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We are pleased to release the April - June 2025 issue of *Workforce*, the official newsletter of the Sarawak Skills Development Centre. It features updates on events and happenings in Sarawak Skills.



**T**he second quarter of 2025 was an opportune time for the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills) to extend the reach of its skills and training programmes across the length and breadth of Sarawak, and Malaysia as a whole. As we expand our role as a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Trendsetter in this region, we have embarked on various freshly minted initiatives to shape our organisation's culture. Yes, to thrive in today's rapidly evolving era of automation and Artificial Intelligence (AI), there is a need to shape our corporate culture to facilitate the building of a human-centred organisation. This will enable Sarawak Skills to raise the bar, especially in its quest to advance the noble cause of talent development for the benefit of the populace within Malaysia and distant shores.

It gives me great pleasure to share that during the quarter, Sarawak Skills received the prestigious Impactful Brands Award during the Sarawak Iconic Businesses Recognition Night. More than just a symbol of excellence, the award is an affirmation of Sarawak Skills various contributions, especially in the area talent development, and spurs us on - to fly the flag of excellence in our role as a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's vibrant socio-economic landscape.

On 15 May 2025, Sarawak Skills in collaboration with the Commonwealth Association of Leadership Malaysia (CALM) and i-CATS University College hosted the Sarawak Leadership Talk 2025 at the Sarawak Skills Group Corporate Headquarters in Kuching. We are indeed grateful for the tremendous support by the Honourable Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn, Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development and his team members from the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD). Hats off also to our stakeholders, including the lineup of speakers from various sectors (academia, government and industry) for contributing to the success of the leadership talk.



## HALLMAN BIN SABRI

Executive Director  
Sarawak Skills Development Centre

In this volume of our newsletter, we also take great pride in highlighting our joint initiatives with various stakeholders, including our recent visit to educational and research hubs in the People's Republic of China. With the support of our strategic partners, Sarawak Skills is well-positioned to support Sarawak's transition towards a green economy as outlined in the Sarawak Sustainability Blueprint 2030.

As Sarawak Skills charts the way forward, the continued support of the government and various sectors of the industry will facilitate our active participation in the transformation of Sarawak's six key economic sectors (main engines of growth) in line with the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030).



# SARAWAK SKILLS

## RECEIVES THE PRESTIGIOUS IMPACTFUL BRANDS AWARD

**SARAWAK  
ICONIC  
BUSINESSES**



On 14 May 2025, Sarawak Skills received the prestigious Impactful Brands Award during the Sarawak Iconic Businesses Recognition Night, an event that shone the spotlight on outstanding organisations that contribute meaningfully to Sarawak's socio-economic growth. The event was organised by Utusan Sarawak. This recognition celebrates businesses that have not only excelled in their respective fields but have also demonstrated a long-standing commitment to creating positive change within the state. Being selected among Sarawak's most iconic brands underscores Sarawak Skills' reputation as a leader in technical education and human capital development.

For over three decades, Sarawak Skills has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of Sarawak's workforce. Through its dynamic and industry-driven training programmes, the institution has consistently equipped learners with relevant skills, practical knowledge, and career-ready competencies. Its strong collaborations with government agencies, industry players, and educational partners have ensured that its graduates remain in high demand and are well-equipped to contribute to the evolving needs of the economy.





The Impactful Brands Award is more than just a symbol of excellence—it reflects the meaningful impact Sarawak Skills continues to make in the lives of individuals and communities across Sarawak. From upskilling youth in rural areas to supporting lifelong learning for professionals, the institution's holistic approach to education emphasises accessibility, innovation, and inclusivity.

As Sarawak moves towards becoming a high-income and developed state under the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS 2030), Sarawak Skills remains committed to empowering the next generation of talent. This award serves as both a recognition of past achievements and a motivation to continue driving transformation through education and capacity building. Sarawak Skills extends its heartfelt appreciation to its dedicated staff members, industry partners, and the broader community for their unwavering support and shared vision of progress.





## FOSTERING GLOBAL COLLABORATION: SARAWAK SKILLS AND PARTNERS VISIT EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH HUBS IN CHINA



Mr. Hallman bin Sabri (front, fourth from left) with delegates during the visit to Foshan Agricultural Science Research Institute and Foshan Polytechnic, China.

A delegation led by Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills, together with officials from i-CATS University College and SEDC Energy, visited the Foshan Agricultural Science Research Institute and Foshan Polytechnic in China from 21 to 24 April 2025.

During the visit to Foshan Polytechnic, Mr. Hallman also met with alumni of Sarawak Skills and i-CATS University College. The alumni were in the midst of a one-month industry exposure at Foshan Feichi Motor Technology Co. Ltd. The heartwarming reunion highlighted the achievements of Sarawakian graduates who are now thriving in various fields abroad.

The visit also included a luncheon hosted by Prof. Huang Jianguang, President of Foshan Polytechnic, where both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening international collaboration in technical and vocational education.



Mr. Hallman met the alumni of Sarawak Skills and i-CATS University College during the visit.





The delegation also visited the Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology (SIAT) and Nanjing Agricultural University. The objective of the visits was to explore potential collaboration opportunities and to benchmark the technologies employed at these institutions. This was followed by a visit to the Modern Agriculture Joint Experimental Base.

The farm is the result of collaborative research between Nanjing Agricultural University and leading agricultural companies. This research is applied directly to farming practices, helping farmers enhance their productivity and adopt more sustainable methods.



The delegation visited the Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology Chinese Academy of Sciences.



## PICTORIAL



Campus in a Garden Tree Planting Programme. A Collaboration Between Sarawak Energy & Sarawak Skills.  
(17 April 2025)



Officials from SIB Mili Sdn. Bhd. Visited Sarawak Skills, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching.  
(23 April 2025)



TVET Roadshow at SMK Song, Kapit.  
(16 May 2025)



Paddy Cultivation Project - Theory Session at Tawang Baa, Padawan.  
(19-22 May 2025)



Sarawak Skills Had the Honour of Welcoming a Delegation Led by Mr. Aw Tuan Kee, Deputy Principal, Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore.  
(16 June 2025)



Implementation of the 2025 Rural ICT Training & Development Programme for the Sustainable Modern Agriculture Through Rural Technopreneurship (SMART) Course, Organized by the Ministry of Food Industry, Commodity and Regional Development Sarawak (M-FICORD).  
(16 June 2025)





SMK Datuk Patinggi Kedit, Betong  
Student Leaders Empowerment Programme  
in Collaboration with Sarawak Skills.  
(8-10 May 2025)



STEM Catalysts Raspberry Pi 2025 Programme  
at SJK Chung Hua Lundu.  
(15 May 2025)



A total of 29 Staff and Students from Sarawak Skills  
Received an Invitation from the Office of the Deputy Premier  
of Sarawak to Visit the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly (DUN)  
in Conjunction with the First Meeting of the Fourth Session of  
the 19<sup>th</sup> Sarawak State Legislative Assembly.  
(26 May 2025)



A Courtesy Visit by the Kuching District Education  
Office (PPD Kuching) Led by Dr. Felix Chuo Sing Ting  
together with Dr. Kho Saw Hui and Ms. Voon Chui Khim  
to Sarawak Skills, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching.  
(10 June 2025)



Visit by Delegates from the  
Northern Territory Government of Australia Led by  
Ms Renee Tennent, Director StudyNT, Department of  
Trade Business and Asian Relations (DTBAR).  
(25 June 2025)



A Total of 20 Sarawak Skills Students from Various Courses Attended  
the Economic Empowerment Intervention Programme (PIPE),  
Sarawak State-Level Hydroponic Cultivation Programme 2025,  
Organized by the Sarawak State Department of Youth and Sports  
at the Sarawak State Youth and Sports Complex .  
(24-25 June 2025)





15 MAY 2025

# SARAWAK LEADERSHIP TALK 2025

Sarawak Skills, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Association of Leadership Malaysia (CALM) and i-CATS University College, supported by the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD) hosted the Sarawak Leadership Talk 2025 at its Kuching campus, bringing together aspiring leaders, students, educators, and industry professionals for a day of thought-provoking discussions and insights on leadership, innovation, and the future of Sarawak.

The event featured a distinguished lineup of speakers from various sectors, including government, academia, industry, and civil society, who shared their personal journeys, leadership philosophies, and strategies for navigating challenges in an increasingly complex world. The talks emphasised values such as integrity, resilience, collaboration, and lifelong learning, which are essential for cultivating effective and ethical leadership in today's dynamic environment.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills, highlighted the importance of nurturing leadership potential among Sarawak's youth. "Leadership is not just about holding positions of power, it's about taking responsibility, driving change, and serving others with purpose and empathy," he said.

The event was graced by The Honourable Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn, Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD), who delivered an inspiring keynote address. He emphasized the crucial role of leadership development in achieving Sarawak's long-term vision. "Sarawak's future depends on bold, innovative, and values-driven leaders. Platforms such as the Sarawak Leadership Talk are vital in shaping our young minds to think critically, act ethically, and contribute meaningfully to society. I commend Sarawak Skills for organising this timely and impactful initiative," said Dato Sri Roland.

## INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF CHANGEMAKERS







The event also served as a platform for students and young professionals to engage directly with speakers through Q&A sessions, breakout discussions, and networking opportunities. Participants were inspired to think critically about the roles they can play in shaping Sarawak's socio-economic development, particularly in line with the goals of the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS 2030).

One of the event's highlights was a leadership panel featuring successful Sarawakians from diverse backgrounds, who spoke candidly about their career journeys, including obstacles and the lessons learned along the way. Their stories resonated with the audience and sparked meaningful conversations on leadership at the grassroots level.

The Sarawak Leadership Talk 2025 reaffirms Sarawak Skills' commitment to holistic education, not only equipping learners with technical skills but also empowering them with the vision and confidence to become responsible leaders of tomorrow.







## **MR. HALLMAN BIN SABRI** Appointed as a Member of MTVET

# *Congratulations!*

On 8 April 2025, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC), and Executive Director of Sarawak Skills, received his appointment letter from YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Our congratulations to Mr. Hallman on his appointment as a member of the National TVET Council (MTVET-Majlis TVET Negara).





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## BRANCH-Sarawak Agriculture Vocational Training Institute (SAVTI)

### Sarawak Skills - SD Guthrie Engagement Session at Derawan Estate, Bintulu



Mr. Khairul Nizam (front, fifth from right) with Mr. Mohamad Isham bin Fauzi (fifth from left) and staff during the engagement session.



On 19 June 2025, Sarawak Skills held an engagement session with SD Guthrie at Derawan Estate, Bintulu. The session featured a corporate presentation by Sarawak Skills, along with progress updates on the first cohort of students enrolled in the Harvesting Specialists Programme.

Key attendees included Mr. Khairul Nizam, Chief Operating Officer of SD Guthrie Upstream Malaysia, Mr. Noor Haizal bin Noordin, SD Guthrie's Regional Chief Executive Officer (RCEO) for the Sarawak Region, various SD Guthrie officers, and the Sarawak Skills delegation comprising Mr. Mohamad Isham bin Fauzi (Chief Strategy Officer), Madam Salfarina Nomie (Acting Centre Manager, SS SAVTI), Ms. Linda John (Sustainable Engagement Manager), and officers and trainers from SS SAVTI.

After the session, the delegation met the first batch of Harvesting Specialist students currently undergoing practical training at Derawan Estate.

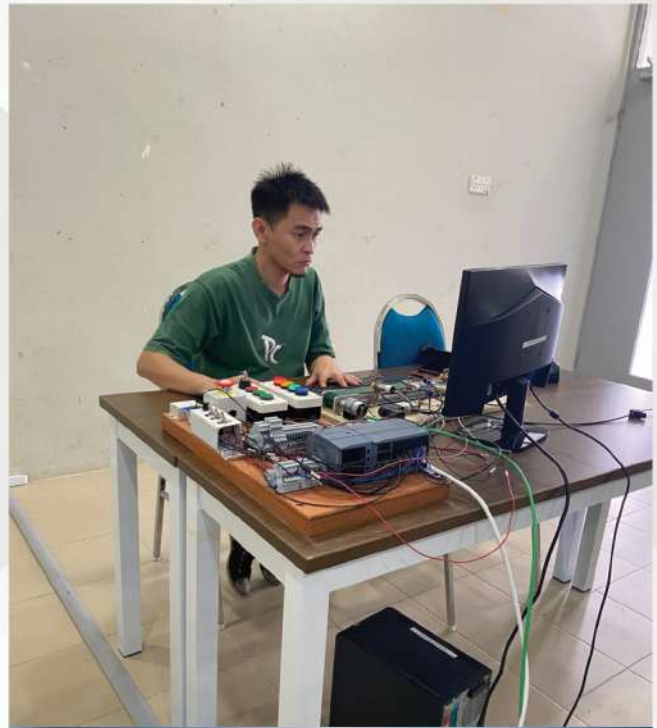
The Harvesting Specialists Programme is a fully sponsored, certified training initiative aimed at increasing local participation in the oil palm plantation sector.







Mains Layer  
(21-25 April 2025)



PLC Troubleshooting Skills  
(15-16 MAY 2025)



Chargeman L1  
(19-21 May 2025)





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