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IBTE Instructors and Officers working in shifts over six days to man the live chat channel answering questions from the public during the virtual HE Expo, at IBTE HQ, Gadong.

H.E EXPO MOVES ONLINE

FEBRUARY 15-21 2021, 27 public and private tertiary higher education institutions and agencies participated in the first virtual Higher Education Expo. Prospective students were able to find out more information on local universities and courses at the Higher Education Expo. The expo were conducted online to avoid large gatherings and comply with the health ministry's COVID-19 guidelines

The expo hosted Zoom webinars from local education institutions and associations, covering new programmes and success stories of graduates. Members of the public who participated in the expo registered online through the Higher Education Expo portal prior.

The public higher education institutions that participated in the expo included Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB), Politeknik Brunei (PB) and Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE). It also featured private higher education institutions such as Laksamana College of Business, International Graduate Studies College (KIGS), Cosmopolitan College of Commerce and Technology (CCCT), Micronet International College (MIC), Kemuda Institute, BICPA – FTMS Accountancy Academy, Mahakarya Institute of the Arts and HAD Tech College.

The virtual expo aimed to create an experience similar to previous higher education expos in providing the public with an opportunity to interact with higher education representatives over live chat and video conferencing.

SURPRISE ROYAL VISIT

His Majesty, Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzadin Waddaulah has made a surprise visit to IBTE Business Campus and School of Aviation on the 2nd of February 2021





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MEGAMAS

On the 9th of Feb 2021 Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) and the Megamas Training Company signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly provide a variety of maritime courses at Megamas.

General Manager Michael Stringer @ Mohd Firdaus Eswandi signed on behalf of Megamas, while IBTE was represented by its Acting Director Dr Haji Mohd Zamri bin Haji Sabli during the signing at Megamas Training Company.

Megamas Deputy General Manager Haji Mahmud bin Haji Idris, Acting Principal of Satellite Campus Dr Suhaimi bin Haji Abdul Wahab as well as officers from Megamas, IBTE and the Maritime and Port Authority of Brunei Darussalam (MPABD) attended.

After the ceremony, the GM of Megamas took the guests around to show the facility they have available on site. The MOU with Megamas will greatly benefit the students who are studying in Brunei Maritime Academy.



MOU SIGNING WITH TWELVE COMPANIES FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES

Group photo with representatives from participating companies and IBTE CEO Dr Haji Mohd Zamri, and Acting Commissioner of Labour Muhammad Saufi bin Haji Ibrahim who was the guest of honour for the MoU signing ceremony that was held at the IBTE Mechanical Campus hall in February 2021.

Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) has forged cooperation with 80 companies through Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signings since 2014. IBTE continues to welcome collaboration with companies, working together to equip IBTE students with industry skills in accordance with the current trend.

The importance of such collaboration was highlighted by IBTE Acting Director Dr Haji Mohd Zamri bin Haji Sabli in a speech during the MoU signing for the two IBTE programmes of NTec Apprenticeship in Automotive Technician and NTec Apprenticeship in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (for July 2020 session), where twelve companies signed to be part of the apprenticeship programmes with IBTE

IBTE is a statutory post-secondary technical institution that plays a vital role in educating and producing skilled, resilient students in the employment market. IBTE offers numerous programmes to fulfil the workforce and industries' needs by frequently working with stakeholders and industry players to ensure that students are highly-skilled and required in the workforce. The collaboration with related companies provide on-the-job training to IBTE students. This allows students to have the opportunity to acquire knowledge and practice in a real work setting. Students will also obtain skills through monitoring and mentoring from highly-experienced personnel at each companies.

He said, "IBTE will continue to work hard to ensure students are equipped with skills and high-level capacities needed by industry stakeholders. From the best practices in Germany and Switzerland, the apprenticeship scheme is one of the very suitable models for that purpose."

The local companies signing MoUs with IBTE to provide on-the-job-training for apprentices in the NTec Apprenticeship in Automotive Technician and NTec Apprenticeship in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning are QAF Auto Sdn Bhd, Ams Oil Pro Auto Services Sdn Bhd, Bengkel Kereta Berakas Sdn Bhd, Gadong Autoparts, GHK Motors, Grand Motors Sdn Bhd, Jati Transport Sdn Bhd, NBT (Brunei) Sdn Bhd, Premier Motors Sdn Bhd, Setia Motors Sdn Bhd, Sin Hing Auto Supply, TCY Motors Sdn Bhd, and two development services companies – Aconkleen Company and Daniel Engineering and Supply Sdn Bhd.

The signing aims to further foster ties between IBTE and the companies to facilitate training for students to reach the industry standards and needs and to fulfil the demand for skilled workforce.





THE TVET ACADEMY was established in November 2018 and officially launched on 7th July 2020 with the aim of providing opportunities and pathways in developing teacher standards and qualities; TVET Academy has also formed a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) section. The CPD section aims to provide continuous professional development courses, workshops, seminars and trainings, which are TVET-related to both teaching and non-teaching instructors/teachers from the IBTE community, public and private organizations and external stakeholders.

TVET Academy organized a series of courses, workshops, seminars and trainings that provided opportunities for Teacher Trainees of Foundation in Technical Education (FTE), Certificate of Technical Education (CTE), Diploma in Technical Education (DTE), IBTE Staff and Teachers, and other external stakeholders, as part of the initiative for Continuous Professional Development over the course of 2021. The courses, workshops, seminars and trainings ranges from the topic of; Coaching and Mentoring, Leadership and Management, Special Needs Education, Inclusive Education, Fundamentals of Teaching and Learning, and Competency-based Assessment amongst others.

TVET ACADEMY: CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Through Continuous Professional Development (CPD) trainings, career-minded teachers are expected to consistently sharpen their knowledge and skills, become more proficient and holistic in their roles as teachers and thereby becoming more effective and efficient with various aspects of their job roles.



COACHING AND MENTORING WORKSHOP

In relation to the specialization of skills in Coaching and Mentoring for teachers, TVET Academy had organized a one day workshop on 'Coaching and Mentoring' on 22 May 2021. The workshop was led by Madam Reena Lim Bee Yew, at TVET Academy – Training Room 1 and was participated by 13 teacher trainees of Foundation in Technical Education (FTE) programme.

The main objectives delivered during the Coaching and Mentoring workshop were to:

- Understand and distinguish the differences between coaching, mentoring and counselling, and the circumstances that warrant one approach or other
- Introduce the basic principles and strategies of coaching in an educational setting, and
- Practise some key skills in peer coaching, using an appropriate coaching model

Along with the objectives, the workshop also examined knowledge on:

- Fundamental of Coaching: Definitions, Goals, Ethics and Boundaries
- Personal qualities of an effective coach
- Coaching Skills and Strategies
- The GROW Model

Consequently, the workshop had provided an opportunity for the FTE teacher trainees to further develop their skills through the introductory 'Coaching and Mentoring' workshop.



RELIEVE STRESS, RECHARGE AND INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY

In line with cultivating high performances and productivities within the workforce, TVET Academy had organized a one day online workshop – ‘Relieve Stress, Recharge and Increase Productivity’ conducted and delivered by Mr. Chandraseagran Suppiah, Director/ Consultant & Trainer, from Mind Drive Sdn Bhd. through Zoom conference. The workshop was held at IBTE Headquarters, Conference Room (P1) on 17 February 2021. A total of 30 participants, from IBTE staff and teacher trainees from CTE and DTE programmes had joined the eventful workshop.

The workshop’s objectives were to:

- Understand individual’s own stressors, symptoms, patterns and its impact
- Be aware of the dynamics of personal life and work life in relation to stress
- Challenge and change behaviour patterns
- Managing stressful situations at home and at work effectively
- Apply skills and strategies to use stress positively for happiness and empowerment

The workshop had also explored and discussed the areas of; i) The Psychology and Physiology of Stress, ii) Self-Exploration – Personal Stress Profile, iii) Practical Strategies for Managing Stress and iv) Recharge: Mental Health and Work Life Balance.



ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES WORK VISIT

The management of IBTE Sultan Bolkiah Campus welcome 11 personnel from RBAF for their work visit to the campus Mechanical & Machining and Welding workshops.

Objective of this visit was to foster relationship among RBAF personnel and IBTE personnel, and monitoring progress of RBAF staffs who are currently under HNTec in Mechanical Engineering with Armament of School of Energy and Engineering Satellite programme.



On the 25th and 26th March 2021, IBTE participated in the Hengyi Open Day held at Airport Mall, 3rd Floor, Dewan Mahligai, alongside with Universiti Brunei Darussalam and Politeknik Brunei.

This was an opportunity for the public to ask our Teaching instructors, Registrars and Hengyi personnel on the two Diploma programmes we offered in IBTE.

The Diploma (BDQF Level 5) in Refinery Operator (Hengyi) is a 3 years course - 1 year institutional based (study in IBTE) , 1 year study in Lanzhou petrochemical polytechnic college & 1 year on the job training at Hengyi Petrochemical Plant, Pulau Muara Besar.

Whereas, for Diploma (BDQF Level 5) in Control and Automation Engineering (Hengyi), it is a 3 years programme, which is 1 year on The Job Training at Hengyi Petrochemical Plant, PMB, and 2 years Institutional Based Training in IBTE.



HENGYI OPEN DAY



IBTE NEWS BITES



IBTE Mechanical Campus received recognition from EnEvo Sdn Bhd for their effort in collecting 1,015 kg worth of waste paper to be recycled. In this contribution towards Brunei's environmental sustainability, the campus achieved Top 5 amongst schools in Brunei for 2020. A certificate was presented to Cg Norjanah binti Jafaradin, the Operation Manager of the campus. The certificate was presented by Mr Tan Kheng Tong, the General Manager of EnEvo Sdn Bhd.



A one-day event 'IBTE Market Day 2021' was held at Wafa Hotel on the 21st January. This event was specially for IBTE Class of 2020 graduates. DST Sdn Bhd & LiveWire Brunei had sponsored the event and was officiated by Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) Yang Mulia Dr Hj Azman bin Ahmad.



On the 3rd February, IBTE Agro-Technology Campus welcomed JASTRe to host an Environmental Awareness Talk that was tailored to the students' programme - NTec in Food Processing.

The talk covered a brief introduction to JASTRe, and a presentation on "Food Manufacturer and Food Consumer in the Waste Hierarchy" based on the students' background. Activities were also incorporated during the session to further enhance awareness and creativity of the students.



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IBTE dan 17 companies from the Hospitality Industry for the programme NTec Apprenticeship in Professional Coeekery and Services Julai 2020 session held at Garden's Veranda, Rimba Garden Central on the 27th January 2021.

The event was attended by the Guest of Honour, Hj Shariful Bahri bin Hj Sawas, Timbalan Pesuruhjaya Buruh. Signing on behalf of IBTE was Dr Hj Mohd Zamri bin Hj Sabli, Acting Director of IBTE dan Awang Armi Durani bin Hj Durhman, Principal of IBTE Central, and representatives of each company respectively.



On the 18th of February, 40 students and 3 instructors from IBTE Sultan Bolkiah Campus visited Royal Brunei Airline. Students and Instructors are given the opportunity to talk to an aviation engineer about a career in aviation and to experience the preflight check of cabin crew before the plane next voyage.



On the 22nd of February, a flag hoisting ceremony was held simultaneously for all IBTE campuses at 8am to mark Brunei Darussalam's 37th National Day. The event saw the attendance of staff and students singing the National Anthem as the flag hoisted tasked by representative of Student Union which later ended with a recital of Doa to seek blessing from Allah SWT for the country safety, peace & harmony



On the 11th March, a 'Tree Planting for Climate Save Movement' event in conjunction with 'EARTH DAY 2021' was held at Berakas Forest Recreation Park attended by Cikgu Haji Mohd Sofian bin Haji Lamit, Operation Manager, IBTE Business Campus, instructors as well as Environmental Club members of IBTE School of Business. Also attended were officers from Forestry Department, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT).



On the 12th May, School of ICT under IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus organised a cleaning campaign at Kampong Pulaie Mosque, held in conjunction with the holy month of Ramadhan. IBTE staffs and students were cleaning up the vicinity of the mosque and the Kg Pulaie Muslim Cemetery. A Waqf was presented by the Head of School, Cg Hjh Rohani binti Hj Mohd Salleh to the Imam of Kg Pulaie Mosque, Hj Mohammad Nur Alif bin Haji Talib. The day concluded with the recital of Surah Yaasin, Tahليل and Zohor prayers.



Starting from 19th January, the Corporate Communication unit have arranged for the annual talks on Road To IBTE, BTEC To IBTE, and TVECAS Workshops to all the government secondary schools with the arrangements done by Unit Pendidikan Kerjaya, Ministry of Education. The Corporate Communication Unit have also arranged to give the Road To IBTE talks with private schools to benefit their students and teachers too. The purpose of these talks is to inform the students of what programmes available, how to use the e-prospectus, how to apply to IBTE. This help to reduce any confusion coming from the public during when application is open for new intake to IBTE.



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