshop, our team members have been able to acquire relevant knowledge and build a strong foundation in sustainability, climate change, United Nations Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs), sustainability reporting and develop detailed strategies for sustainability improvement."



Group photo: Mr. Hallman bin Sabri (front, fifth from left) with Mr. Fareed Abdul Ghani (sixth from left) and the participants.





Training Commences for Inaugural Cohort of Wireman G2 Short Course Under ADTEC Bintulu - Sarawak Skills Collaboration

On 20 April 2024, training commenced for the inaugural cohort of the Wireman Second Grade (G2 - Low Voltage Single Phase Installations) short course under the newly minted collaboration between the Advanced Technology Training Centre (ADTEC) Bintulu and the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills).

Conducted at ADTEC Bintulu, the inaugural cohort comprised twenty (20) working adults from various industries located in and around Bintulu. The fast-track course is conducted on weekends (5 days) followed by a 2-day assessment/certification by the Electrical Inspectorate Unit (EIU) under the Ministry of Utility and Telecommunication Sarawak.

Commenting on this latest development, Mr. Mohamad

He continued, "We are working closely with various stakeholders, especially the government and various industry sectors, to close the competency gap by producing 'competent electrical persons'. For HRD Corp registered employers, the course fee is HRD Corp claimable."

Mr. Mohamad Isham also shared that both Sarawak Skills and ADTEC Bintulu would be formalizing various joint strategic initiatives covering the broad spectrum of talent development, new programme development, knowledge sharing and research. This would facilitate the noble cause of Human Capital Development for the benefit of current and future generations of the populace.







Ms. Fasihah Natasha binti Marselin

"Cultivate a positive mindset. Embrace change and shape your own future!"

> Hygiene and Waste Management Supervisor One Medicare Sdn. Bhd.

Class of 2022/2023: Deeptech and Futureskills Upskilling Programme & Certificate in Safety and Health Officer (CiSHO) Programme

Mr. Mohammad Nor Esmail bin Eskander Munjiry

"It is said that one of the most common causes of failure is quitting too soon. Don't Quit! Remember: successful people never give up!"

> Senior Officer (Admin & Customer Service) Rheaco Resources Sdn. Bhd., Kuching

Class of 2022: Information System Administration (Malaysian Skills Diploma, Level 4)







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