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UiTM Industry Visit to Penang Skills Development Center (PSDC)

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An industry visit to the Penang Skills Development Centre (PSDC), was carried out as one of the agendas of the *Mesyuarat Timbalan Naib Canselor (Penyelidikan & Inovasi) bersama Dekan (Penyelidikan & Inovasi), Timbalan Dekan (Penyelidikan & Jaringan Industri) dan Timbalan Rektor (Penyelidikan & Jaringan Industri) 13 (MeTPI – 13)*. The PSDC welcomed the UiTM delegation who attended by giving a briefing and a visit to the PSDC training laboratory and workshop for half a day.

PSDC is a well-known skills development centre in Malaysia. It provides technical and vocational training to students and industry workers in various fields such as automation, information technology, engineering and so on. Among the activities carried out during the visit included:

- Briefing by PSDC representatives on the history and role of the centre.
- Visit to the training laboratory and technical workshop.
- Demonstration of the use of high-tech machines.
- Question and answer session with lecturers and industry representatives.
- Sharing of experiences by staff as lecturers at PSDC.

This industry visit aims to provide exposure to UiTM staff regarding the real working environment in the industry as well as to get to know the latest technology and skills offered by PSDC. It also aims to strengthen the relationship between educational institutions and the industry. This visit provides various benefits to the participants, including:

- Increasing knowledge and understanding regarding the latest technical skills.
- Understanding the needs and requirements of today's industry.
- Increasing staff motivation to achieve excellence in the field they are involved in.
- Establishing a network of cooperation between educational institutions and industry.

PSDC is also one of the first learning institutions in Malaysia to offer an industry-driven training centre and is one of the most sought-after education and training providers for students or industry workers in the field of skills. PSDC has over 260 domestic and international industry partners to support the academic programmes offered to make engineering a top choice for careers. PSDC promises the following:

- 100% Employability Commitment
- over 260 industry partners
- Industry Aligned Curriculum
- Industry Preferred Certification
- Further Education Opportunities
- Industry Preferred Certification

PSDC offers academic fields for:

- School of Engineering
- Applied Engineering
- German Dual Vocational Training (GDVT)



PSDC was represented by Dr. Hari Narayanan, Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Mohd Hisham Abdul Mutalib, Senior Manager Government Relations. Meanwhile, UiTM was led by Professor Ts. Dr. Johan Eddy Luaran along with a UiTM delegation from group 4 attended and fulfilled the PSDC briefing and industry visit agenda at MeTPI – 13.

The visit to PSDC has successfully achieved the set objectives. The presence of UiTM staff showed high interest throughout the visit and gained a clearer picture of careers in the technical and vocational fields. It is hoped that such visits can be continued in the future to provide more knowledge about the programs offered by the industry to students, industry workers and the community.

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