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## **THE ROUTE TO A BETTER FUTURE: JOHOR PORT BERHAD UNVEILS INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME TO UPSKILL MALAYSIA'S WORKFORCE**

*New comprehensive industrial training programme to boost student employability and create strong workforce skilled to compete in global economy*

**PASIR GUDANG, 5 November 2017** – Johor Port Berhad (JPB), a Member of MMC Group signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Skills Johor, Pelindo IV and Johor Port Authority to impart skill development training to students. Officiated by Chief Minister of Johor, YAB Dato' Mohamed Khaled Nordin, the new Port Industry Training Programme is an initiative to encourage technical and vocational training in order to meet the demand for high-skilled workers.

In line with JPB's commitment to improve the country's economy by equipping students with essential employability skills, the new training programme complements the theoretical training received by students in their respective institutions with the practical experience of working in real life situation. It is aimed at adding value to the training of students with the ultimate goal of producing competent indigenous manpower to drive both the industry and the country's economy.

"As the landscape of our industry continues to evolve, we need to ensure that the workforce of tomorrow is prepared – which is why we developed the Port Industry Training Programme. It is an endeavour to train the students towards employability. We aim to make a distinct impact in improving the skills and make the students future-ready and equipped with relevant employable skills," said Dato' Sri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh, Chairman of Johor Port Berhad.

The programme aims to facilitate and provide both technical and soft skills training required for port operations and management. Its certification programme and offerings, framework and deliverables are in accordance with national and global standard. It is a one-stop

learning center that aims to synchronize with the nation's objective to produce skilled workers needed by the industry.

Some of the areas that the training programmes cover include safety and health, operative skills training, skills and refresher programmes for marine, engineering and ancillary services as well as supervisory and computer literacy.

Dato' Sri Che Khalib also added "Our hands-on approach with every individual makes the experience very productive and effective for the students. Our training programme is highly suitable for promising students who are looking to add to their knowledge and experience."

Johor Port has established the Johor Port Skilled Centre (JPSC) in 2014 which focuses on providing Port Skill related vocational training for its staffs, contractors and to the other ports in the region.

Originally established to support the growth of our Bulk and Container Terminal by producing competent employees and contractors, JPSC has now evolved to become the Center of Excellence for MMC by providing training services to all the ports under MMC Ports.

JPSC has developed 55 courses to date including the Management of General Cargo Terminal Operations and UNCTAD Port Management Certification Programme and trained more than 1,350 trainees regionally. JPSC is now currently providing training to Supervisory level personnel from the PT Pelabuhan Indonesia IV (PELINDO IV) ports as well as running a 20 months JPK Programme (Department of Skills Development, Ministry of Human Resource) for school leavers.

The training programme was built on Johor Port Berhad's 40 years of experience as an industry leader in maritime training. With its rich tapestry of training modules, JPSC has been providing training to over 3,000 people to date.

As a pioneer port in the southern region, Johor Port Berhad is one of the main catalysts for industrial development in South Peninsular. In operation since 1977, Johor Port Berhad has been actively involved in the development of human capital by producing skilled manpower in the port industry. Johor Port Berhad was also Frost and Sullivan's Multipurpose Port of the Year 2017.



**Photo caption : (from left) Muhammad Razif bin Ahmad, General Manager, Johor Port Authority, Datuk Omar Bin Shariff Mydeen, Chief Executive Officer of Johor International Skills Hub Sdn Bhd, Shahrull Allam Shah Abdul Halim, Chief Executive Officer of Johor Port Berhad, YB Datuk Abdul Rahim Bin Ramli, Chairman of Johor Port Authority, YAB Dato' Mohamed Khaled Bin Nordin, Menteri Besar Johor, Mr Ian James, Group Chief Executive Officer of MMC Port Holdings Sdn Bhd, Mr Doso Agung, President Director of Indonesia Port Corporation IV, Mr Abdul Halim Bin Hassan, Director of Jabatan Pembangunan Kemahiran Wilayah Selatan and Mr Haris Nugroho, Konsulat Jeneral Indonesia at the launch of Port Industrial Training Programme**

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### **About Johor Port Berhad**

*Johor Port Berhad, a Member of the MMC Group is an integrated multi-purpose port facility located at the southern tip of Peninsula Malaysia providing a comprehensive range of port services to meet the individual needs of its customer. Commencing operation in 1977 as the original Southern Gateway Multi-Purpose Port in Malaysia, Johor Port currently operates a total area of 1,000 acres, 660 acres of which are designated as Free Zone.*

*With 24 berths and a total berthing length of 4.9 km, the services and facilities within Johor Port include the Container Terminal, Bulk and Break Bulk Terminal, Liquid Terminal and Warehousing Facilities. As 1st port in Malaysia to be accorded with Free Zone status, Johor Port is the appointed Free Zone Authority for the management of its Free Zone area.*

*Johor Port is the largest Palm Oil terminal in the world and was designated as an approved London Metal Exchange (LME) location in 2004 and is currently ranked No. 6 out of 35 in the world for LME Cargo. Johor Port is also one of the largest discharging point for rice and cocoa in Malaysia as well as being one of the biggest terminals in Malaysia for fertilizer and cement.*

For more information, please visit <http://www.johorport.com.my/>

## **About MMC Corporation Berhad**

*MMC Corporation Berhad (MMC) is a leading utilities and infrastructure group with diversified businesses under three divisions, namely ports & logistics, energy & utilities and engineering & construction.*

*Its key businesses under the Ports and Logistics division include the operations of Port of Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd, Johor Port Berhad, Northport (Malaysia) Bhd, Penang Port Sdn Bhd and Kontena Nasional Berhad. Internationally, MMC has an associate stake in Red Sea Gateway Terminal Company Limited, a container port terminal within the Jeddah Islamic Port, Saudi Arabia.*

*Under the Energy & Utilities division, MMC is the single largest shareholder of both Malakoff Corporation Berhad and Gas Malaysia Berhad.*

*MMC's Engineering & Construction division has further established itself in the sector with a leading role as the Project Delivery Partner (PDP) and underground works package contractor for the 51km Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) project (Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line) and Line 2 project (Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line). Prior to this, MMC has successfully completed the 329km Ipoh-Padang Besar Electrified Double Tracking Project as well as the innovative Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (SMART) motorway, the first-of-its-kind dual-purpose tunnel in the world.*

*MMC continues to make inroads in the construction industry, securing key civil and infrastructure projects in the country namely Langat Centralised Sewerage Treatment Plant, Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant, civil and infrastructure works for RAPID Pengerang Cogeneration Plant. Additionally, MMC has a 20% effective interest in Borneo Highway PDP Sdn Bhd (BHP) which has been appointed as PDP for the Sabah Pan Borneo Highway Project.*

*In other businesses, MMC owns Aliran Ihsan Resources Berhad, a water treatment plant operator and Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd, the operator of Senai International Airport in Johor Bahru; a major aviation hub and the main air transportation gateway to Iskandar Malaysia. Additionally, MMC's Group Property arm manages close to 6,000 acres of industrial developments in Iskandar Malaysia, Johor and Kulim, Kedah, namely Senai Airport City, Tanjung Bin Petrochemical & Maritime Industrial Centre (TBPMIC) and Northern Technocity in Kulim. The Senai Airport City, TBPMIC and NTC (NTC) developments come under the ambit of Group Property's three operating companies – Senai Airport City Sdn Bhd, Seaport Worldwide Sdn Bhd and Northern Technocity Sdn Bhd respectively*

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