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The 3rd BIMP-EAGA TVET Conference 2023







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We are pleased to release the January - March 2023 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

or the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills), the beginning of 2023, like a fresh new dawn, was a wonderful opportunity for us to 'get off to a flying start' and implement various strategic initiatives during the course of the new Notwithstanding today's challenging environment, including ever-present global headwinds, we have remained steadfast in our quest to achieve our noble objectives of talent development for the benefit of current and future generations of the populace.

An important milestone, the main event of the quarter, was the 3rd BIMP-EAGA TVET Conference 2023 in March 2023. It was an honour for Sarawak Skills to jointly organize the conference with the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak (MEITD) and the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) ASFAN BIMP-EAGA's Socio-Cultural and Education Cluster. The conference also gained support from various co-organizers, including the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Malaysian Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR), Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) and Asia-China Education and Culture (ACEC) Association. We are delighted that the conference, with the theme 'TVET to Drive Innovation and Talent Development', lived up to its billing as an ideal platform for speakers and delegates to network, share best practices in TVET talent development, and explore opportunities for collaboration. This will go a long way towards facilitating TVET's role in fostering sustainable development initiatives for the betterment of humankind.

line with Sarawak Skills' long-standing commitment to protect the natural environment and 'to go green', on 18 March 2023, Sarawak Skills and its strategic partner Nature Resource Solutions organized a Farmers' Market at Sarawak Skills, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching. Upcoming green projects include the Lake Beautification Project at Sarawak Skills, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching and greening initiatives at all Sarawak Skills' campuses/learning centres across Sarawak.

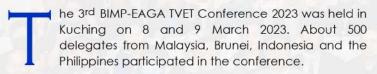


HALLMAN SABRI Executive Director Sarawak Skills Development Centre

As we progress along our voyage as a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's digital, economic and educational landscape, the continued support of our stakeholders comprising the government, various sectors of industry, parents, alumni, students and staff members will be of utmost importance to support our activities. A major point of pride is our close ties with our stakeholders - in this volume of our newsletter, we share recent events including visits to the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions by delegations from the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak (MEITD) and the Ministry of Transport Sarawak (MOTS). Indeed, the support of our stakeholders, a pillar of strength, has enabled Sarawak Skills to support 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 wishes to thank all our stakeholders for contributing to the success of the conference. It was indeed an honour for Sarawak Skills to jointly organize the 3rd BIMP-EAGA TVET Conference 2023 with the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak (MEITD) and the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) under BIMP-EAGA's Socio-Cultural and Education Cluster. The conference also gained support from the co-organizers, including the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Malaysian Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR), Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) and Asia-China Education and Culture Association (ACEC).

















COURTESY VISIT



Talent Development (MEITD) presents a memento to Yang Mulia Dr. Haji Azman bin Ahmad, Permanent Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam.



Group Photo: Pre-Engagement Visit to Institute Brunei Technical Education (IBTE)

DELEGATION FROM MEITD AND SARAWAK SKILLS VISITS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TVET INSTITUTIONS IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

rom 31 January to 2 February 2023, a delegation comprising officials from the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak (MEITD) and Sarawak Skills visited the Ministry of Education and various TVET Institutions in Brunei. The delegation was led by Tuan Haji Azmi bin Haji Bujang, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development (MEITD) and Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills), and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC).

The purpose of the visits was to share on the upcoming 3rd BIMP-EAGA TVET Conference 2023. The conference will be held in Kuching on 8 and 9 March 2023 at the Pullman Hotel, Kuching. During the aforementioned visits, the officials from MEITD and Sarawak Skills also discussed opportunities for collaboration.





Visit to the School of Aviation, IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus.

SARAWAK SKILLS – NRS FARMERS' MARKET REAFFIRMS

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOING GREEN

he recent Farmers' Market, organized jointly the Sarawak Skills Group Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills) and Nature Resource Solutions (NRS), has reaffirmed the importance of 'Going Green' for the benefit of current and future generations of the populace.

Held on 18 March 2023 at Sarawak Skills Tabuan Jaya, Kuching, twenty (20) vendors offered a wide variety of home-grown, pesticide-free produce and other organic products. True to the theme, 'Where Buyers Meet Sellers', the items offered for sale included healthy fruits and vegetables, plants and seedlings, organic farm inputs, organic jams and pickles, healthy/plant-based fermented and food, home-made cakes and drinks. One of the highlights of the Farmers' market was a demo/sharing session by Mr. Ng Tat Fui on 'Marcotting - 3 Ways to Multiply Your Favourite Plant/Tree'.

Commenting on the Farmers' Market, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) highlighted, "It is an honour for Sarawak Skills to organize this Farmers' Market with Nature Resource Solutions. In this respect. I wish to thank Madam Wee Ai Chin from Nature Resource Solutions for her numerous contributions, especially in the area of facilitating Sarawak Skills' Environmental, Social and Governance initiatives. Over the past two (2) years, Madam Wee, in her capacity as a Nature Farmina Practitioner, has worked closely with our staff members and students in the Malaysian Skills Certificate in Oil Palm Plantation Operation and Supervision Level 3 programme to set up the Sarawak Skills' Nature Farm and Food Forest at Sarawak Skills, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching. This important project complements Sarawak Skills' ongoing effort to expand the green lungs of our campus and community. I am also pleased to note that during the Farmers' Market, our staff members and students set up a booth to showcase and sell chillies and vegetables from our Nature Farm." He added, "Madam Wee also conducted a ten-week course (Basics of Nature Farming) for Sarawak Skills' plantation students. To facilitate the students' appreciation and understanding of the subject matter, she invited guest speakers to share on various aspects of nature farming such as making Effective Microbial Activated Solution (EMAS), JADAM Microorganism Solution (JMS), Bokashi and compost."



Group Photo: Madam Wee Ai Chin (left) with Members of the Sarawak Skills Management Team

Mr. Hallman also shared that in line with Sarawak Skills' long-standing commitment to protect the natural environment and 'to go green', upcoming projects include the Lake Beautification Project at Sarawak Skills, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching and greening initiatives at all Sarawak Skills' campuses/learning centres across Sarawak. Over the years, various environmentally-friendly projects have been initiated by Sarawak Skills' staff members and students. A shining example is the solar-powered mini floating fountain by the students of the Diploma in Electrical Power Generation programme. Located in the centre of the Sarawak Skills' pond, the project was a wonderful opportunity for the students to bring theoretical concepts to life. Under the auidance of their lecturers, the students were involved in all aspects of the project, from design to commissioning. An important aspect of the design process was the selection of components/equipment to reduce the carbon footprint and withstand the elements. This is part and parcel of Sarawak Skills' ongoing effort to harness clean renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and water (hydro).

Indeed, the aforementioned green initiatives support Sarawak Skills' role as a stakeholder in the transformation of Sarawak's economic, educational and digital landscape in line with the Sarawak Post Covid-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030).

PICTORIAL



Strategic Planning Workshop (Outcomes) & Setting KPIs for the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions -Charting the Way Forward from 2023 to 2030. (4 & 5 January 2023)



Working Visit by Tuan Haji Azmi bin Haji Bujang, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak (MEITD) and Officials from MEITD to Sarawak Skills, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching.

(11 January 2023)



Practical Training for Drone Technology, Jointly Organized by Sarawak Skills and Aerodyne Group. (14 February 2023)



Courtesy Visit by Officials from the Malaysian Nuclear Agency to Sarawak Skills.

(16 February 2023)



Team Building Programme for Sarawak Skills Student Representative Committee and i-CATS UC Students Representative Council at Alapong Camp, Lundu. (3 - 5 March 2023)



Briefing on Malaysia Board of Technologists and Technicians for Sarawak Skills Students by Association of Professional Technicians and Technologists.

(10 March 2023)

PICTORIAL



Staff Induction Course (6 February 2023)



Quality Environment (58) Recertification Audit for Sarawak Skills Kuching by Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) Sarawak. (9 February 2023)



TVET Kuching Team Building at Borneo Tribal Village, Bau. (22 February 2022)



Sarawak Skills and Sibu Automobile Repairers' Association (SARA) met to discuss on the development of automotive training programmes for SARA's members.
The meeting was chaired by YB Datuk Dr. Annuar Rapa'ee,
Deputy Minister for Education,
Innovation and Talent Development I (Education & Innovation) (1 March 2023)



Right: Mr. Hallman Sabri, Executive Director, Sarawak Skills and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) Paid a Courtesy Visit to Datuk Shahul Dawood, CEO of HRD Corp.

(20 March 2023)



Resume Writing, Interview Tips, Grooming and E-Profiling Session with PERKESO Sarawak. (21 March 2023)

EVENT

n 22 March 2023, a delegation from the Ministry of Transport Sarawak (MOTS), led by its Minister Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin visited the Automotive and Welding Institute of Sarawak (AWISAR) at the Demak Laut Industrial Estate, Kuching.

Among the members of the delegation were Yang Berbahagia Dato Ir. Alice Jawan Empalina, Permanent Secretary of MOTS and Mr. Julin Alen, Principal Assistant Secretary/Division Head (Land Transport and Logistics Division), MOTS.

On arrival, the visitors were welcomed by Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills) and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC), Ts. Jaidil bin Yakop, General Manager of AWISAR and members of the Sarawak Skills management team. Among those present to welcome the delegation were Ts. Mazli bin Mustaffa, CEO of Sarawak Metro Sdn. Bhd., Puan Hajah Khaninah binti Haji Ariff, Principal Assistant Secretary (Workforce Planning), Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development (MEITD), and officials from Sarawak Metro Sdn. Bhd. and MEITD. AWISAR is part of the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions.



YB Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin (left) and Mr. Hallman bin Sabri viewing the demo on using electrolysis to generate hydrogen gas to power the fuel cell and generate electricity.



Tour of automotive facility at AWISAR.

AWISAR WELCOMES **DELEGATION FROM** THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT SARAWAK

Following the tour of the facilities, a briefing was held to update the visitors on the latest developments at the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills), including upcoming training centres, namely the Advanced Automotive Training College (AATC) in Kuching, Sarawak Skills Sri Aman Training Centre and Sibu Automotive Training Centre. During the discussion, YB Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin shared that as a hub of automotive training, AWISAR has an important role in supporting Sarawak's transport sector, especially in facilitating the development of a workforce with specialized skills in maintenance of Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEV) and Electric Vehicles (EV). The Minister was pleased to note that AWISAR and Sarawak Metro Sdn. Bhd. are exploring joint talent development initiatives to support the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) system and hydrogen-related technological applications. This would facilitate the transfer of new knowledge and skills. The Minister also commended the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions on its ongoing effort(s) to reach out to the workforce through the Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) programme. This would enable those who have many years of industry-related experience to earn formal aualifications.

During the aforementioned visit, as part of his welcoming remarks, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills and Chairman of FMSDC shared, "At Sarawak Skills, we take great pride in complementing the Government and the industries in our joint effort to develop our state's and nation's human capital. Indeed, we are grateful for the tremendous support from the Government and the various sectors of the industry. With regard to the industries, I am pleased to share that over the years, the various industry sectors have played a leading role in managing and determining the direction of Sarawak Skills through its representatives in the Sarawak Skills Management Council. Currently, Sarawak Skills has more than 70 members from various industry sectors. The Government's and our members' numerous contributions to Sarawak Skills' multipronged approach to talent development have facilitated the transformation of Sarawak's economic and digital landscape in line with the Sarawak Post Covid-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030). With the continued support of the Government and our strategic partners from the industries including Sarawak Metro Sdn. Bhd., we will be able to raise the bar in our joint effort(s) to develop an industry-ready workforce and support the upcoming green and blue economy initiatives in Sarawak."

ACTIVITY



n 29 March 2023, the Sarawak Skills Group of Learning Institutions (Sarawak Skills) held its first group-wide Students' Assembly of the year.

The assembly adopted a hybrid format – this enabled the students and staff members of Sarawak Skills, Tabuan Jaya, Kuching to attend the assembly (in person) at the Sarawak Skills Auditorium while students and staff members from other Sarawak Skills campuses/learning centres in other parts of Kuching, Mukah and Miri divisions joined via Sarawak Skills' online platform.

In his address, Mr. Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of Sarawak Skills and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC) shared on the importance of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in producing industry-ready and future-proof graduates. In this respect, he urged the students to use their time wisely during the course of their studies to acquire a harmonious balance of knowledge, skills (technical and soft skills) and develop a positive attitude. This would enable the students to acquire industry-relevant skill sets and prepare them for their careers. In addition, the students would need to adopt a disciplined approach to life and embrace continuous learning throughout their careers.

During the assembly, Mr. Hallman also encouraged the students to join various student clubs to hone their arsenal of skills, e.g. communication, teamwork and leadership skills.

SARAWAK SKILLS STUDENTS' ASSEMBLY NO. 1/2023





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"Study hard and gain practical experience! Don't be afraid to ask questions along life's journey.





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"Study hard to gain industry-relevant lifelong process!"



Sarawak Plantation Berhad.

(29 March 2023)





Visit by District Education Officer and Counselling Teachers from Baram, Lawas and Limbang. (13 January 2023)

i-CATS University College



i-CATS UC and Ministry of Domestic Trade and Costs of Living, Sarawak in Joint E-Commerce Awareness Initiative.
(4 January 2023)



Basic Electrical Installation (10 - 12 January 2023)

Microsoft Project for Beginners (27 - 28 February 2023)





Basic First Aid & CPR (16 - 17 March 2023)

CORPORATE TRAINING PROGRAMMES

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