

Ministry, PPKS to hold 'Meeting of the Minds' in Bintulu



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KUCHING: The Education, Science and Technological Research Ministry and Sarawak Skills Development Centre (PPKS) are jointly organising a 'Meeting of the Minds' event, set to take place at ParkCity Everly Hotel Bintulu on Feb 6.

The meeting will focus on talent development slated for meeting the needs of Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE).

Education, Science and Technological Research Minister Dato Sri Michael Manyin officiated at the opening ceremony.

The executive director of PPKS, Hallman Sabri remarked that: "The Meetings of the Minds would be the ideal platform for the government, academia and key industry representatives from the energy-intensive heavy industries located in Samalaju Industrial Park, to engage in a lively discourse about various issues such as strategic human capital development, Industry 4.0 and the advances in materials science.

"As Sarawak progresses towards its goal of becoming a developed state by 2030 with high-income economy, the contributions of all stakeholders will be of utmost importance to develop the workforce for the various sectors of industry, including those in SCORE."

Hallman also took the opportunity to thank various stakeholders for their support, namely the ministry, Regional Corridor Development Authority (Recoda), British High Commission-Kuala Lumpur and the industry itself. "With their support, we get to gather distinguished speakers comprising



Figure 1: Executive director Hallman Sabri greets Education, Science and Technological Research Minister Dato Sri Michael Manyin

representatives from the government, industry and academia under one roof." Hallman also announced that with the assistance of the British High Commission-Kuala Lumpur, the organiser would host two speakers from the UK – Alan Scholes, Chief Technology Officer of Materials Processing Institute and David Collins, a fellow lecturer from University of Birmingham.

He also said to support the state's development initiatives, a plan would be undertaken to set up a Metallurgy and Materials Science Training Centre at PPKS, which would provide relevant training on materials and process innovation as required by the priority industries of SCORE and industries located across the length and breadth of Malaysia. In this respect, he said during the 'Meetings of the Minds' event, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) would be signed between Institute of Materials Malaysia (IMM) and PPKS.



Figure 2: Signing a memorandum of understanding between Institute of Materials Malaysia and PPKS

"The MoU will pave the way for PPKS to make available IMM's certified training programmes (on materials science and technology programmes) in Sarawak."

For more information about the 'Meeting of the Minds', other upcoming events and courses (both soft skills and other technical skills) provided by PPKS, call 082364198/361535.

Information can also be obtained via www.ppk.edu.my.

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