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PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD FOR PENANG WATER COMPANY CEO

PENANG, Thursday, 2.5.2019: Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad has presented the “Anugerah Perdana Menteri Tokoh Mahir 2019” (APMTM 2019) to Dato’ Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa, the CEO of PBA Holdings Bhd (PBAHB) and Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP).

Dato’ Ir. Jaseni received the award at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre on 1 May 2019, in conjunction with the 2019 National Worker’s Day Celebrations.

The APMTM 2019 recognises Dato’ Ir. Jaseni’s key contributions in championing, developing and promoting competency training programmes for the water supply industry in Malaysia.

The APMTM is awarded to individuals who have contributed significantly to skills development in the nation. Recipients are recommended by the Department of Skills Development (*Jabatan Pembangunan Kemahiran - JPK*) in the Ministry of Human Resource (MoHR). The final approval comes from the Prime Minister.

Previous recipients include Datuk Wira (Dr.) Hj Ameer Ali Mydin (Mydin), Dato’ Abdul Harith Abdullah (Proton), Dato’ Azmi Abdul Aziz (Prasarana), Ir. Ahmad Hadri Haris (Greentech) and Dr. Abd Nassir Ibrahim (MSNT).

Championing Competency Training for the Water Supply Industry

Dato’ Ir. Jaseni’s key contributions in promoting and facilitating competency training of the water supply industry include:

- Launching the Penang Water Services Academy (PWSA) in 2007, as the first water supply services training academy in Malaysia, and overseeing its management since then. PWSA is also the first water supply services academy that was accredited by JPK to conduct SKM-level competency training in Malaysia.



- Helping JPK to develop the skills standards and occupational framework for “Malaysian Skills Certificate” (*Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia* - SKM) training programmes for the water supply industry. SKM graduates are recognised by the National Water Services Commission (SPAN) as competent and skilled workers for the industry.
- Assessing and verifying the competency of SKM candidates seeking certification under the “Recognition of Prior Achievement” (*Pengiktirafan Pencapaian Terdahulu* – PPT) programme.

Since 2010, PWSA has produced 945 SKM graduates and trained a total of 3,872 water supply industry personnel and school-leavers.

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.

Dato’ Ir. Jaseni has collaborated with SPAN and MARA to cultivate the development of a pool of skilled and competent workers for the future.

He is also working with the Malaysian Water Institute (MWI) and the Malaysia Water Association (MWA) to provide accredited water supply training services in the southern and central regions of the peninsular Malaysia.

In 2018, Malaysia’s population was estimated to be 32.4 million people. In terms of water supply, the average percentage of population served throughout the nation in 2017 was reported to be 95.5%.

As such, it may be said that the water supply industry in Malaysia is an essential public service industry that served more than 30.9 million customers in 2018; and its customer base will grow further in the future.

Biodata: Dato’ Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa

Dato’ Ir. Jaseni’s career in Penang water supply spans 34 years.

He is a registered Professional Engineer with the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM), a Member of the Malaysia Water Association (MWA) and a Member of the Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM).



To date, Dato' Ir. Jaseni has received the following awards:

2015: “ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Award” from the 33rd Conference of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (CAFEO33).

2018: “Malaysia Water Award for Management” from the Malaysian Water Association (MWA).

“Distinguished Engineer Award 2018” from the Institution of Engineers Malaysia Penang Branch (IEM Penang).

2019: “Anugerah Perdana Menteri Tokoh Mahir 2019” from the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

On 15.3.2019, he accepted an appointment to serve as a member of the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Industry/Community Advisory Panel (ICAP) for Civil Engineering.

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1.5.2019: Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad presenting the “Anugerah Perdana Menteri Tokoh Mahir 2019” award to PBA Holdings Bhd and PBAPP CEO Dato’ Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa at the PICC, Putrajaya.



1.5.2019: PBA Holdings Bhd and PBAPP CEO Dato' Ir. Jaseni Maidinsa with the "Anugerah Perdana Menteri Tokoh Mahir 2019" award.