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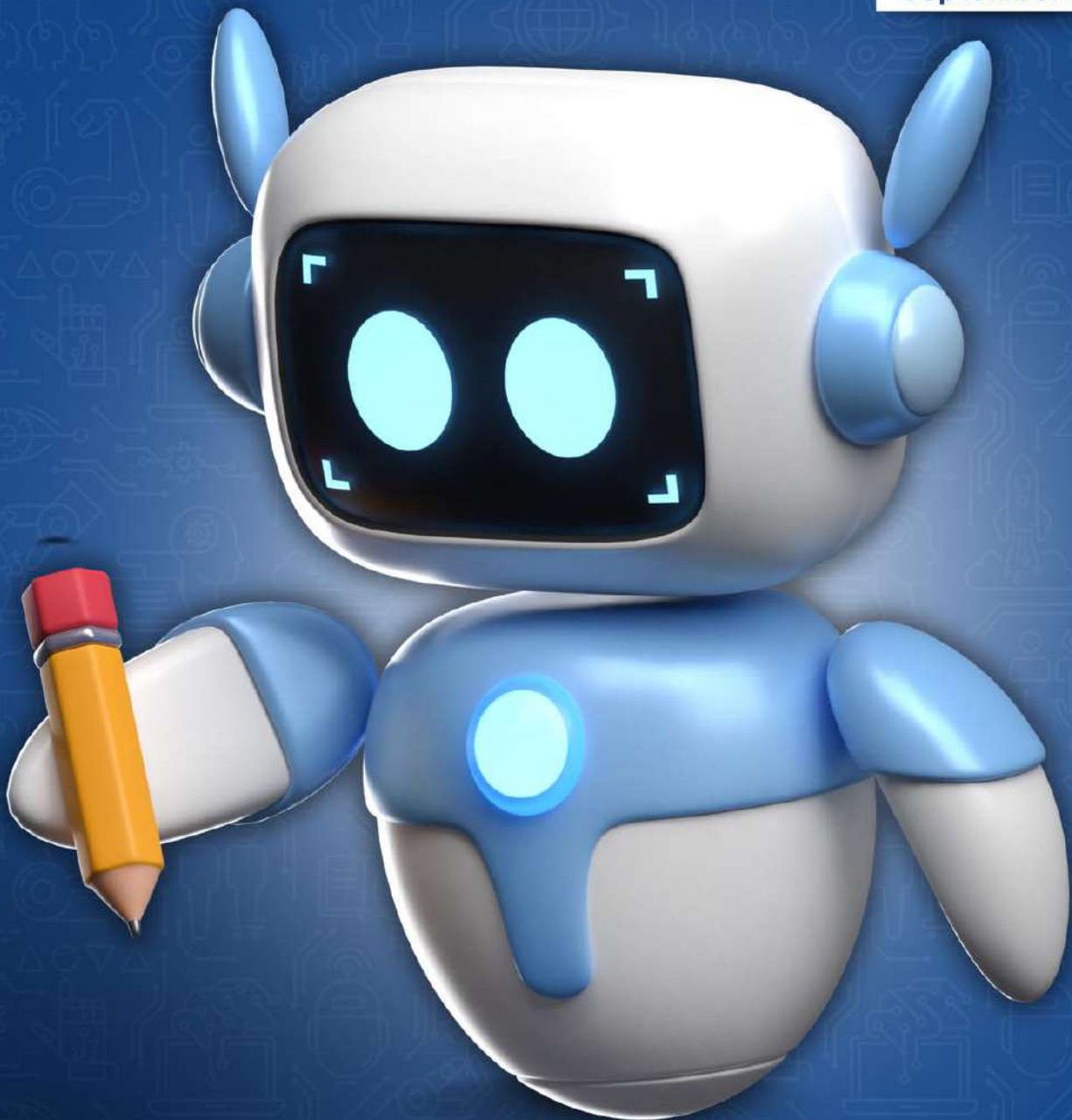
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SINGLE RATING VERIFICATION OF TVET PROGRAMME 2024



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On 18 September 2024, a comprehensive Single Rating Verification session was held to assess two key TVET programmes: Installation and Maintenance of Transmission Infrastructure (EE-321-3:2012) and Metal Sheet Arc Welding Process (MC-024-3:2012), led by Dr. Zanatul Shima binti Aminuddin from the Curriculum Division of the Ministry of Higher Education, alongside panelists Ts. Nicholas Anak Bali and Mr. Mohd Ebby Nasrol Bin Nasroden. The panel conducted an in-depth evaluation of six main components: teaching and learning, industry collaboration, instructor qualifications, resource management, employability and recognition.



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This was to ensure that the programmes adhered to national standards and met the demands of the evolving industrial sector. In terms of teaching and learning, both programmes were found to offer effective and engaging environments that fostered practical skill development, although the panel highlighted the need for continuous updates to training equipment and curriculum to align with technological advances. While the welding programme focused on standard industry techniques, the inclusion of more advanced welding technologies was recommended to further enhance students' competitive edge in the workforce. Similarly, the transmission infrastructure programme received praise for its practical training modules but was encouraged to enhance its resource management and utilise more digital learning tools to create a more interactive educational experience.

The panel also placed significant emphasis on industry collaboration and employability, noting that both programmes demonstrated robust connections with industry partners, particularly through internships and collaborative projects that provided students with real-world experience. These efforts contributed to the high employability rates of graduates, as employers expressed satisfaction with the skill sets students acquired through the programmes.

In conclusion, both programmes are well-aligned with industry needs and help graduates secure jobs. It is hoped that continuous updates to equipment, curriculum, and industry partnerships will further enhance the programmes' global reach and keep students competitive in an evolving workforce.



BULLYING AWARENESS ADVOCACY PROGRAMME



by: Mohamad Maziz Zikri Mohd Tahir

On September 12, 2024, the Mersing Industrial Training Institute sent 10 students to participate in the Bullying Awareness Advocacy Programme held at Mersing Polytechnic. This programme was organised by the Mersing District Health Office, aimed at raising awareness on various issues related to adolescent mental health, including bullying, sexual harassment, and teen pregnancy. Various activities, including awareness talks, group discussions, and interactive workshops, were conducted to enhance the participants' understanding of these critical issues.

Furthermore, the programme provided a platform for students to openly share their experiences and concerns, fostering a sense of solidarity and empathy among participants. By the end of the event, students expressed increased confidence in identifying and addressing bullying situations, as well as a stronger commitment to promoting mental health awareness. In addition to the educational activities, the programme incorporated team-building exercises to strengthen collaboration and communication skills among participants, fostering a sense of community. These exercises helped students recognise the importance of working together to combat bullying and support one another.



The programme also emphasised the importance of early intervention in addressing bullying and other mental health challenges, encouraging participants to seek help when needed. Through engaging discussions and real-life case studies, students were able to better understand the emotional and psychological impacts of bullying on victims. They were also introduced to various coping mechanisms and support systems available within their schools and communities.

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Educating students about the dangers and negative impacts of bullying on mental and physical health, as well as ways to prevent and address bullying incidents.
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Guest speakers, including mental health professionals, also provided valuable insights on the long-term consequences of unchecked bullying. Overall, the programme successfully met its objectives by increasing students' awareness of mental health-related issues. The participants left with a deeper understanding of bullying and other challenges faced by teenagers, and it is hoped that they will serve as advocates for positive change in their communities.



ARPRM BRONZE LEVEL ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY COMPONENT CAMP



by: Khairul Anwar bin Amran

On September 27-28, 2024, the Mersing Industrial Training Institutes successfully organised the Adventurous Journey component as part of the Bronze level for the Anugerah Remaja Perdana Rakan Muda (The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award). This initiative was carried out in collaboration with BPPL, ARPRM leaders, the General Studies Unit, the Discovery Creative Council, and the team of wardens. A total of 19 Bronze-level participants and 6 ILP Mersing officers took part in the event, held at Radiant Teluk Sari Campsite, Tanjung Resang, Mersing.

On the first day, the programme kicked off with various outdoor activities designed to build teamwork, self-confidence, and physical endurance. The day's itinerary included setting up tents, water confidence exercises, kayaking, and building a campfire. These activities were completed within a six-hour timeframe. All participants actively engaged in these tasks, demonstrating teamwork and independence. ARPRM leaders reported that the participants successfully met the programme's objectives and showed significant improvement in group collaboration skills.

“The objective of this programme was to complete the Outdoor Exploration component for the Bronze Award while building teamwork, confidence, and physical endurance.”



The second day began at 7:00 AM with breakfast, followed by light exercises to prepare the participants for the day's events. At 8:00 a.m., the group took part in a beach cleanup activity in conjunction with World Cleanup Day 2024. This initiative was carried out in collaboration with the District Youth and Sports Office of Mersing and SWCORP, aiming to raise awareness about environmental cleanliness. After the cleanup, the participants embarked on a 5km hike from the campsite to Pulau Mawar, where they continued with a hiking expedition up to the Batu Pintu Gerbang area. The physical challenge provided stunning views and an opportunity for the participants to test their endurance. Once completed, the group hiked another 5km back to the campsite. The program concluded at 1:00 p.m. with the participants packing up and preparing for departure.

This Adventurous Journey programme was a success, fulfilling the required component for the Bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. All participants demonstrated strong teamwork, resilience, and self-reliance throughout the activities.



by: Muhammad Hazim Mohd Norhizam

On 29th September 2024, a team of 17 members from the EKSA Committee of Mersing Industrial Training Institute, led by Ir. Ts. Dr. Hairol, visited ILP Pasir Gudang for a benchmarking activity. The visit aimed to observe the implementation of the Conducive Ecosystem for Public Sector (EKSA) at ILP Pasir Gudang, to enhance the standards at ILP Mersing. The delegation was warmly received by the management and EKSA Committee of ILP Pasir Gudang.



The programme began with a briefing on EKSA best practices at ILP Pasir Gudang, focusing on cleanliness, organisation, and promoting a green and sustainable environment. Key strategies included systematic approaches to cleanliness and staff and student engagement in maintaining EKSA standards.

After the briefing, the delegation toured the campus to see the EKSA practices in action, visiting various departments and offices. ILP Mersing members were impressed by the creative ways ILP Pasir Gudang maintained its clean and organised environment.

Other than that, the visit included discussions between both EKSA committees, exchanging ideas and strategies for overcoming challenges in maintaining EKSA. ILP Pasir Gudang's methods of engaging staff and students were particularly highlighted. The visit was highly beneficial, providing ILP Mersing with valuable insights to improve their own EKSA practices. Ir. Ts. Dr. Hairol expressed gratitude to ILP Pasir Gudang, emphasising that the knowledge gained will help further enhance the EKSA environment at ILP Mersing as both EKSA committees, exchanging ideas and strategies for overcoming challenges in maintaining EKSA. ILP Pasir Gudang's methods of engaging staff and students were particularly highlighted.

“The purpose of this visit was to ensure that the assessment system and certification processes of EKSA at ILP Mersing were in line with national standards.”

In conclusion, the benchmarking visit to ILP Pasir Gudang was highly beneficial for the EKSA Committee of ILP Mersing, offering valuable insights into effective practices for maintaining a conducive ecosystem. The delegation was particularly impressed by ILP Pasir Gudang's creative approaches to cleanliness, organisation, and sustainability. It is hoped that the knowledge gained from this visit will enable ILP Mersing to further enhance their own EKSA implementation, improving the overall environment for staff and students alike.



SAFETY AWARENESS AND FOCUSED ADVOCACY PROGRAMME FOR ROAD USERS



by: Muhammad Asyrah bin Mehammad

On September 29, 2024, Mersing Industrial Training Institute, in collaboration with the Road Transport Department (JPJ) of Mersing District and Putrajaya, organised the Safety Awareness and Focused Advocacy For Road Users (SAFER) programme. Throughout the programme, participants were exposed to various key aspects of road safety, including demonstrations on proper helmet usage and the correct ways to ensure maximum protection while riding.



JPJ officers also held a session on motorcycle inspections, where participants were taught the importance of complying with the technical specifications set by road laws. One of the main highlights of the programme was the emphasis on regularly checking the condition of the motorcycle, including the brakes, tires, and lights, to ensure it is safe to be used on the road.

Additionally, the programme stressed the importance of adhering to traffic regulations, such as maintaining a safe distance between vehicles and observing speed limits. JPJ officers also discussed accident statistics caused by negligence and non-compliance with road laws, which can lead to serious injury or death. Participants were encouraged to always remain vigilant and prioritise safety in every aspect of road usage. The programme also featured a question-and-answer session where students and staff of ILP Mersing had the opportunity to ask JPJ officers about various road safety issues. This gave them the chance to gain a deeper understanding of traffic regulations and their rights as road users.

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This programme aimed to raise awareness about road safety, especially among motorcyclists, targeting students and staff of ILP Mersing.

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With the organisation of the SAFER program, it is hoped that students and staff of ILP Mersing will increase their awareness of their responsibilities as courteous road users and gain a deeper understanding of preventive measures to ensure their safety and that of others on the road. Furthermore, the strong collaboration between ILP Mersing and JPJ in this programme reflects the institution's commitment to ensuring that its students and staff excel not only academically and technically but also in their social responsibilities on the road.



WORLD CLEANUP DAY 2024



by: Nazir Hakimi bin Suparzahim

On 28th September 2024, the Mersing Industrial Training Institute (ILP) participated in the World Cleanup Day event held at Tanjung Resang Beach, Mersing. This programme was organised in collaboration with SWCORP and involved the participation of 38 students and officers from ILP Mersing. The event aimed to raise public awareness of environmental care and promote cleanliness practices at beach areas.

The programme not only involved physical activity but also aimed to cultivate a sense of social awareness and responsibility towards the environment among students and the local community. The students had the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the dangers of ocean pollution and the steps that can be taken to combat it. In just a few hours, a large amount of waste was successfully collected, demonstrating the positive impact of this collective effort.



“The event aimed to raise environmental awareness, promote beach cleanliness, and instill a sense of responsibility among participants towards preserving natural area.”

The activity began as early as 8:00 a.m., with participants starting the cleanup effort along the beach. They collected various types of waste, particularly plastic debris, fragments, and other litter that could potentially pollute the natural environment. Through this initiative, participants were exposed to the importance of maintaining a clean beach, as improperly managed waste can have a negative impact on marine ecosystems and wildlife.

Before the event concluded, a brief reflection session was held. During this session, participants shared their experiences and lessons learned throughout the program. They were also given insights into the long-term effects of environmental pollution and the importance of continued efforts to preserve natural areas like Tanjung Resang Beach.

Overall, ILP Mersing's participation in World Cleanup Day 2024 demonstrated the institution's commitment to promoting environmental sustainability. The close cooperation between ILP Mersing and SWCORP in making this program a success also reflects their dedication to supporting cleanliness and sustainability initiatives, in line with global efforts to preserve the natural world.