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## **68 SITE SAFETY APPRENTICES RECRUITED THROUGH CIDB-LENDDLEASE PROGRAMME**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 30 January 2019** – The **Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB)** and **Lendlease** through the Safety Supervisor Apprenticeship Programme (SSAP) has recruited 68 apprentices, of which the third batch consisting 11 apprentices graduated today. To date, a total of 34 apprentices have successfully completed the programme. The SSAP graduates have been offered employment opportunities in the construction industry, including with Lendlease.

The SSAP is the first formal apprenticeship collaboration between the public and private sectors in Malaysia, addressing the safety needs of the construction industry. This initiative is also in line with the Construction Industry Transformation Programme 2016-2020 (CITP) to create a world-class construction industry that is highly productive, environmentally sustainable, with globally competitive players while focused on safety and quality standards.

“CIDB is committed in engaging construction industry players, to produce not only competent and skilled workers to serve in the sector, but also to train those at supervisory and managerial levels. I am confident that SSAP will help to develop an effective, highly skilled workforce in the industry. As agents of change, the apprentices are catalysts to bring the construction industry to the next level,” said **Dato' Ir. Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive of CIDB Malaysia.**

Notably, this batch of graduates had taken the initiative to innovate and enhance their learning aids, by developing videos related to the programme. The videos encompass the following topics:

- i) The SSAP Programme;
- ii) Emergency Response Plan (ERP);
- iii) Retrieval of Hammer Procedure; and
- iv) Tower Crane Installation.

The graduates have also won a special CEO award at the Innovation Film Festival, Lendlease (International Level) last year.

Jointly developed by Lendlease and CIDB, the structured programme provides industry-recognised training (encompassing both theoretical and onsite training components) through an integrated approach. Apprentices who successfully complete the SSAP will earn various certifications issued by the Department of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH), National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) and CIDB Akademi Binaan Malaysia (ABM).

These certifications are required before the apprentices can be appointed as site safety supervisors on construction projects. The collaboration between Lendlease Malaysia and CIDB will see a total of 150 apprentices being trained over the five-year programme period. The SSAP varies from 12 to 24 months, subject to trainees' experience.

For more information, please visit: [www.cidb.gov.my](http://www.cidb.gov.my)

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