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Front Cover: Dessert, and pictured above Chicken Wellington prepared by the School of Hospitality and Tourism, for the Guest of Honour and IBTE Management during the Pesta Konvo 2022. The food was prepared in the school's kitchen at IBTE sultan Saiful Rijal Campus, Jalan Muara and transported to the event and were plated on-site.

32nd BRUNEI DARUSSALAM TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION 2022

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM CELEBRATES TEACHER'S DAY to commemorate and appreciate teachers' contribution in educating the young generation in the country every 23rd September. The celebration is part of efforts to elevate the teaching profession that has contributed in developing human resource capacity in Brunei Darussalam. This year, the Teacher's Day Celebration was held on Tuesday, 1 Rabiulawal 1444 corresponding to the 27th September 2022 at the Plenary Hall, International Convention Centre (ICC) with 6500 teachers from all over the country in attendance.



His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and members of the Royal Family attended the 32nd Brunei Darussalam Teacher's Day Celebration.

His Majesty consented to presenting the Teacher's Day awards to recipients from 2020, 2021 and 2022 which consisted of 1 recipient of the Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien (SHOAS) Education Award, 6 Meritorious Teacher Award recipients, 23 Excellent Teacher Award recipients and 79 Special Mention Teacher's Day Appreciation Award recipients.

At the end of the event, His Majesty and members of the Royal Family consented to a photo session with the award recipients and members of Brunei Darussalam 32nd National Teachers Day Celebration 2022 Executive Committee. His Majesty also viewed an exhibition in conjunction with the 32nd Teacher's Day Celebration, 2022 at the lobby of ICC.

The concept of the exhibition focuses on two areas in line with this year's theme, 'GURU BERKUALITI PEMACU TRANSFORMASI PENDIDIKAN' as follows:

- 1) Centerpiece Room - Excerpts from His Majesty's Titah and poem of Al-Marhum Begawan Sultan
- 2) Exhibition Hall - The Transformation of Education before, during and after COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam





ANUGERAH GURU CEMERLANG 2020
Cikgu Norjemee bin Jenek
(Acting) Deputy CEO Academic
IBTE Headquarters

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ANUGERAH GURU CEMERLANG 2022
Cikgu Reini binti Haji Bujang
School of Energy and Engineering Satellite
IBTE Jefri Bolkih Campus

ANUGERAH PENGHARGAAN HARI GURU TAHUN 2020

Cikgu Manuel Inosanto Victoria
School of Energy and Engineering Satellite
IBTE Jefri Bolkih Campus

ANUGERAH PENGHARGAAN HARI GURU TAHUN 2021

Cikgu Wena Ninatasha binti Haji Hamidon
School of Hospitality and Tourism
IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus

ANUGERAH PENGHARGAAN HARI GURU TAHUN 2022

Cikgu Haji Mohammad Zulhafiz Aslam bin Haji Omar Ali
School of Agro-Technology and Applied Science
IBTE Agro-Technology and Applied Science Campus

Congratulations



Cikgu Wena



Cikgu Zul



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IBTE personnel involved with the Hari Guru ke-32 event

H.E. Yu Hong, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam attended and delivered the opening remarks



ASEAN STUDENTS TALK WITH TAIKONAUTS



ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 2022, THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM in collaboration with the Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), held "ASEAN Students' Talk with Taikonauts" at IBTE School of Aviation. H.E. Yu Hong, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam attended and delivered the remarks. Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md Salleh, Minister of Education of Brunei attended the event as the Guest of Honour, together with Yang Mulia Dr. Haji Azman bin Ahmad, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education of Brunei, Yang Mulia Dr. Chin Wei Keh, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Education of Brunei, senior management members, lecturers and 100 students from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB), Politeknik Brunei (PB) and IBTE.



H.E. Yu Hong said in the remarks that China's dream to explore the cosmos has never been an isolated one. China hopes that the realization of this dream will contribute to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind and to the development of human civilization. China is ready to work with all countries committed to the peaceful uses of outer space, including Brunei and other ASEAN countries, to carry out more international cooperation and exchanges. At the just-concluded 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), General Secretary Xi Jinping emphasized that China has always been committed to its foreign policy goals of upholding world peace and promoting common development. China is ready to work with Brunei and other ASEAN countries to promote world peace and development.



The "ASEAN Students' Talk with Taikonauts" was co-organized by the ASEAN-China Center and World Affairs Press, guided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and China Manned Space Office.

The main venue was set up in Beijing, and sub-venues were set up in ASEAN countries including Brunei.

Teenagers from the ten ASEAN countries had the opportunity to ask the three Taikonauts questions. Taikonauts Chen Dong, Liu Yang, and Cai Xuzhe are currently on a mission at the Tiangong space station, and the trio answered questions on life in space, scientific experiments, and the growth that they have experienced.

Simultaneous interpretation between Chinese, English and local language of participating ASEAN countries allowed everyone to express their ideas easily and better understand one another.



THE FIRST NATIONAL MARITIME DIALOGUE

THE MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (MPABD), in partnership with Brunei Gas Carriers (BGC), the Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), and the Manpower Planning and Employment Council (MPEC) recently hosted the country's first National Maritime Dialogue (NMD).

The dialogue aims to provide a platform for the local maritime community to highlight and showcase areas of interest in maritime development—critical to the nation's readiness to support the growth of the maritime industry.

It also serves as an avenue for the local maritime community to pause, focus, learn, and reflect on the key learnings across the maritime industry.

In his remarks, Chief Executive of MPABD Captain Abdul Mateen Abdurrahman Liew, who is also Managing Director of BGC, highlighted the critical role that the maritime industry plays in providing employment to aspiring cadets and mariners to explore the diverse employment opportunities available within the local maritime industry.

Through the dialogue, he hoped that all the industry players and relevant stakeholders can build on this relationship to cultivate the right maritime ecosystem which investigates all aspects of maritime development, including elevating competency standards following internationally recognised accreditations.

The National Maritime Dialogue also inaugurated two important cooperation

milestones through the signing of a Service Agreement between BGC and IBTE and the Secondment Agreement between BGC and Brupars.

The first-panel discussion was organised with representatives from MPABD, MPEC, BGC, Brunei Maritime Academy (BMA), and Ministry of Finance and Economy (MoFE) on the topic of "Brunei's readiness to meet the future demand for seafaring in the changing environment."

The discussion helped shed some light on the impact of COVID-19 on shipping companies not just in Brunei but also globally, highlighting the need to adapt to the volatile nature of the industry, and recognising the vital role that seafarers play in supporting international trade.

In attendance at the dialogue was Minister of Transport and Infocommunications Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha.

In celebration of this year's Day of the Seafarer 2022, with the theme "Your Voyage— Then and Now, Share Your Journey", a second-panel discussion took place in the

afternoon involving representatives from the Manpower Industry Steering Committee (MISC), BGC, Brupars, and Brunei Shell Petroleum (BSP).

The panelists highlighted some of the major improvements made throughout the years in the areas of operations, technology, and standards — giving the audience a brief overview of Brunei's early maritime history.

The key highlight of the dialogue was the official launch of the Brunei Darussalam Maritime Competency Framework, jointly developed by the relevant industry stakeholders through the Manpower Industry Steering Committee (MISC), with the objective of standardising the requirements and competencies for the maritime industry of Brunei Darussalam.



WHAT IS DAY OF THE SEAFARER?

25 JUNE OF EACH YEAR is the "Day of the Seafarer", recognizing the invaluable contribution seafarers make to international trade and the world economy, often at great personal cost to themselves and their families.

Governments, shipping organizations, companies, shipowners and all other parties concerned are invited to promote and celebrate the Day in an appropriate and meaningful manner.

The Day of the Seafarer was first celebrated in 2011, following its establishment by a resolution adopted by the Conference of Parties to the International Convention on

Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, held in Manila, Philippines, in June 2010, which adopted major revisions to the STCW Convention and Code.

The Day of the Seafarer has now been included in the annual list of United Nations Observances.

The Day of the Seafarer is also an opportunity to educate the public about issues facing the modern-day seafarer - issues such as piracy. But, most importantly, it is the occasion for us, the world, to say, Thank you, seafarers.



**DAY OF THE
SEAFARER**
— 25 JUNE —

MOU BETWEEN SENG HOE HUAT GROUP OF CO. AND IBTE

For a successful apprenticeship programme, Dr Haji Mohd Zamri bin Haji Sabli, IBTE CEO said, "It is important that companies see the value of participating in the apprenticeship system. IBTE would like to encourage companies to take up the scheme as the apprenticeship training system has been proven successful in Brunei and other countries."

Seng Hoe Huat Group of Companies Director Wong Hui Ting said, "IBTE's commitment into the dual system apprenticeship presents excellent opportunities for students to learn by doing. Classroom learning plays an important role, but our youth have much to gain from the real world that is often difficult to stimulate in the classroom. With that said, IBTE has taken the step to bridge the distance between the classroom and employment. The key to the growth of our diverse business portfolio extends to our team".

Our culture relies on building a healthy support system that promotes an environment for learning, sharing and helping each other to achieve the best results. There is no greater investment than our employees and future apprentices, as they represent the main guiding principles of our companies."

She believed that the partnership will bring together a diverse crew of like-minded and talented individuals that will show team spirit, coupled with support, encouragement, mentorship and gained creativity. In line with Brunei Vision 2035, she hopes the collaboration will shape and prepare the youth for employment and greater achievements in relevant industries.

Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications Ir Haji Mohammad Nazri bin Haji Mohammad Yusof, guest of honour, witnessed the signing.

Signing on behalf of IBTE was Dr Haji Mohd Zamri and witnessed by IBTE Central Acting Principal Hajah Rohani binti Haji Mohammad Salleh, while Wong inked on the dotted line, witnessed by Jeremy Chung Yaw Chuan. The signing involved four companies under Seng How Huat Group of Companies – Seng Hoe Huat Auto Accessories Service Company, Auto Gadgets (AG) Company, Autopro Tyre Company and Momocorse Auto Company.



Dr Haji Mohd Zamri bin Haji Sabli, IBTE CEO



Seng Hoe Huat Group of Companies Director Wong Hui Ting





IBTE HOST VIRTUAL TOUR WITH KAJANG VOCATIONAL COLLEGE



A virtual tour was the beginning of a fruitful bilateral relationship between the Institute of Brunei Technical Education and Kajang Vocational College. The virtual tour addressed the changing needs and challenges in the world today and the importance of the role of vocational and technical education to ensure our learners are equipped with the right skills, ready to enter the industry and be job-ready, and to perform their tasks at a level that is of a high quality and dedication. The virtual tour also highlighted the crucial role of TVE institutions in contributing to the social and economic development of a country, as it helps identify and nurture local talents and skills of youths. The main goals as technical and vocational institutions is to be able to expand our network internationally and increase the exchange of knowledge and information from our regional counterparts. With the sharing of best practices from both parties during the virtual tour meeting, both sides benefitted with the new knowledge shared and learning from each other's accomplishments and challenges. It is hoped new milestones will be built in this partnership beyond this virtual tour through the deepening of engagement between the Kajang Vocational College and IBTE.



*Best Student Award, Student Special Award
& Best Teacher Trainee Award*

Congratulations

**Stories from IBTE Award recipients:
Their inspiration, their motivation, and how
they manage to overcome their challenges**



**Aziemah Diyanah Binti Bujang
@ Aziemah Diyanah Kamaludin
TVET Academy
BEST TEACHER TRAINEE AWARD**

'Cuba Saja', 'Just try'. My mother kept saying this to me. This kept me going. This meant that when you are afraid or worried to do something, take a long breath and think how well you can try. How would you know you succeeded or failed if you did not even try. So I would 'zikir'. The *zikir* would calm my mind and heart. I would tell myself 'cuba dulu or cuba saja'. During those difficult moments, I reminded myself to try first before being unnecessarily worried. Those fears and worries in our mind will not help and it will only stop you from performing.

It was challenging at times in TVET Academy such as trying to meet multiple assignments

deadline or not knowing how to start some of the assignments. Up side was meeting different teachers and instructors from different backgrounds. Overall, I had a wonderful experience. I learned so much that I am able to make my teaching more exciting.

You must have passions and patience to teach and helping others. To pursue a career in teaching, you must be open-minded when teaching and helping others as you will face different mindset and levels of knowledge and skills. As a teacher teaching student, you need to have an open mind to be able learn from others too.



**Nur Aqidah Iwani binti Hoji Rosli
HNTec in Hospitality Operation
School of Hospitality and Tourism
IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus
BEST STUDENT AWARD**

Cooking and baking are my passion. I enjoy creating new recipes, something that is delicious and flavourful. Through cooking, one ventures into new undiscovered territories (recipes). This programme gave me a platform to explore more, meet new people and learn from different cultures while at the same time delivering my skills.

In the two years I gained new skills and incredible experiences in this hospitality industry from the people who came from all corners of the world who are working behind the reception desk, to the kitchen and restaurant, hotel management and housekeeping. They have brought along



their language and culture and ideas and experiences on how to efficiently work within this industry.

This industry is extremely diverse and extensive, jobs opportunity is limitless. Setting SMART goals on how to achieve my dreams gave me direction in life. Don't be afraid to be different and do something outside of your comfort zone. You never know you might just end up managing a hotel, set up a fancy resort, run a restaurant, a Michelin star chef and more!



Azzarina binti Mohd. Akhmalnizam
HNTec in Agro-Technology
specialized in Crop Technology
School of Agro-Technology and Applied Science
STUDENT SPECIAL AWARD

Both of my grandparents have their own agriculture-based business. Whenever I worked with my grandparents at the farm, I felt joy, I found it compelling and performed well. That was how I realized my fortune lies in agriculture and it inspired me to pursue my study in the field and to work in the agriculture industry.

The advancement in technological usage in agriculture fascinate me. During my first year, I studied basic introduction to Agrotechnology which mostly focused on technological processes in agriculture. This involved studying crop and livestock, production of food, aquaculture, use of farm machineries, sustainability and environment management as well as basic knowledge in agribusiness. During my second year, I chose crop technology as my specialised course. During specialisation, I studied production technology of arable crops where I learned about different types of farming I also gained knowledge in landscape horticulture, mushroom culture, and studied farm machinery operation and maintenance.

I learned during my studies to be self-disciplined, try to avoid distractions and manage your time, learn you're your mistakes, and always ask question, do not be embarrassed to ask. This helped me a lot in my studies and my future. Every aspect of my life motivates me to strive for my dreams. My family and friends played a significant role in inspiring me to be the best version of

myself. I hope to be able to prove my success to them after guiding me in so many ways.

"When you feel like giving up don't think about the pain and complain. Hang in there, you're almost there."



Dk Siti Nurul Nadzirah Pg Othman
TVET Academy
BEST TEACHER TRAINEE AWARD

My experience with TVET Academy was amazing and I learnt a lot from A-Z. I experienced both online learning and face-to-face learning and using various technology to ease our teaching-learning at the Academy. Even though I had 7 years of teaching experience prior to coming into TVET Academy, I prepared myself by assuming I had zero knowledge of teaching. That way, I was able to accept and have an open-mind of what I was taught during TVET Academy.

The TVET Academy programme was well-rounded and had taught me in all aspects of teaching ranging from assessments, classroom management, teacher standards, leadership skills and professional conduct. I enjoyed the Teaching Assistantship and Teaching Practice course the Academy offered as I learned from experienced supervisors and mentors. The workload at the Academy tended to be over-whelming at times yet interesting and brain-racking yet I enjoyed every minute completing the tasks given.

I pursued teaching because of my love and passion to teach. You have to be caring towards your students, when students feel cared, they become more confident and are genuinely invested in their education. It is our main responsibility to provide that education to our students. As teachers we should have an open mind and open to new ideas especially as we are moving towards becoming digital citizens. There are many technologies and pedagogies that can be explored that are suited to our future generations and it is not enough for us to just continue with traditional classroom learning. We need to be adaptive to these situations and search for continuous ways to improve our teaching and our student's learning.



Haji Abdul Wa'iz bin Haji Saidin
HNTec in Construction Engineering
School of Building Technology Services
IBTE Nakhoda Ragam Campus
BEST STUDENT AWARD

I had been curious how the construction industry work whenever I saw a construction site. I have this vision of modernizing and shaping our country's development one day. Now that I had completed my studies, it made me appreciate this area even more.

I loved my student life when I was studying in IBTE Nakhoda Ragam Campus. Not just doing all the assignments and practicals the programme required us to do, it was the other things like volunteering for various events and taking up roles my group leader assigned me to such as being a class representative. It was challenging but I love it as it allowed me to improve on my leadership skills and taught me responsibilities and self-discipline, managing my time wisely to be able to do all those activities, and still able to focus on my work.

The 3 months industrial attachment at Ministry of Education gave me more new skills and the experience made me appreciate the programme even more. I am thankful for my parents who supported me throughout my ups and downs when I was studying in IBTE, and my Group Leader Cikgu Ikhwanuddin for always giving the best advice to push me through.



Inspiring Stories: Best Student Award

Hajah Fairuz Jamalina Haji Abdul Malek
HNTec in Automobile Technology
School of Energy and Engineering,
IBTE Mechanical Campus

“What defines us is how well we rise after falling.” ~ Lionel Bloch

I was always curious in automobile, how they are made, how every part function, how they are maintained and how to repair them. We all know a car can cause a lot of problems once it reached 7 years of age, regular servicing is needed, maintenance and repair, all of these cost a lot of money. Hence, this created my interest in learning how to solve different kind of cars problems so I can reduce the amount of money spent on vehicles. I found that assembling and disassembling car parts are interesting, it is like playing a puzzle where you have to think, create and then solve. This also helped improve my way of tackling different problems in life.

I admit it was hard to catch up at first with all the modules but slowly what I was learning started to make sense. My interest and passion on this programme grew as time goes by especially during the practical session. Theories are nothing without practical when it comes to developing skill. With the help from my lecturers and friends, the discussion, sharing and exchange of knowledge, and presentation, all help in creating the learning process fun. On top of that the three months industrial attachment experienced helped to sharpen and widen my knowledge and skills more.

The feelings of really wanting to make my parents proud was the main reason to keep on going, my sister was my pillar of support, my friends and lecturers who gives constant encouragement whenever I struggled. All of them motivated me to study hard, to never give up and to keep trying throughout my studies. Two years seemed like a long period but it flew by in a blink of an eye. It was a rollercoaster ride that started slow and full of doubts, but I am glad I closed this chapter with a great ending and confidence.

I want future students to know this, it always seems impossible until it is done. Trust yourself that *“you are Braver than you believe, Stronger than you seem and Smarter than you think.”* – A.A.Milne.

Have a faith and put your trust in Allah.



Inspiring Stories: Best Student Award

Nadiah Zafirah binti Haji Samsudin
HNTec Agrotechnology
(Specializing in Crop Technology),
School of Agro-Technology and Applied Sciences,
IBTE Agro-Technology Campus

My *niat* was simple – to graduate. I had dropped out from school twice. It was not something I'm proud to admit but it is something I had come to terms with. When I decided to continue my studies, I made a promise to myself that no matter what happens, I will graduate and I wanted my family to finally see I did it.

There was a story about a person contemplating whether to continue his studies given his age and his friend replied, "In three years, you're still going to be 40. Would you rather be 40 with or without a degree?" And that story just stuck with me. I'm 26 and most friends my age already had a job during a time I was trying to get back to school. It was one of the things that helped me get my priorities straight, I shouldn't just look where everyone else was but rather, where I am and where do I want to go?

Before I chose to do HNTec in Agrotechnology, I had a growing interest in gardening. It started with a small pot just outside my window and grew to a small garden in our garage. I had no background in agriculture and I nagged my dad to teach me, he used to have a farm, then I started to see that I could have a career in it. My garden was small but it made me happy when my mum would ask me for something to garnish her food. The vegetables I grew yield only a few but they were good. Seeing people's happy faces when I gave them pots of herbs gave me a warm, soothing feeling to be able to share what I was able to grow with others.

One of the experiences I remembered well during my studies was a module where my group decided to take care of eggplants. We needed to prepare the land for growing; tilling the soil, making drainages, and so on. Then, unfortunately, the second wave of Covid-19 hits and everything we did came to a halt. When we came back, tall grass was everywhere and we had to start all over again. We had so much tilling, everyone was comfortable working with a rotavator, a tilling machine, by the time we were done. Even though we were back in school, we still needed to follow the SOP and we couldn't be there all the time. There were days where I needed to ask permission from my Group Leader to be allowed to be in school to take care of the eggplants. It was during those days where I had time to manage any issues such as covering up any holes to stop the snails from getting to the plants, to how to hand pollinate flowers because the bees couldn't enter the greenhouse. It was tiring but fun.

My advice for those who is thinking of pursuing the same programme, you need to have a curiosity in the subject and want to learn more. Know that it is hard work and there are days when you and your friends are just exhausted. I will always remember the time when someone came and offered their hand even though it was not their task to do, so always offer to help when you can. Don't be afraid to ask questions and to do your research, school can help you lay your foundation but it is you who decide what you want to build on it.





**Muhammad Adam Aiman bin Haji
Mohamad Firman**
**NTec in Industrial Machining and
Maintenance**
School of Energy and Engineering
IBTE Sultan Bolkuah Campus
STUDENT SPECIAL AWARD

"If you can dream it, you can do it, and if you want it, work for it" - Adam Aiman

I am very focused in pursuing my goal in life and I hope to be an example for my siblings that you just need focus to get what you want. This programme made me realized every module taught was beneficial and a necessity to do well if I want to get through to achieve higher and further with high grades. My instructors were all amazing and great at motivating and were very supportive.

Aside from studying I was active with most of the extracurricular and non-academic activities in and outside of campus. This was how I disciplined myself to push myself forward, to stay motivated and to take action regardless of how I felt. I believe that setbacks and failures are part of life. Learn the lesson and move on. There is a saying, stop worrying how it's going to happen and start believing it will. Trust in Allah, never give up and make doa.

Alhamdulillah I am blessed to be surrounded by people who inspire and uplift me daily, I made amazing and kind-hearted friends and a very loving, understanding and supportive family. Everything that we do must come from our heart. Stay focused on your dreams, allow your passion to become your purpose, always push yourself because no one else is going to do it for you. And never stop learning.



Hannajuanati binti Wahit
HNTec in Business and Finance
School of Business
IBTE Business Campus
BEST STUDENT AWARD

Looking at this current economy, it is hard to find a job. But by doing business studies, I hope I am able to develop skills that will be relevant in most area of work, and that was how I made my choice to do this programme. In the two years of my studies in IBTE, on top of the lessons, there were lots of new things that I experienced and participated in such as co-curricular activities, volunteering, visiting, field trip, event management and motivational talk sessions.

Biggest thanks to my family, friends, classmates, and instructors for their endless support and encouragement. I am thankful I never gave up on myself. I had such a positive experience in my time at IBTE, I can look back with fond memories and best of all, the ever lasting friendships I have made.



**Adiman Raziq Fakhri bin Haji Abdul
Rahman**
HNTec Business & Finance
School of Business
IBTE Business Campus
STUDENT SPECIAL AWARD

I know a lot of people are afraid to try new things, you will not know until you try, as I was the same like you, I was afraid of change but I went and tried anyway, It was the most enjoyable 2 years of learning I had experienced! Studying in IBTE had its challenging and rewarding moments, but I was motivated with the desire to climb to new and higher places and to improve myself. I am thankful for my parents and

instructor Miss Hidawati and my programme mates that helped me get through this programme. I hope to one day start my own business.



Hamzi bin Haji Tahir
HNTec in Electronic Engineering
School of Aviation
IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus
BEST STUDENT AWARD

I am a Weapon Engineer in The Royal Brunei Navy. I took on this programme to further my knowledge and career. I had learned so much and it was challenging at times especially for the final year project we had to do. I did my industrial attachment at the Weapon Workshop (TEMD), the Electrical Workshop (MMS) and the Maritime Technical School (MTS), all under the Royal Brunei Navy in keeping with my specialization.

I had a lot of support from family and instructors and course mates while doing the programme. It was hard work but I knew the usefulness of this programme as I want to further my engineering career. Have a never give up attitude if you want to pursue this field. Every time I feel like giving up, I remember the person that said I was not good enough, and with determination I tell myself, just watch me and see how far I can go.



Nurhazirah binti Zakaria
HNTec Electronics and Media Technology
School of Aviation
IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus
STUDENT SPECIAL AWARD

I wanted to familiarize myself into the world of electronics and audio, I have visions of producing my own music in the future. I



enjoyed all 4 semesters, surrounded with supportive friends and wonderful instructors, these people made learning enjoyable.

My advice to future students, always revise all the things you learned, do not leave revision to the last minute even if you think the topic was easy. Select your Final Year Project wisely, make sure it is something you are really into and passionate about, because it will make the work run smoothly and a breeze when it is time to present, you won't need a script!



Dayangku Siti Nur Wardina
binti Pengiran Rooslan
Ntec In Crop and Livestock Production
School of Agro-Technology
and Applied Science
BEST STUDENT AWARD

“Do something today that your future self will thank you for”

Agriculture attract the minds of entrepreneurs. My whole semester was a rollercoaster of an experience. From classes and assignments to practical field works. My toughest battle was balancing my priorities and friends. It is okay to work through your journeys alone, know that war wins for the last one standing. Redesign your brain, make new habits. Allow yourself to grow, trying things out of your comfort zone and see where it leads you. Diving into paths, getting to know earth a little more and how it can benefit you in various ways. Agriculture is so much more than an underground seed. Best of luck and with patience, your future is in your hand.



Qurratu'ain Nur Amnina
binti Awang Khalidi
HNTec in Hospitality Operations
School of Hospitality and Tourism
IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus
STUDENT SPECIAL AWARD

I chose this programme because I am passionate about food, I have been cooking and baking since I was a kid and recalled whenever a cooking or baking show was aired on television, I look forward to it and convinced myself that will be me and hope to open up my own bakery or café one day. My desire to broaden my skill set was another factor in my decision how I chose to study in this programme.

I discovered the most crucial element in the hospitality industry was an “Act of Kindness,” which inspired, motivated, and encouraged me to show kindness and patience to everyone with whom I have or may come into contact with in my professional and personal lives.

I was in the School of Hospitality and Tourism for the past four years and I have gained the “tools” I needed to achieve my dreams, just give it a shot, follow your passions, and have faith in yourself because if we never try, we will never know how far we can go. Additionally, by enrolling in this programme, you will have more employment opportunities for the future.



Dk Amiratul Wajihah binti Pg Zainin
NTEC in Business and Administration
School of Business
IBTE Business Campus
BEST STUDENT AWARD

“Success is no accident. It is hard

work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” ~ Pelé

I wanted a field of study that allowed me to develop my knowledge on the things I have interest in such as writing, computer skills, organizing documents as well as data, and administration which shaped my decision on what programme to apply.

I struggled and faced challenges especially during online classes where I needed to study despite constant distractions. I wanted to give up but I reminded myself why I am doing this. I always reached out to my module instructors, close relatives, as well as friends to ask questions regarding my studies and Alhamdulillah, I managed to get through it all.

This programme gave me an opportunity to learn and grow. I learned about setting up a business, decision-making, time management, etiquette, and more.

Importantly, I learned we should not feel ashamed to ask for help or be afraid to do something new. We have to overcome our fears and not let it control us, because we are more than capable than what we believe ourselves to be. There will be a lot of hardships along the way but you should never give up. It has been an honour to get to learn so many things from this programme.



Nur Aziyah binti Hj Abd Aziz
NTec in Building Craft
School of Building Technology Services
IBTE Nakhoda Ragam Campus
STUDENT SPECIAL AWARD

The Building Craft programme provided knowledge and skills for Bricklaying, Plumbing, Welding, Painting and Carpentry. Every month the module changes and we learned new things and different skills keeping this programme interesting. I wanted to learn from the grounds up so I can pursue HNTec Dual TVET in Construction Engineering for the future. I surrounded myself with good friends and great instructors who helped me to stay focused during my studies at IBTE. I took steps to get out of my comfort zone and it improved my confidence and abilities. (Cont Page 19)

Inspiring Stories: Best Student Award

Erni Suriani @Amira Nabilah binti Azlan
NTec in Rooms Division Operations
School of Hospitality and Tourism,
IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus

'There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure'.

This was a blessing that Allah gave me when the school offered this programme and *Doa's* from my parents for me to continue my education even though this was not the first choice programme. I decided to take on this programme to learn new things and take on the challenges. I was intrigued when I discovered that this programme provide hospitality services such as front office and housekeeping.

I have learnt a lot in this programme. I learnt how to install and replace linens and duvet covers, as well as locate amenities and room supplies on the housekeeper's trolley. I learned how to treat guests with professionalism and how to respond when they are dissatisfied with the service they have received. I also learnt about the front office in this programme, which consists of four departments: Reservations, Operator, Concierge, and Receptionist.

I started working as an intern every Saturdays at The Empire Hotel in Jerudong. It serves as a warm-up before the industrial attachment. Only 8 interns worked at The Empire Hotel from my batch and the others were placed at other hotels. Unfortunately our internship was cut short as the number of covid cases increased during that time and endangering our safety. Due to the increasingly aggressive covid, we were also unable to do our industrial attachment, and instead we were required to create videos regarding the modules we learn during semester 1 and semester 2 to show and demonstrate we understood what were taught.

My outstanding grades encouraged me to study harder and to pursue a polytechnic and university education in the future. I was able to achieve this achievement thus far owing to my parents' unceasing prayers (*doa*) and encouragement. My instructor always encouraged us to persevere through all the lessons we studied and urged us to draw lessons from our own mistakes in order to advance our knowledge and academic standing.

For those of you who want to enroll to IBTE, you must be sincerely interested, not because your family or friends told you to. Pursuing a programme in IBTE is independent of other people's choices or decisions, and it is your choice for your own future. Ask your career teachers in school to help you decide what programme is for you. You should diligently study if you want to receive a high grade. You can enroll in this programme if you are interested in the hotel industry, it is highly beneficial for those who want to work in this industry.



Inspiring Stories: Best Student Award

Arie Eleazar Linggi Teo
NTec in Industrial Machining and
Maintenance
School of Energy and Engineering,
IBTE Sultan Bolkihah Campus

“Rather feel the pain of Discipline than the pain of Regret, so don’t just Open the door and close it” ~ Hafuza Husaini

Initially I applied for the sake of applying, but once I was accepted, I realized I was genuinely interested in the practices and learning on what was taught in machining and maintenance.

There was one time I made a mistake in one of my practical doing a turning on the lathe machine, I was afraid that my assessment grade would be low because of it, but my instructors and classmates encouraged me to try again, saying that everyone made mistakes, and I am so grateful for them because I restarted my practical from the beginning and did so much better. From there, I learned that it is okay to make mistakes because there are people on campus who can help, support and encourage me if I am having difficulty with a task.

My main motivation came from my family. I am very fortunate to have a very close relationship with them, who gave me great advice (especially my grandmother), supported me when I was at my lowest, and celebrated with me when I was at my highest. They pushed me to work hard and strive for excellence in this programme, which I never thought I could do.

What advice would you like to give for those who would like to take the same programme as yours? Work hard and don’t be afraid to seek assistance from a senior, instructors, or even a friend if necessary. If you find yourself losing motivation, remember why you started in the first place. Always maintain a positive attitude in everything you do. When you feel like giving up, remember that your goals will never be achieved if you do.



(Cont from Page 16) The practicals in the workshop was the biggest confidence builder.

My parents taught me to make every minute count when I was on campus as we live in Tutong and its quite a distance to get to. I learned to never give up, and tell myself 'I Can Do This!' every time my motivation wane and reminded myself why I am doing this programme and the results I must achieve. I set my intention to not disappoint my parents and it was joyous to see them so happy with the results I got.



Nur Mazlena binti Matzidi
NTec in Information Technology
School of Information and
Communication Technology
IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus
BEST STUDENT AWARD

I enjoy technology and specifically keeping up with the latest advances in the field of IT, so I wanted to turn my interest into a career. Doing online school during the pandemic was just a natural transition using tech and it was just easy and not stressful because I was in the comfort of my own room, at my desk in a comfy chair doing my class work, and I still get to talk with my friends. I was motivated with this vision of a good job and successful career, to do this I needed good grades.

Additionally, I enjoy learning new things. I find the process of learning new information interesting and rewarding in itself. Finally, seeing the progress I made over time also motivated me – each completed assignment or exam was another step closer to finishing my course. My advice is to study materials in-depth and not to rely on rote learning. When you study, make sure that you can explain the materials to yourself to ensure that you have understood properly and enjoy your time studying.



Dk Alfira Niza Binti Pg Zainal
HNTec in Information and Library
Studies
School of Information and
Communication Technology
IBTE Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus
STUDENT SPECIAL AWARD

I am passionate about reading books since primary school and enjoy spending my time in a library. When I saw that IBTE has a librarianship programme, I was intrigued and thought if I chose a programme related to my hobby, I could do my best!

Having had the opportunity to do an industrial attachment in one of Brunei's special libraries taught me a lot of new things and experienced the challenges of working as a librarian. The most memorable and interesting experience I had was when I was given hands-on assignments to deal with the library's damaged rare books, manuscripts and other reading collections. It made me want to learn more about the conservation and preservation process that the library practiced.

I am grateful to have supportive parents and family, particularly my cousins, who were my biggest motivators, I am especially thankful for the encouragement they gave me when I needed it. Also, thank you to all of my instructors for their invaluable advice and support, as well as to my classmates for influencing me to work hard in my studies.

My advice to anyone considering joining the same programme is you must develop the right mindset and discipline within yourself. Let your interest, enthusiasm and passion inspire you to pursue it.



Nur Sya'efatul Nuwairah binti Haji Gahni
NTec in Building Craft
School of Building Technology Services
IBTE Nakhoda Ragam Campus
BEST STUDENT AWARD

I was interested in construction and Building Craft as a programme which contain basic construction component such as AutoCad, bricklaying, carpentry, plumbing, painting and welding. In this programme I also learned about safety in the workplace and it is useful for us and easily remembered anytime and anywhere. I took on this programme was because I wanted to try something that challenged me physically and mentally. I learned how to handle difficult things, working under pressure and discovered new abilities as it challenged my limits. To future Building Craft juniors, do not give up no matter what. Nothing can stop you from reaching your goals as long as you work hard. Challenge yourself to do better each time and improve yourself with each step. Your goals will be met as long as you put in your best effort



Muhammad Aiman bin Joffery
ISQ in Welding
School of Energy and Engineering
IBTE Jefri Bolkihah Campus
BEST STUDENT AWARD

Whatever you call it - resilience, perseverance, or discipline - it's critical to your path towards success. Resilience is what keeps us going when motivation fails.

We are not a product of what has happened to us in our past. We have the power of choice." ~ Stephen Covey

PKBN PROGRAMME SHAPES STUDENTS INTO ROLE MODELS



ISQ students making their pledge

28 august 2022



Acting Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education Dr Chin Wei Keh launched the programme.

215 STUDENTS of Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) under the first cohort of ISQ and iSkills ISQ are enrolled in the 90-day programme from August 20 to November 17. The ISQ and iSkills ISQ programmes involved are iSkills ISQ in Marking and Fitting in Rigging, iSkills Scaffolding and ISQ in Welding.

This self-empowerment programmes are to shape the students into virtuous, responsible disciplined role models in various aspects, including self-empowerment, religion and nationhood, discipline, physical, entrepreneurship and community service. Possessing the good values to preserve the sovereignty of the nation in line with the Malay Islamic Monarchy (MIB). This initiative will enhance and help students face the present day challenges as the country's youth, they are valuable assets for the future that need guidance in order to polish their potential and contribute to our nation.

However this initiatives and the goals envisioned must have support from all parties especially from parents and guardians. The students are to embrace the opportunity and knowledge delivered by their trainers.

Dr Chin Wei Keh, Acting Permanent Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education launched of the programme.

The programme is in collaboration with several agencies including IBTE, the National Service Section (program Khidmat Bakti Negara) and Manpower Planning and Employment Council (MPEC) for students taking ISQ / iSkills ISQ. The aims are to inculcate and strengthen integrity, discipline, resilience, competitiveness and sustainability.

Students must complete their training for three months prior to the 12 months learning at institutions and industries in order to be awarded the ISQ/iSkill ISQ certificates.





IBTE GRADUATES AWARDED INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP



HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS to two IBTE graduates for being awarded The Government of Russia Scholarship.

Abdul Hakeem Afiq Abdullah, graduated in 2020 with HNTec in Laboratory Science, is pursuing a degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS). He will spend a total of 7 years, with the one year of Russian Language for Foreign Student and six years for the degree.

Nor Akma Suhada @ Siti Qamalia binti Matsapar, also graduated in 2020 with HNTec in Laboratory Science, is pursuing a degree in Bachelor of Biotechnology. She will spend a total of 5 years, with one year of Russian Language for Foreign Student and four years for the degree.

The Russian Government scholarship includes free tuition for the entire duration of the chosen programme, maintenance

allowance and accommodation in dormitories for full-time students. Students without sufficient knowledge of the Russian language must attend a one-year pre-university course and must pass the final Russian language examination, to receive the right to continue their studies in their chosen degree course. Prospective students who do not pass their exams, lose their right to free tuition. Good luck and all the best!

IBTE NEWS BITES



H.E. YU HONG, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Brunei, presented 169 books to Dr Hj Zamri Sabli, IBTE CEO. The books donated will help IBTE students to have better understanding of China, especially useful for those who are studying under the Diploma in Refinery Operator and Diploma in Control and Automation Engineering, as part of their studies the students will head to Lanzhou Petrochemical Polytechnic in China or work in Hengyi Industries at Pulau Muara Besar.



35 IBTE iSkill trainees completed their 3 months period at Serikandi Oilfield Services Sdn Bhd as part of their industrial placement programme, who organised a closing ceremony for the first cohort under the iSkill Programme. Serikandi took ISQ trainees from three disciplines – scaffolding, rigger and marker fitter. The trainees were assigned to two main worksites Sungai Duhon and Sungai Bera – under the Scaffolding, OMIS, CMC and Technical Support Division. Shaikh Haji Khalid announced that of the trainees, 14 have been identified as having the aptitude for employment opportunities with the company.



THREE INSTRUCTORS of School of Hospitality and Tourism recieved the achievement of Young Executive Programme (YEP). YEP is a part of the Civil Service Leadership programme developed by JPA and IPA. The event was held at Prime Minister Office. The instructors are Cikgu Nurul Faakhriah Abu Hasrah, Cikgu Norhafilah Azahari, and Cikgu Nurnadiah Haji Osman.



74 IBTE STUDENTS taking Diploma in Refinery Operation (Batch 3 & 4) signed their scholarship agreement with Hengyi Industries Sdn Bhd at the Indera Samudra Hall, The Empire. Witnessing the event was Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Doctor Dayang Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Mohd Salleh, Minister of Education. Also present was Her Excellency Yu Hong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Brunei Darussalam.

Hengyi Refinery Operator training program- a joint collaboration between HYBN and Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE)- involve a 3-year programme in both IBTE Brunei and Lanzhou Petrochemical College of Vocational Technology, China. The programme continues in Brunei where on-the-job training is provided for scholars at Hengyi Petrochemical Plant in Pulau Muara Besar.



IBTE REGATTA TEAM with their coaches, and IBTE CEO Dr Hj Zamri Hj Sabli, IBTE Deputy CEO Cikgu Norjimee Jenek, and Divisional Director of Student Affairs Cikgu Hj Sofiandi Hj Mohd Ali. The team is lead by Coach Roslan Hj Rosli, and mentored by Coach Ariffin Hj Zainal. The IBTE Regatta Team participated in the 'Kejohanan Lumba Perahu Tradisional Kebangsaan Ke-27' that happened on 16th October 2022 at the Serasa Water Sports Complex. The coaches said the team will be participating in up and coming regatta events this November.



TWO STUDENTS from IBTE Sultan Bolkiah campus will represent Brunei Darussalam in the 13th ASEAN WorldSkills Competition which will take place at the Suntec Convention and Exhibition Centre, Singapore in 2023.

Muhammad Amirul Haziq bin Haji Metussin and Muhammad Faiz bin Arman were selected in the 2022 National Skills Competition for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning which was held yesterday at the school campus in Seria. 4 students competed to obtain two places to represent the country at the ASEAN WorldSkills Competition next year. The competition focuses on Air Conditioning System Installation and Commissioning. At the competition, several youths representing 10 ASEAN member countries will compete in 22 skill areas.



COMMEMORATING the new Islamic year 1444H, IBTE held an event at the IBTE HQ with an invited speaker, Pg Ahmad Faris Ramadhani bin Pg Haji Sallehuddin, from Department of Mosque Affairs, Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Guest of Honour for the event was Cikgu Norjeme bin Janek, Deputy Director and Deputy CEO (Academic) of IBTE.



REPRESENTATIVES FROM the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) presented their findings on Brunei with regards to The ASEAN-ROK TVET Mobility Programme. Brunei is the sixth country the team field visit. The aims of the ASEAN-ROK TVET Mobility Programme are to strengthen selected TVET sectors and programmes in ASEAN through harmonisation, enhancement and development of: (1) quality assurance; (2) qualification standards; (3) capacity building of TVET personnel; and (4) intra-ASEAN student mobility through internships and faculty exchange. The Programme is envisaged to contribute to reducing the gaps between the demand and supply of vocational skills and improved human capital to remain competitive. In doing so, the Programme would also contribute towards improvement of TVET image and increase awareness on TVET prospective contribution to employment, education and business productivity.



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