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KUALA LUMPUR: Siemens AG's (Siemens) in collaboration with its authorised training provider and education partner, Talent Development Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Talent Development Malaysia), are seeking to boost the upskilling of workers within the industrial workforce through the Siemens Mechatronics Systems Certification Programme (SMSCP) and Siemens Industry Training (SITRAIN) programme.

Talent Development Malaysia held a graduation ceremony for 126 Malaysians in an exclusive event yesterday, witnessed by guests of honour, Dr Mohd Gazali Abas, Deputy Secretary General, of the Ministry Resources.

Other distinguished guests included Jens Bruchmann, the German Embassy's counsellor for Economic, Commercial and Environmental Affairs; Adam Yee, senior vice president and head of the digital

factory and processes industries & drives division, Siemens Malaysia; Datuk C M Vignasekaran, chief executive officer of the Human Resources Development Fund (IIRDF); as well as RA Thangaraja, chief executive officer of Talent Development Malaysia.

Out of 126 graduates, 46 of them had completed and graduated from the SMSCP whilst the remaining of Human 80 had completed their SITRAIN programme.

Fully supported by the IIRDF, an agency under the Ministry of Human Resources, the SMSCP and SITRAIN are programmes that are not only recognised by industries worldwide but are also certification programmes that have been developed from over 25 years of teaching and learning methods in Siemens technical schools in Germany.

Mechatronics systems are a combination of three engineering

fields – electrical, mechanical and computer engineering.

These systems play an ever-increasing role in technology and are present in almost every aspect of everyday life: from your car to your household appliances and from public transportation systems to electric power generators.

The SMSCP gives students the opportunity to learn about the features and functions of the systems extensively.

The highly-acclaimed SMSCP is awarded by Siemens' renowned Akademie Technik in Berlin. Delivered by Talent Development to upskill the workforce, the SMSCP has been recognised by large and small companies; industrial organizations and associations as well as schools and government agencies; as essential to the future of manufacturing.

The SITRAIN programme, also available at Talent Development

Malaysia, offers a wide range of industrial automation courses to ensure that students graduate with the necessary know-how and are equipped with adequate knowledge on the requirements of the industry.

From the basics to advanced specialist skills, SITRAIN courses deliver extensive expertise and, as a result, the skilled graduates bring in higher productivity, cost reductions and optimization of processes.

With the shared aim of developing highly skilled professionals and creating an innovative channel for continuous technology transfer and learning opportunities, the collaborative partnership between Talent Development Malaysia and Siemens is one that is fruitful.

"Talent Development strives to help solve the lack of skilled workforce by providing globally- and industry recognized technical certification and qualifications, in order to

be able to bridge the gap in skills between fresh graduates and working adults.

"Having a highly skilled workforce in technology driven industries is vital for us to become a high-income nation by the year 2020," shared Thangaraja.

Talent Development Malaysia is the first private education partner authorised officially by Siemens to deliver the SMSCP within the ASEAN region.

It aspires for Malaysia to become a high income nation by 2020 through the development of a skilled workforce. This is expected to be achieved through partnering with global industry leaders.

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