

Deal inked to provide skills training for water supply industry

PBA Resources Sdn Bhd (PBAR), a wholly-owned subsidiary of PBA Holdings Bhd, has inked a collaborative agreement with the Malaysian Water Academy Sdn Bhd (MyWA) to promote technical competency training for the Malaysian water supply industry.

PBAR chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said PBAR manages the Penang Water Services Academy (PWSA) in Penang.

Through the agreement, he said MyWA, which is based in Kuala Lumpur, will become a PWSA branch campus that provides PWSA training programmes.

According to Jaseni, PWSA has helped the Department of Skills Development under the Human Resources Ministry to develop the skills standards and occupational framework for Malaysian Skills Certificate (Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia) training programmes for the water supply industry.

"This signing ceremony marks an important milestone in water supply industry competency training in Malaysia as the Malaysian water supply industry needs a pool of technically competent personnel to serve the nation, now and in the future.

"PBAR looks forward to working with

MyWA to meet this need," he said in a recent statement.

Jaseni said that as a PWSA branch campus, MyWA is now able to help more school leavers and water supply industry personnel to obtain technical competency certifications.

MyWA will be able to offer Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia courses to all school leavers and existing water supply industry employees, including on water distribution, water treatment, water distribution instrumentation technician and non-revenue water programmes.

"MyWA will also offer PWSA professional

training courses on topics such as water distribution, water treatment, instrumentation, dam operation and safety and customer service," he said.

He said this was the second smart partnership agreement that PBAR had signed to promote technical competency certification throughout Malaysia.

"In December last year, PBAR signed a similar agreement with KYM STES Sdn Bhd, the company that manages the Malaysia Water Institute in Melaka, and it has also become a PWSA branch campus," he said.

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Kudos to Penang water corp chief

CEO receives Prime Minister's Award for raising workers' competency

PBA Holdings Bhd and Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa has been awarded with the Anugerah Perdana Menteri Tokoh Mahir 2019.

The award was presented by Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the 2019 National Workers' Day celebration at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre in Selangor.

PBAPP, in a statement said the award was in recognition of his contributions to the development and promotion of competency training programmes in the water supply industry.

Among other things, Jaseni had launched the Penang Water Services Academy (PWSA) in 2007 - the first water supply services training academy in Malaysia - which he has been overseeing the management of since.

It is the first water supply services training academy to be accredited by the Skills Development Department (JPK) to conduct Malaysian Skills Certificate (SKM) training in Malaysia, the statement added.

Jaseni also helped JPK develop skills standards and the occupational framework for SKM training programmes for the water supply industry, where graduates are recognised

by the National Water Services Commission as competent and skilled workers.

He was also involved in assessing and verifying the competency of SKM candidates seeking certification under the Recognition of Prior Achievement programme.

"PWSA has served as a training provider for 14 water supply organisations in Malaysia, as well as water supply organisations operating in Indonesia, Myanmar and Nepal," the statement said.

It added that since 2010, PWSA had produced 945 SKM graduates and trained 3,872 water supply industry personnel and school leavers.

Jaseni also collaborated with SPAN and Mara on cultivating a pool of skilled and competent workers for the future, apart from working with the Malaysian Water Institute and Malaysia Water Association to provide accredited training services in the southern and central regions of peninsula Malaysia.

A registered professional engineer with the Board of Engineers Malaysia, Jaseni's career in the Penang water supply industry spans 34 years.

He is also a Malaysia Water Association and Institution of Engineers, Malaysia member.

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Jaseni (right) receiving his award from Dr Mahathir at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre in Selangor. Looking on from left are Human Resources Minister M. Kulasegaram and Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Dr Ismail Bakar. — Bernama