

BSP Managing Director Welcome Remarks
ORMC Welding School Graduation
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Good afternoon, Salam sejahtera.

Yang Mulia Dato Paduka Awang Haji Matsatejo bin Sokiaw, Deputy Minister of Energy, our guest of honour today.

Officials from Ministry of Energy, colleagues from BSP and our business partner AKER Solutions, students and parents.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I am extremely delighted to welcome all of you to the ORMC Welding School Graduation Ceremony.

Firstly, thank you to Yang Mulia Dato for attending our event, and making it extra special for the students who have recently completed the ORMC Welder training programme and whom will receive their certificate personally from you.

Today we celebrate the first milestone of this programme that was initiated by Brunei Shell Petroleum and developed by Aker Solutions.

The objective is to produce industry-qualified welders through the combination of classroom theory, supervised and personalized practical

training and on-the-job performance evaluations. Having completed the programme, these welders will be qualified in accordance to international standards.

The training is conducted right here in the BSP Marine Construction Yard. 12 dedicated welding booths are reserved for the students to learn and practice their welding skills. The welding instructors have been extremely impressed with the students and their progress throughout the programme – they spend up to 8 hours a day harnessing their welding skills. It is no easy feat!

Later we will have the opportunity to tour the welding school and hear first hand from the students of their experiences.

This collaboration between BSP and AKER is part of our commitment towards Wawasan Brunei 2035 by producing highly skilled Bruneians. The programme has been designed to ensure that the students gain practical knowledge that will kick-start their career.

At the recent get-together with Bruneian students in the UK, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam advised the students to increase their knowledge through formal means, and to be proactive in developing other competencies in shaping their character through capacity building programmes.

We humbly intend that this programme is one way of us supporting His Majesty's vision for young Bruneians. I urge our young students here

today to be proactive in your learning ... be curious and grasp every opportunity to continuously learn new things.

Henry Ford once said “Anyone who stops learning is old, whether they are twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”

So students, keep learning and you will stay young!

And we can continue to learn as a company, as BSP, even after 90 years of history.

Working on high-risk onshore and offshore operations can be risky and complex, so how can we ensure that a focus on Safety is foremost in our minds, every day. We want to showcase today something really innovative for Safety – the BSP ORMC Hazard Hunt facility.

The Hazard Hunt is deliberately setup to stimulate the learnings from actual incidents that have happened in BSP recently. The team has re-created the actual Hazards and the actual permit systems real incidents where people got hurt.

The idea is for supervisors to go through this practical Hazard Hunt, learning, re-learning and being assessed. We will break the risk normalisation on sites through innovative new concepts like the Hazard Hunt facility and make everyone safer working for BSP.

We will invite you all to tour the Hazard Hunt after this graduation ceremony so you can have a first-hand experience. Let's challenge each other and see how many hazards we can identify!

Once again thank you for attending this celebration. I would also like to convey a special recognition to the parents for your tireless encouragement to your young stars graduating today!

Join me in congratulating our celebrants today. You are part of our journey: Fuelling Brunei's Future.

Thank you.

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