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# **MMC CORPORATION COLLABORATES WITH DEPARTMENT OF POLYTECHNIC EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH MMC POLYTECHNIC EDUCATION CENTER**

**GELANG PATAH, 11 Dec 2017** – MMC Corporation Berhad (MMC), a premier utilities and infrastructure group signed a Certificate of Collaboration (COC) with the Department of Polytechnic Education (DPE) for the establishment of the MMC Industry Center at Polytechnics.

The DPE was represented by YBhg. Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Ismail Bin Abd Aziz, Director General of Polytechnic and Community College Education and MMC was represented by YBhg. Dato' Sri Che Khalib, Group Managing Director, witnessed by YB Dato' Seri Haji Idris Bin Jusoh, Minister of Higher Education. The signing ceremony was followed by a hand-over of equipment from MMC to the DPE.

Among the matters covered in the COC are the DPE will accommodate the sharing of facilities, equipment and training venues at the Polytechnics.

In addition, the DPE will also develop learning spaces at the Polytechnics in collaboration with MMC for sharing expertise and consultation of training especially in related fields.

During the event, YBhg. Dato' Sri Che Khalib said that “We are very excited on the establishment of the MMC-Polytechnic Education Centre. This demonstrates how industry and education can work together to help develop practical and industry relevant skillsets”

The DPE will provide a platform for forums to exchange information through discussion sessions, lectures and conferences in various fields, especially in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Port Management, Shipping and Logistics.

Meanwhile, MMC will provide opportunities for polytechnic students to undergo industrial training or work-based learning to equip them with real work experience. Apart from that, MMC will also make available career opportunities for polytechnics' graduates at MMC

and will also provide opportunities for Polytechnic lecturers to get exposure in the industry through the Sangkutan Industri Pensyarah (SIP).

With this established collaboration will add values to polytechnic students by providing exposure and experience in the industry as well as training students from the very beginning of teaching and learning. This also gives the industry an advantage in order to train and provide employment opportunities to students.



***Photo caption: Photo 1: (From Left) Dato Sri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh, Group Managing Director of MMC Corporation Berhad, Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh, Minister of Higher Education and Professor Dato' Dr Mohd Ismail Abd Aziz, Director General of Polytechnic and Community College Education during the signing ceremony of Certificate of Collaboration Department of Polytechnic Education and MMC Corporation Berhad***

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### **About MMC Corporation Berhad**

*MMC Corporation Berhad (MMC) is a leading utilities and infrastructure group with diversified businesses under three divisions, namely ports & logistics, energy & utilities and engineering & construction.*

*Its key businesses under the Ports and Logistics division include the operations of Port of Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd, Johor Port Berhad, Northport (Malaysia) Bhd, Penang Port Sdn Bhd and Kontena Nasional Berhad. Internationally, MMC has an associate stake in Red Sea Gateway Terminal Company Limited, a container port terminal within the Jeddah Islamic Port, Saudi Arabia.*

*Under the Energy & Utilities division, MMC is the single largest shareholder of both Malakoff Corporation Berhad and Gas Malaysia Berhad.*

*MMC's Engineering & Construction division has further established itself in the sector with a leading role as the Project Delivery Partner (PDP) and underground works package contractor for the 51km Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) project (Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line) and Line 2 project (Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line). Prior to this, MMC has successfully completed the 329km Ipoh-Padang Besar Electrified Double Tracking Project as well as the innovative Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (SMART) motorway, the first-of-its-kind dual-purpose tunnel in the world.*

*MMC continues to make inroads in the construction industry, securing key civil and infrastructure projects in the country namely Langat Centralised Sewerage Treatment Plant, Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant, civil and infrastructure works for RAPID Pengerang Cogeneration Plant. Additionally, MMC has a 20% effective interest in Borneo Highway PDP Sdn Bhd (BHP) which has been appointed as PDP for the Sabah Pan Borneo Highway Project.*

*In other businesses, MMC owns Aliran Ihsan Resources Berhad, a water treatment plant operator and Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd, the operator of Senai International Airport in Johor Bahru; a major aviation hub and the main air transportation gateway to Iskandar Malaysia. Additionally, MMC's Group Property arm manages close to 6,000 acres of industrial developments in Iskandar Malaysia, Johor and Kulim, Kedah, namely Senai Airport City, Tanjung Bin Petrochemical & Maritime Industrial Centre (TBPMIC) and Northern Technocity in Kulim. The Senai Airport City, TBPMIC and NTC (NTC) developments come under the ambit of Group Property's three operating companies – Senai Airport City Sdn Bhd, Seaport Worldwide Sdn Bhd and Northern Technocity Sdn Bhd respectively*

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## **About Department of Polytechnic Education (DPE)**

*Polytechnic education began in Malaysia with establishment of the Ungku Omar Polytechnic, Ipoh in 1969 under the United Nations Development Plan. The need to provide wider access to technical education and training for the country was given prominence by the Cabinet Committee on Education in 1979 and in the First National Industrial Plan (1985-1995).*

*In addition to decisions made by these committees, the Cabinet Committee on Training (1991) paved the way for the significant development in Polytechnic education. As a result, there was an increase in the number of Polytechnics and these institutions were able to offer more programmes to cater the demands of semi-professional personnel in the engineering, commerce and service sectors.*

*On 26th March 2010, the Cabinet further deliberated and approved the Higher Education Memorandum (No. 198/2685/2010) to establish four METrO Polytechnics in the 9th Malaysian Plan and another six in the 10th Malaysia Plan.*

## **DPE FUNCTION**

*Formulate policy and sets the direction of polytechnic education in developing human capital in technical, trade and service sectors.*

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