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We are pleased to release the July - September 2025 issue of Workforce, the official newsletter of the Sarawak Skills Development Centre. It features updates on events and happenings in sarawak skills.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

The publication of the 100th volume of the Workforce Newsletter marks a remarkable milestone that reflects the dedication, resilience, and collective spirit of the Sarawak Skills community. It stands as a proud testament to our continuous efforts in advancing the development of a competent and future-ready workforce for Sarawak.

Over the years, the Workforce Newsletter has evolved into more than just a publication - it has become a vital channel for sharing insights, achievements. celebratina and inspirina collaboration across industries, academia, and communities. This milestone edition signifies the unwavering dedication and professionalism of all those who have contributed to its success and sustained its relevance through changing times.

As we celebrate this achievement, we are reminded that the success of Sarawak Skills is built on a strong foundation of teamwork, innovation, and a steadfast belief in the transformative power of education and skills development. The Workforce Newsletter continues to serve as a meaningful avenue to inspire progress and to highlight the accomplishments that define our journey.

Let this 100th volume stand as a symbol of pride, perseverance, and progress, and as a source of inspiration for us to continue striving towards greater achievements in shaping the workforce of tomorrow.

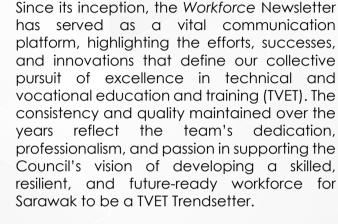
Heartiest congratulations to all who have contributed to this outstanding accomplishment.

Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haii Husain

Chairman of the Sarawak Skills Management Council

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

On behalf of the Management Council, I would like to congratulate the *Workforce* Newsletter team on the remarkable achievement of publishing Volume 100. This milestone marks a proud moment in our journey of sharing insights, knowledge, and inspiration within the Sarawak Skills community and beyond.



As we celebrate this significant milestone, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the publication's success, from the editorial team and contributors to our valued readers and partners. Your continued commitment and collaboration have been instrumental in sustaining the growth and relevance of the Workforce Newsletter.

May this achievement serve as an enduring source of pride and motivation as we continue working together towards building a stronger and more competitive workforce for the State of Sarawak.

Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment.

Dato Hajjah Maznah binti Dasmi Secretary of the Sarawak Skills Management Council

or the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills), the publication of the 100th volume of the Workforce Newsletter is a feather in our cap and a cause for celebration! Over the years, the Workforce Newsletter, an important communication channel/voice, has chronicled various activities and events across Sarawak Skills. In this respect, I wish to thank our stakeholders comprising the government, various sectors of the industry, parents, alumni, students and staff members for their tremendous support in facilitating Sarawak Skills' talent development initiatives for the benefit of current and future generations of our populace.

Over the course of thirty-one years, Sarawak Skills has initiated various phases of transformation to establish itself as a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's digital, economic and educational landscape. In a vibrant global environment that moves quickly and often unpredictably, there is also an urgent need to navigate the uncertainties and stressors of our world, including ever-prevailing global headwinds. One of the key initiatives is fostering a culture of creativity among our team members. Yes, in today's rapidly evolving era of automation and Artificial Intelligence (AI), we have embraced agility and creativity to thrive in an ever-changing and challenging global environment.

Sarawak Skills, true to its vision as a TVET Trendsetter, has also embarked on various newly minted initiatives in line with the Sarawak Post Covid-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030). Recent initiatives include talent development programmes with PETROS (for Sarawak's Oil and Gas Sector), TVET Module Development for Sarawak Metro (Sarawak's Autonomous Rapid Transit System – ART) and Hydrogen Agriculture Research.

In this volume of our newsletter, we take great pride in highlighting various activities and events during the third quarter of the year. The Green Mobility Innovation Summit was held on 8 and 9 September 2025 in Kuching. It was an honour for Sarawak Skills to jointly organize this summit with the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD), and the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA). With the tremendous support of our strategic partners and sponsors from Malaysia and abroad, the summit brought together under one roof more than seven hundred (700) Malaysian and international delegates.



HALLMAN BIN SABRI

Executive Director Sarawak Skills Development Centre

On 3 September 2025, His Excellency Ajay Sharma, British High Commissioner to Malaysia visited the Sarawak Skills' Group Corporate Headquarters at Tabuan Jaya, Kuching. Sarawak Skills has a long-established relationship with the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, and the visit paved the way for new opportunities for collaboration, especially in the area of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

Indeed, as we chart the way forward, the continued support of our stakeholders 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).



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MOBILITY ATION SUMMIT

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Imperial Hotel, Kuching



The Green Mobility Innovation Summit was held on 8 and 9 September 2025 at the Imperial Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, bringing together over 700 delegates from national and international backgrounds to explore advancements in sustainable transportation and clean mobility technologies.

The summit was officiated by the Honourable Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn, Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak, who represented The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak.

Jointly organised by the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD), the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA), and Sarawak Skills, the summit was held under the theme "Driving the Future: Talent, Innovation & Sustainability in Green Mobility."

In his officiating address, Dato Sri Roland Sagah highlighted Sarawak's strong commitment to fostering innovation, sustainability, and talent development in line with the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030). emphasised that innovation in mobility and renewable energy plays a vital role in achieving Sarawak's goal of becoming a low-carbon, economically resilient, and environmentally sustainable state.

The summit featured over 30 distinguished speakers, panellists, and moderators who led discussions and sharing sessions on clean energy solutions, electric vehicles, smart transport systems, and green urban development. The event served as a dynamic platform for collaboration among policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and educators, reinforcing Sarawak's position as a regional leader in green innovation and sustainable growth.



OFFICIAL VISIT BY HIS EXCELLENCY AJAY SHARMA, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO MALAYSIA



KUCHING, 3 September 2025 – Sarawak Skills had the distinct honour of welcoming His Excellency Ajay Sharma, British High Commissioner to Malaysia.

The visit reflects the ongoing commitment of both parties to further strengthen collaboration in the field of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). It also marks an important milestone for Sarawak Skills in establishing a closer partnership with the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, towards creating opportunities in skills development, capacity building, and knowledge exchange.

In his remarks, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, the Executive Director of Sarawak Skills, expressed his appreciation for the visit and highlighted the significance of international cooperation in uplifting Sarawak's TVET landscape. He noted that the partnership would create new pathways for Sarawakian students and educators to gain global exposure, while ensuring that local industries have access to a skilled and competitive workforce.

"Sarawak Skills is committed to ensuring our students and trainees are industry-ready and globally competitive. Collaborating with the British High Commission opens doors to knowledge sharing, innovation, and impactful training opportunities that will benefit Sarawak's youth and future workforce," said Mr. Hallman.



His Excellency Ajay Sharma, in his address, commended Sarawak Skills for its steadfast commitment to advancing skills education. He emphasised that technical and vocational training remains a crucial foundation for sustainable growth and international competitiveness, and expressed confidence that stronger cooperation between the United Kingdom and Sarawak will yield long-term benefits.

"The UK places great importance on developing future-ready skills, and we are delighted to see Sarawak Skills taking such an active role in shaping the next generation of talent. By sharing expertise and fostering collaboration between our institutions and industries, we can ensure that young people are equipped with the knowledge and skills to succeed in a rapidly changing global economy," said His Excellency.

Also in attendance were Madam Rebecca Cater, Political and Economy Counsellor at the British High Commission, Professor Dr. Fitri Suraya Mohd, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Mr. Donald Henry Nohed, Head of the Lower Education Division, Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD), Madam Hajijah binti Morsidi, Principal Assistant Director of the Sarawak Foundation, and Mr. Mohd Hanafiah bin Semuni, Director of Marketing and Student Recruitment, i-CATS University College.

His Excellency Ajay Sharma (right) visits the Sarawak Skills IR 4.0 Trendsetter Hub.

CONTINE MANUFACTURING CENTRE



Sarawak Skills was honoured to welcome Mr. Xu Nianfeng from the China Society of Automotive Engineers (China SAE).
(1 July 2025)



Sarawak Skills teams won one GOLD AWARD (Project: Food Voucher System) and one SILVER AWARD (Project: TVIL) during the UNIMAS Digital Technology Nexus 2025 at Hilton Kuching. (1 - 2 July 2025)



Sarawak Skills welcomed a courtesy visit from Ms. Natalie Russmann, Country Director (Malaysia) and Mr. Idzaid Idros, Programme Manager, from Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Malaysia. (14 July 2025)



Closing Ceremony of the 1st Series of the Sustainable Modern Agriculture Through Rural Technopreneurship (SMART) Programme. (17 July 2025)



Sarawak Skills emerged as Champion in the Open Category during the Kuching Street Parade "Parade of Lights". (16 August 2025)



Benchmarking Visit to IBTE Agro-Technology Campus, Brunei Darussalam. (18 August 2025)



Three staff members from Sarawak Skills and two from i-CATS UC participated in the 2025 Capacity Building Initiative Project for Cooking & Commerce Teacher Vocational Training, held at Guangxi Economic and Trade Vocational Institute, People's Republic of China. (5-16 July 2025)



The Sarawak Skills delegation took part in the 10th BIMP-EAGA Socio-Cultural and Education (SCE) Cluster Meeting, held in Zamboanga City, Philippines. (7 - 8 July 2025)



Sarawak Skills extended a warm welcome to Mdm. Maria Luisa Perez, Director of the Australian Institute of Management - Western Australia International. (21 July 2025)



Courtesy visit by MEITD and Sarawak Skills to Yang Berusaha Ts. Dr. Azmir Mohd Yunus, the newly appointed Head of Secretariat of the National TVET Council of Malaysia, in Putrajaya. (1 August 2025)



Sharing Session on the Process of Diagnosing and Repairing Electric Vehicles with Guangxi Technological College of Machinery and Electricity, People's Republic of China. (10 September 2025)



Sharing Session with EduCluster Finland and the Sarawak Skills Management Team. (29 September 2025)

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Malaysia and Philippines

Cooperation in Halal Industry Development Enhanced Through TESDA Halal Competency & Internal Audit Training



The Road to Halal Professional: Competency & Internal Audit Training concluded after a dynamic seven-day programme aimed at strengthening halal industry expertise through regional collaboration. Held from 24 July to 1 August 2025, the training brought together 15 participants from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Philippines, for an intensive course on halal certification, standards, and industry practices.

The programme was co-organised by Sarawak Skills, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak Branch, and TESDA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD), the Ministry of International Trade, Industry and Investment Sarawak (MINTRED), and the Sarawak Bumiputera Entrepreneurs Chamber (DUBS).

During the closing ceremony, Professor Dr. Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Sarawak Branch, emphasised that the training was designed to deliver technical knowledge, practical exposure, and capacity building in Halal Competency and Internal Halal Audit, aligned with Malaysia's JAKIM standards.

"It combined lectures, site visits, and audit simulations, including tours of certified halal facilities such as Sara-Bif Restaurant, Halal Abattoir, and the Corned Beef Factory. For UiTM Sarawak Branch, this is more than just a training programme, it reflects our strategic commitment to strengthening the halal ecosystem, both within Sarawak and beyond," he said.

Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of the Sarawak Skills Development Centre and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC), also spoke at the ceremony, highlighting the significance of cross-border collaboration in positioning Sarawak as a key contributor to the global halal economy.

"Sarawak is proud to support partnerships that foster knowledge-sharing, professional development, and economic growth. This training is a prime example of how international cooperation can elevate the standards and scope of the halal industry," he said.

"This programme would not have achieved its success without the dedication of the trainers from UiTM Sarawak, the facilitation team from Sarawak Skills, and the active coordination from TESDA. It also forms part of the BIMP-EAGA outcomes under the Social and Education Cluster. We are truly grateful for their invaluable contributions," Mr. Hallman added.

Also present at the event were Professor Dato Dr. Jamil bin Haji Hamali, Halal Industry Islamic Council Member, Regional Director Tarhata S. Mapandi from TESDA Zamboanga, Philippines, Dr. Anecia A. Alvarez, representing the Zamboanga City Private Technical Vocational Education and Training Institutions Association (ZIAP-TVET), Philippines, and Ms Sharifah Mastura binti Wan Razali, Principal Assistant Secretary, Industry Development Division, the Ministry of International Trade, Industry and Investment Sarawak.



Group photo: Participants with their certificates.

SARAWAK SKILLS SUPPORTS SARAWAK'S **GREEN ECONOMY INITIATIVES THROUGH** HYDROGEN FUEL CELL VEHICLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS TRAINING



Sarawak Skills, under its hydrogen-focused training initiative, has conducted the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Safety & Awareness Training, a significant step in advancing the Sarawak Government's green economy agenda. This groundbreaking programme highlights Sarawak Skills' commitment to sustainable, forward-looking technologies and strengthens its position as a key enabler in Sarawak's transition to cleaner energy.

Held on 31 July 2025 at Sarawak Skills Tabuan Jaya, Kuching, the training equiped the participants with crucial knowledge and awareness of hydrogen fuel cell vehicle (HFCV) technologies, with a strong focus on safety standards and handling practices.

Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills, emphasised the importance of this milestone, stating, "Sarawak Skills is proud to be the only training centre in the state and national level to undertake a hydrogen-specific training programme. In fact, the first cohort of trainees came from Peninsular Malaysia. This not only aligns with the government's green aspirations but also empowers our local talent with the skills needed for the hydrogen economy."

This initiative comes on the heels of a strategic collaboration between Sarawak Skills and its partners in China, a move that further cements the institution's role in the development of hydrogen expertise. Through this international partnership, Sarawak Skills has gained access to advanced hydrogen training modules, technologies, and expertise, ensuring that local training standards meet global benchmarks.



The engine components of a hydrogen-powered vehicle were showcased during the training.



A hands-on demonstration: hydrogen-powered vehicle.

STEM Catalysts 2025

Empowers Over 1,000 Students in Baram



Pi 2025 programme marked a major milestone in SMK Long Lama, the 17th and largest stop of the statewide tour, drawing over 1,000 participants from across Baram's rural schools. The event, held in conjunction with SMK Long Lama's Diamond Honourable Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn, Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak.

In his keynote speech, the Minister paid tribute to the school's 60-year legacy in nurturing Baram's future leaders and called on rural communities to embrace science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as the foundation for Sarawak's next chapter.

"It is no longer acceptable to say that reading, writing and counting are enough for rural children. Our future depends on our ability to master science, technology and digital knowledge. You too can excel in coding and STEM regardless of your location." said Dato Sri Roland.

The STEM Catalysts programme, implemented in partnership with University of Technology Sarawak and Sarawak Skills, is a one-day touring STEM carnival. The carnival was held at 18 districts across Sarawak from April to July 2025. It brought engaging hands-on exhibits and interactive activities to more than 160 rural schools, exceeding its original target of 130, and reached over 6,000 pupils.

Long Lama, Baram – The STEM Catalysts Raspberry In Baram, students travelled from as far as SK Long Lapok to participate in the programme at SMK Long Lama. Activities included robotics, drone racing, hydraulic systems, hydrogen experiments, Al-controlled arms, and coding education promoted by the Fondation Rolf Schnyder.

Jubilee Celebration, was graced by The Students were guided by a team of 20 trained STEM communicators who brought the science behind each exhibit to life. Many students reportedly asked for longer sessions, and several teachers expressed interest in acquiring the exhibits for continued use at their schools.



Dato Sri Roland Sagah during his visit to the Sarawak Skills booth.



The Minister extended his appreciation to programme co-sponsors, namely SMD Semiconductor Sdn Bhd, Press Metal Berhad, and Socoe Sdn Bhd, along with institutional partners Sarawak Skills, University of Technology Sarawak, Sarawak Science Centre, and the Fondation Rolf Schnyder.

Dato Sri Roland also expressed how proud he was to see the efforts of Sarawak Skills in promoting STEM education among students in rural areas like Long Lama, adding that their commitment plays a crucial role in bridging the digital divide and nurturing future-ready talents across Sarawak. He also commended Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak (JPNS) and Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM), for their strong support, expressing hope for continued collaboration.

As Sarawak pursues its 60% STEM enrolment target by 2030, YB Dato Sri Roland concluded with a challenge and a vision, "Today, we celebrate SMK Long Lama as a beacon of education. Tomorrow, let's celebrate it as the bastion of STEM innovation in Baram."

Also present were Datuk Francis Harden Hollis, Deputy Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak, Datuk Gerawat Gala, Deputy Minister in the Premier's Department, Dato' Dennis Ngau, Telang Usan Assemblyman, Tuan Haji Adana bin Haji Jed, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak, and Mr. Mohamad Isham bin Fauzi, Chief Strategy Officer of Sarawak Skills.



Students explore a display.



Engaging hands-on exhibits and interactive activities.



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Personal Motto:

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SARAWAK SKILLS MIRI

2 JULY 2025

Sarawak Skills/i-CATS Miri received the Silver Award for their innovation: Pineapple Skin Pesticide in the ASEAN New Invention & Innovation Category at the Crown Prince Creative, Innovative Product and Technological Advancement Award (CIPTA 2025). Held at the International Convention Centre, Berakas, Brunei Darussalam.



SARAWAK SKILLS SRI AMAN

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Pineapple Farming Technology Management Course Conducted at Hotel Seri Simanggang and Selopong Pineapple Farm, Sri Aman.



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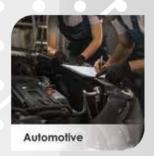
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