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ISU: PERSEKITARAN KERJA YANG SIHAT DAN SELAMAT

BIL.	TARIKH	AKHBAR & TAJUK BERITA	PIHAK TERLIBAT
1.	14 APRIL 2017 (JUMAAT)	BORNEO POST OSH campaign in Kapit April 19-20	DOSH STA STIDC OSH

AKHBAR : BORNEO POST

OSH campaign in Kapit April 19-20

KUCHING: Recognising the importance of Occupational Safety and Healthy (OSH), Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) in collaboration with Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) and Sarawak Timber Association (STA) are organising the second phase of OSH Campaign on April 19-20 to cater for wood-based companies in Kapit Division. This is a continuation of last year's campaigns which were carried out across the state. It aims to implement OSH at workplaces with emphasis on ground inspection to assess safety practices in the forestry sector including risks associated with driving along logging roads and engineering activities as well as biological and psychological hazards.

The campaign will also discuss topics on Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994 (OSHA); Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Risk Control (HIRARC); Occupational Safety and Health Committee at Workplaces; Notification of Accident, Dangerous Occurrence, Occupational Poisoning and Occupational Disease Regulation 2004 (NADOPOD) and Use and Standard of Exposure of Chemicals Hazardous to Health (USECHH Regulation). Through this initiative, the organisers hope there will be local wood-based companies nominated in the future and win the OSH Excellence Awards for greater customers' confidence and acceptance as well as to create benchmark for wood-based sector in Sarawak.

"Forest certification is crucial in the forestry sector. Under this initiative, safety and health of employees is a prerequisite to get forest concessions certified. It is therefore, vital to view certification and OSH seriously in order to comply with the global market requirements," said STIDC General Manager Datu Sarudu Hoklai. To prevent occupational accidents, he emphasised that organisations must be aware of the hazards at workplaces and manage employees' safety and health effectively. Apart from employers, employees are equally responsible for OSH by making it a culture.

"Tripartite co-operation among the government, employers and employees on OSH should be intensified. All policies, strategies and programmes related to OSH warrant undivided support from the three parties in order to achieve the desired results," he said. Occupational Safety and Healthy is essential and warrants serious attention by the government, employers and employees. Occupational accidents and disasters particularly those that cause fatality pose adverse impacts to the affected parties. For employers, fatal accidents result in loss of talents and skills which affect productivity and tarnish reputation. For employees, fatal accidents cause loss of loved ones and sources of income.

The Department of Occupational Safety and Health revealed that last year, there were 129 OSH cases in the wood-based sector in Sarawak with nine fatalities, nine permanent disabilities and 111 non-permanent disabilities. This year, there are 13 OSH cases with one fatality, one permanent disability and 11 non-permanent disabilities.

ISU : TVET

BIL	TARIKH	AKHBAR & TAJUK BERITA	PIHAK TERLIBAT
1.	14 APRIL 2017 (JUMAAT)	MALAYSIAN DIGEST Unemployed Graduates Urged To Take Up TVET Courses	UiTM GiatMARA

AKHBAR : MALAYSIAN DIGEST

Unemployed Graduates Urged To Take Up TVET Courses



KUALA LUMPUR - There are vast employment opportunities which offer lucrative salaries for graduates in technical and vocational education and training (TVET), said former Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) vice-chancellor chairman Prof Tan Sri Dr Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar. He said there was high demand for TVET graduates from industries. "There are numerous job opportunities waiting and the salaries are also quite lucrative because skills-based workforce is needed by the country which is heading towards becoming a developed nation," he told Bernama recently. He said he was disappointed that some parents looked down on the benefits offered at TVET institutions and were more obsessed with getting their children into academic courses in universities.

"These parents feel that it would shame the family if their children go to TVET institutions, which they think are of lower standard than universities, despite these (TVET) institutions offering skilled training which are needed by companies," he added. As such, Sahol Hamid, who is chairman of Destini Anak Bangsa Foundation's Board of Trustees, said Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) school leavers should be encouraged to opt for TVET programmes and courses.

He also urged unemployed graduates to go for TVET courses to improve their chances of getting a job. He said it had been proven that TVET graduates were more marketable as 98 per cent of TVET graduates were able to secure jobs upon graduation, compared with only 60 per cent among university graduates. Meanwhile, GiatMara deputy chairman Datuk Armand Azha Abu Hanifah said graduates should have realistic goals and to seek additional skills through the TVET courses which were being offered. "Several unemployed graduates and professionals are undergoing TVET courses at GiatMara nationwide because they realise that these skills are in demand at the moment," he said.

ISU : SKIM INSURANS PEKERJA

BIL	TARIKH	AKHBAR & TAJUK BERITA	PIHAK TERLIBAT
1.	14 APRIL 2017 (JUMAAT)	MALAYSIAN DIGEST EIS To Be Tabled In Parliament In June	PERKESO

AKHBAR : MALAYSIAN DIGEST

EIS To Be Tabled In Parliament In June



Datuk Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz.

KUALA LUMPUR -The Employment Insurance System (EIS), which will affect some 6.5 million local workers in the private sector, will be tabled in parliament in June 2017. Perkeso Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz, said the rate of contribution would be announced once the EIS Bill was approved by parliament. Speaking at a briefing here today, Mohamed Azman said, among the system's objectives were to provide income protection and increase employability to those who lost their jobs.

It would also support job search, job matching, job placement and worker's mobility, while providing employment stabilisation, he said. Last month, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak announced that the EIS was expected to be enforced on Jan 1 next year, while interest payments would be made from Jan 1, 2019. Mohammed Azman gave an assurance that the contribution amount would be minimal.

"For instance, if it (is fixed) at RM5, employers who have five employees will pay RM300 a year. The EIS, however, does not include foreign workers. "They won't be contributing as well," he said. Going forward, he said, if there was a surplus in the EIS fund in the near future the maternity benefit for private sector workers would be raised to up to 14 weeks (98 days).

Others included wage subsidies to small and medium enterprises of up to 50 per cent for six months for employers who employ first-time job-seekers, workers above 45 and women after maternity leave and wage subsidies to employers who retained workers from being retrenched during economic downturn. "The EIS is to complement existing social safety net for the nation and workers. It offers financial income support for workers and is an automatic economic stabiliser," he said.