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CIDB & YSD CELEBRATES FIRST BATCH OF GRADUATES IN CONSTRUCTION TVET

Twenty B40 youths recognised as competent personnel in Air-Conditioning and Mechanical Ventilation (ACMV)

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 December 2023: Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD) and the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) today celebrated the success of the technical and vocational education training (TVET) scholars under the YSD Skill Enrichment initiative. The TVET Talent Certificate Ceremony, hosted at Akademi Binaan Malaysia (ABM) Wilayah Tengah, marked a significant milestone in the journey of twenty graduates who successfully completed the TVET training in Air-Conditioning and Mechanical Ventilation Level 2 (ACMV).

Gracing the occasion were CIDB Malaysia Deputy Chief Executive Razuki Bin Ibrahim, YSD CEO Dr HjH Yatela Zainal Abidin, and senior management representatives from Sime Darby Property Berhad, CIDB Holdings and ABM.

As the philanthropic arm of Sime Darby Plantation Berhad, Sime Darby Berhad, and Sime Darby Property Berhad, YSD empowers underprivileged students with vocational and technical skills through their scholarship and bursary programmes. In collaboration with CIDB, the initiative focuses on providing quality competency training to prepare graduates as well-rounded professionals ready for the demands of the workforce.

Dr Yatela expressed her pride in the graduates' achievements, stating, "Every single one of

our TVET scholars has successfully graduated and secured employment, many within the Sime Darby Companies. This achievement speaks to our commitment to TVET education, reinforcing our belief that TVET talent is the heartbeat of innovation, the driving force of progress, and the key to unlocking a future where skills shape success.”

Integral to job placement success has been the role played by Sime Darby Property Berhad. Their support in finding employment ensures TVET talent becomes an important contributor to the nation’s workforce, exemplifying the industry’s commitment to nurturing job-ready individuals for a highly skilled workforce.

The ceremony included the presentation of three special award categories to the students, TVET Excellence Award, Bright Star Award, and Vibrant Persona Award – recognising outstanding achievements in leadership, self-improvement, and interpersonal skills.

CIDB, the initiative’s training arm through ABM, expressed its commitment to the continuous success of TVET initiatives with corporate entities. Razuki Bin Ibrahim said, “Our graduates’ success is evident of the efficacy of TVET programmes in the country. We remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting initiatives that nurture highly skilled individuals in the construction industry, significantly contributing to Malaysia’s economic growth. Our strategic partnership with YSD exemplifies the public-private sectors collaboration crucial for building a robust and skilled workforce for the nation’s progress.”

YSD’s collaboration with CIDB, spanning four years, including a two-year job placement, through a sponsorship of RM1.2 million, aims to improve the standard of living for underprivileged students. partnership seeks to enhance the capacity and capability of the target group by providing training programmes that will enhance knowledge and competence, paving the way for a promising career paths and job opportunities. CIDBH and ABM will serve as the programme’s implementors and the TVET courses include:

- Air Conditioning and Mechanical Ventilation Level 2
- Scaffold Erection Level 1
- Heavy Machineries Operation – Backhoe and Excavator
- Mobile Crane Operation Youth

Graduates are certified with Sijil Kompetensi Kemahiran Pembinaan (SKKP CIDB) and are guaranteed job placement at recognised public and private companies upon completion.

Through YSD's collaborative efforts with key stakeholders in the field of TVET, YSD Skill Enrichment programme reinforces the belief that TVET is not just an alternative but a pathway to success, filled with substantial value and opportunities for both individuals and the nation. Since the foundation's inception in 1982, YSD has awarded 5,819 scholarships and bursaries worth more than RM374 million to outstanding and deserving students. Out of which, RM37 million has been committed to TVET education, propelling 1,412 talented individuals on their vocational education journeys, and igniting a wave of change in Malaysia's workforce landscape.

About CIDB Malaysia

The Construction Industry Development Board was established under the Construction Industry Development Act (Act 520) to develop the Capacity and Capability of the Construction Industry through Enhancement of Quality and Productivity by Placing Great Emphasis on Professionalism, Innovation and Knowledge in the Endeavour to Improve the Quality of Life.

About Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD)

Yayasan Sime Darby or Sime Darby Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Sime Darby Berhad, Sime Darby Plantation and Sime Darby Property. Established in 1982, the foundation revolves around five pillars which are Education, Environment, Community & Health, Sports, and Arts & Culture. Led by an independent Governing Council, the foundation is managed by a dedicated team who works closely with the 3 Sime Darby companies in areas of mutual interest. Since its inception, the foundation has expanded its wings from offering scholarships to outstanding and deserving individuals to funding impactful conservation, outreach, and development programmes. For more information, visit www.yayasansimedarby.com
