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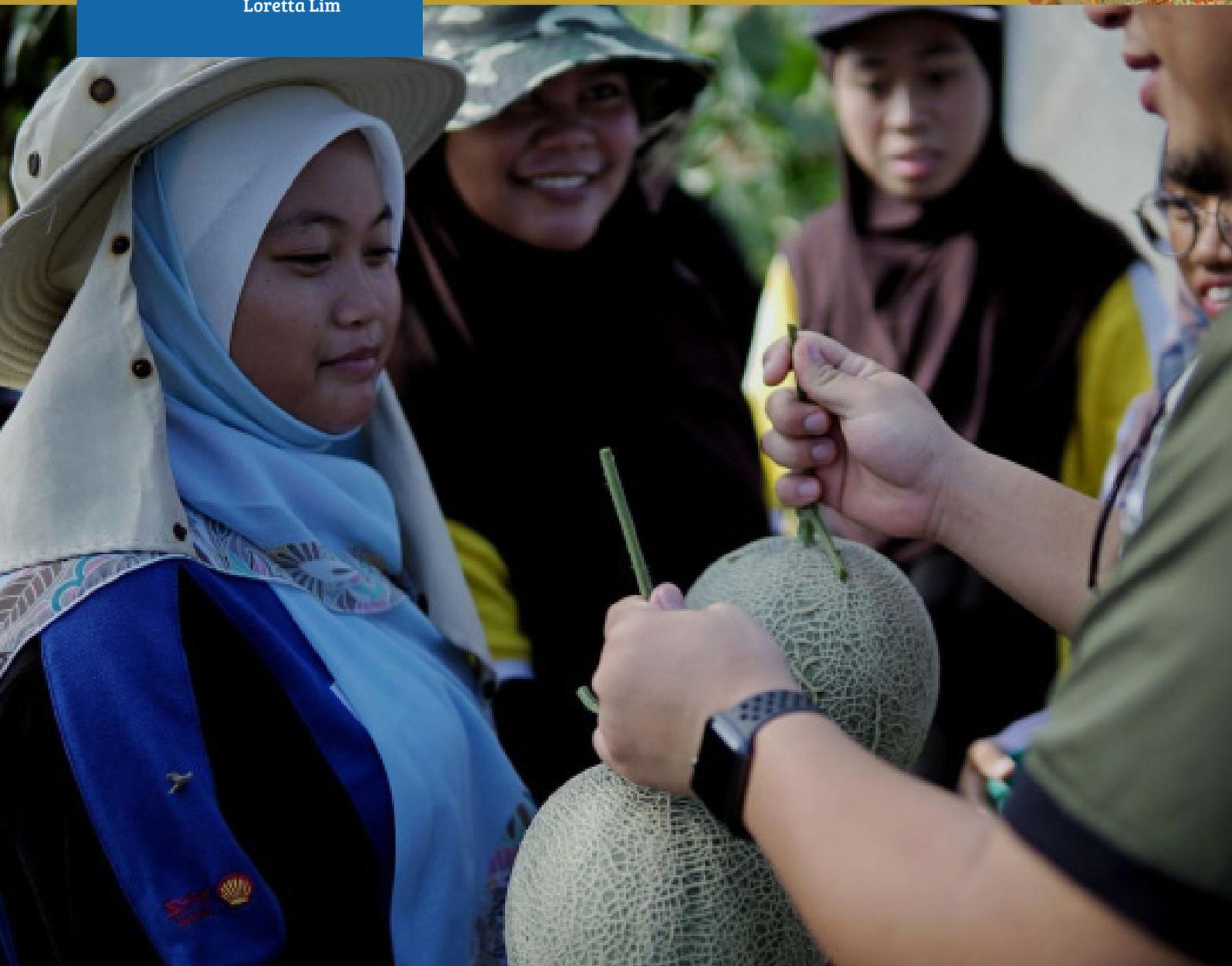
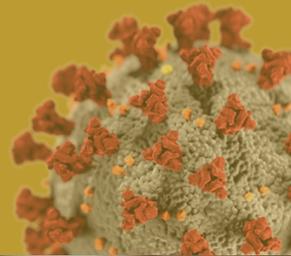
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Opportunity for the public to harvest their own rockmelon at IBTE Agrotechnology Campus

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AgroBIZ:

ROCKMELON HARVESTING

By Mohammad Ali Imran Osman.
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Alhamdulillah, we've gone through 2 cycles of rockmelon harvesting this year with very contrasting experiences.

During the first cycle, rockmelons of the "Glamour" variety were planted. It took 79 days for the rockmelon to be grown from seed until they were ready to harvest. These rockmelons were grown in the greenhouse using the fertigation system. The "one tree, one fruit" method was used so as to concentrate the plant's nutrients into one fruit.

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During the second planting cycle, the "Madesta F1" variety were grown. The second harvest was scheduled for 8 August where 1,169 rockmelons were harvested over a 2-day period. However, due to second pandemic wave of COVID-19 and the announcement of partial lockdown of Brunei Darussalam, the pick and carry event had to be cancelled. This was a challenge as we now had to reach out to the customers, rather than having them come to us. To do this, we sold the rockmelons through online bookings and having the rockmelons delivered



through a runner or self-pickup at the Food Tech Unit in IBTE Agro Tech Campus. Another challenge was to maintain the rockmelons freshness over an extended period. Thanks to IBTE's generosity, the rockmelons were stored at the Food Tech Unit at a controlled temperature. A new box packaging was also used to help with maintaining the freshness of the rockmelons. The fruits were also distributed through six SKH branches around Brunei-Muara, to give more customers access to it.

These differing experiences brought tremendous amount of valuable experience not only for the AgroBIZ programme, but, more importantly, to the students as well. In agropreneurship, a business must be able to sell off their produce or products in any situation. It validates their investment and efforts in growing the produce and serve the customers with their efforts. With the experiences gained from these 2 harvests, the students learnt firsthand that to be successful in business, they need tenacity, ingenuity, and relationship, guided by the right intentions. It is with hope that from these qualities, the students will be able to find success in whichever path they want to partake after completing the AgroBIZ programme.

Ambassador of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam
Wanthanee Viputwongsakul and Pengiran Haji Mohd
Wahab bin Pengiran Haji Abdullah in a group photo.



PRESTIGIOUS THAI AWARD FOR IBTE INSTRUCTOR

By James Kon

Assistant Senior Technical Instructor from School of Hospitality and Tourism at the Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) Pengiran Haji Mohd Wahab bin Pengiran Haji Abdullah received the prestigious Princess Maha Chakri Award (PMCA) as recognition of his continued contributions to the development of Brunei's education in the area of cookery and culinary art on September 23, 2021.

Pengiran Haji Mohd Wahab was one of the 11 recipients of the 4th PMCA.

Ambassador of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam Wanthanee Viputwongsakul handed over the award in a ceremony at the Royal Thai Embassy in Brunei Darussalam yesterday.

Permanent Secretary (Core Education) at the Ministry of Education Dr Shamsiah Zuraini Kanchanawati binti Haji Tajuddin, Acting Director General of Education Dr Hazri bin Haji Kifle and CEO of IBTE Dr Haji Mohd Zamri bin Haji Sabli were present. "Normally, the recipients of Princess Maha Chakri Award get the opportunity to travel to Thailand to participate in the award ceremony where Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn would preside

over and personally hand over the awards to the recipients," Wanthanee Viputwongsakul said.

However, she said "due to the COVID19 pandemic, this year's ceremony was organised in onsite and online format. The award recipients from ASEAN member countries and Timor-Leste will participate from their own countries via video conference". She also assured that the Royal Thai Embassy is ready to support the work of all PMCA awardees.

Dr Shamsiah Zuraini Kanchanawati and Wanthanee Viputwongsakul also received the PMCA's Honorary Brooch.

The Princess Maha Chakri Award was established in 2015 on the 60th birthday anniversary of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn to honour Her Royal Highness' dedication to educational development.

Brunei has four PMCA recipients – Hajah Ratnawati binti Haji Mohammad (2015), Lim Soh Ngo (2017), Hajah Noorliah binti Aspar (2019), and Pengiran Haji Mohd Wahab (2021).

The Princess Maha Chakri Award is one of the most important forms of international cooperation in the field of education in Thailand. It provides a unique opportunity for Thailand to support and promote development of the teaching profession and educational development, especially in ASEAN member countries and Timor-Leste.

Pengiran Haji Mohd Wahab expressed gratitude to Allah the Almighty and for the support from colleagues, friends, and family. He hoped his achievement will inspire others. He also dedicated the award to his students, adding that the recognition has inspired him to do better and motivate his students.



Ambassador of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam Wanthanee Viputwongsakul hands over the prestigious Princess Maha Chakri Award to Assistant Senior Technical Instructor at the Institute of Brunei Technical and Tourism Pengiran Haji Mohd Wahab bin Pengiran Haji Abdullah.



CONTRACT SIGNING: 3rd COHORT

The Shell LiveWIRE Brunei AgroBIZ programme welcomed its third batch of 7 new participants to undergo this extensive business and agricultural training.

The Contract Signing Ceremony for the new participants for the AgroBIZ project took place on the 29th July 2021 at IBTE Agro-Technology Campus in Kampong Wasan.

Present to witness the contract signing ceremony was IBTE's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Hj Mohd Zamri bin Hj Sabli, Brunei Shell Petroleum Sdn Bhd (BSP) In-Country Value Manager and Chairman of Shell LiveWIRE Brunei, Hjh Rosita binti Hj Hassan and Shell LiveWIRE Brunei Programme Director, Hj Abdul Yusrin bin DSLJ Hj Mohd Salleh.

The new cohort will be training for 2 cycles, commencing August 2021 to October 2022.





The Brunei Maritime Academy (BMA) of Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) Jefri Bolkih Campus (JBC) conducted the Seafarer Career Awareness Day at the campus multi-purpose hall on 4th August 2021.

The event aimed at promoting training and career opportunities in the marine field in collaboration with the Manpower Industry Steering Committee (MISC) Marine.Booths at the venue included the campus' BMA, Belait Shipping Sdn Bhd, Brunei Gas Carrier Sdn Bhd, DBX Ship Management Sdn Bhd, Manpower Planning and Employment Council (MPEC), Megamas Training Company Sdn Bhd, Petro Laut Sdn Bhd, PTAS Sdn Bhd, and Posh Darussalam Sdn Bhd.

Former students as well as deck officers from Brunei Gas Carrier Sdn Bhd also shared

BRUNEI MARITIME ACADEMY: SEAFARER CAREER AWARENESS DAY

By Daniel Lim

their experience working in the maritime industry through a display showcasing 'Life at Sea' and sharing sessions.

Co-lead of MISC Marine Shamsul bin Othman noted how the variety of shipping and maritime affiliated work are an important asset to the nation not only as a form of transportation, but also as a major revenue stream for the nation's economy. "This is why it is imperative for our industry to continually develop strategies that ensure safety and sustainability – not only for the raw materials being transported, but also for one of the most important asset in the trade, the seafarers," he said.

The event continued with the launching of the Seafarer Career Awareness Day by Head of BMA Mohammad Iskandar bin Haji Jani, before concluding with a tour of the booths.



Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education (MoE) Dr Haji Azman Bin Ahmad handover kits to trainee teachers assisted by IBTE CEO Dr Hj Mohd Zamri Bin Hj Sabli.

TVET ACADEMY: TEACHER DEVELOPMENT KEY TO NATION BUILDING

By Azlan Othman



The field of education is one of the foundations of supporting the development and progress of a country, said the Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education (MoE) Dr Haji Azman bin Ahmad during an event at the Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) on 8th July 2021.

The role of teachers and instructors in shaping future generations is very significant according to Dr Haji Azman during the second intake of teacher trainees for the Certificate in Technical Education (CTE) and Diploma in Technical Education (DTE). The programmes are conducted by the recently established Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Academy.

Dr Azman also said that teachers and teaching staff not only provide training and education to the students, but also play a role in building student excellence through activities that suit the student's personalities and values based on the concept of Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB).

The permanent secretary said that the ministry is committed to developing the field of education. MoE is active in the implementation of continuous professional development (CPD) for education, school leaders and experts, to raise their competency and the overall quality of human resources in the sector, in line with the ministry's strategic objectives.

TVET Academy was established in November 2018 and officially launched in July 2020.

The academy had been steadfastly promoting and marketing its teaching programmes, namely, the Foundation in Technical Education (FTE), Certificate in Technical Education (CTE) and the Diploma in Technical Education (DTE) programmes to the public through meetings, briefings and talks.

The FTE programme is a six-month bridging programme which, upon completion, enables the trainees to join the CTE programme.

DUAL TVET: RE-IMAGINING SOLUTIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRUNEI

“WE ARE CREATING THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE FOR TOMORROW’S FUTURE. WE NEED TO RE-IMAGINE SOLUTIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT WITH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND THIS IS WHAT DUAL TVET IS ABOUT,”

~ Yang Berhormat Siti Rozaimeryanty binti Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Abdul Rahman, Legislative Council member & Co-Chairperson of the Manpower Industry Steering Committee in Construction (MISCC). Quoted during the Dual TVET Programme launch ceremony at Musyawarah Hall, International Convention Centre on the 25th July 2021.

The Dual TVET Programme is not just about promoting vocational or technical jobs, it is meant to send a powerful message to the people in different occupations and industries and across all learning ages that we now need to add mastery of skills into our range of capabilities and deviate the traditionally emphasised academic learning and qualifications. The programme will equip youth with skills that will provide them access to the world of work and employment opportunities.

The Dual TVET Programme of HNTec in Construction and Draughting is a two-year programme where the students are trained both by IBTE (for institutional-based training) and by the industry (for the on-the-job training). The Dual TVET students will spend 25 per cent with the industry to gain hands-on experience and 75 per cent in the institution.

Out of the 160 students who applied, 96 were eligible to enroll for the July 2021 intake.






BIMP-EAGA

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM—INDONESIA—MALAYSIA—PHILIPPINES
EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA

F I R S T ENTREPRENEURSHIP VIRTUAL CAMP

A 3-day BIMP-EAGA Entrepreneurship Camp with the theme “Entrepreneurship in the era of COVID-19” commenced with an opening ceremony held virtually on 6 December 2021 attended by Senior government officials, Senior Official Members from the BIMP-EAGA member states.

The BIMP-EAGA Entrepreneurship Camp was attended by a total of 553 participants comprised of students, instructors and professionals from BIMP-EAGA member country states including students from UBD, UTB, UNISSA, PB, IBTE and Private Higher Education institutions.

The Camp was the first of its kind within the BIMP-EAGA region and it was designed to equip the participants with skills, knowledge and necessary tools to develop and create their entrepreneurial path to generate their own form of employment. The activities spanning over the 3 days were to help provide essential information for the participants to guide their way as entrepreneurs in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

WHAT IS BIMP-EAGA?

Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines created the East ASEAN Growth Area to shift economic activities from resource extraction to higher levels of processing and value-added production, focusing on industries that adopt clean and green technologies.

Launched In 1994, the BIMP-EAGA initiative boosts growth in trade, investments, and tourism through new intra-region shipping routes and air links as well as power interconnection projects. Other key areas of cooperation include agribusiness, tourism, the environment, and socio-cultural education.

IBTE NEWS BITES

IBTE STARS LOGO COMPETITION

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IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus



Seafarers Career Awareness Day were held in August 2021, which was opened to the public. Those who came to the event learned about the reality of life as Seafarers, the roles and responsibility as well as the challenges they face.

Applicants who applied for the programme in Apprenticeship in Deck and Engine Ratings Sept 2021 intake were highly recommended to come to the event.



Congratulations to Cikgu Awang Norjeme bin Jenek (L) for the appointment of Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Academic), and to Cikgu Pengiran Hajah Hamidah binti Pengiran Haji Hidup (R) for the appointment of Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Development) in December 2021. They have taken over the roles that were previously held by Cikgu Hajah Mariah binti Abdul Manaf who has retired from the civil service, and Cikgu Lim Kian Boon who is now Acting Director of Politeknik Brunei.



The IPT Football League 2021 tournament was over in August 2021, congratulations to LCB team who emerged as the champion and congratulations to all the teams that competed. It was a wonderful moment for the IBTE team when Muhammad Rahimin Bin Abdul Ghani managed to become the top scorer in this year's edition of the tournament pictured receiving the trophy from UBD Vice Chancellor Datin Dr Anita B Z Abdul Aziz. Congratulations to IBTE Football team and the management as well for the outstanding action shown throughout the tournament. We will be coming back stronger in the next edition of the tournament In Shaa Allah.



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