

# Johor Port partners Skills Johor, Johor Port Authority and Pelindo IV to offer upskill programme

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JOHOR Port Bhd has partnered Skills Johor Sdn Bhd, Indonesia Port Corp IV (Pelindo IV) and Johor Port Authority (JPA) to offer a skill development programme to students.

Johor Port chairman Datuk Seri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh said equipping students with practical experience and skills would complement the theoretical training received from their institutions.

"We developed the Port Industry Training Programme (PITP) to ensure the workforce of tomorrow is prepared as the landscape of our industry continues to evolve. We aim to make a distinct impact on improving the skills and make the students future-ready and equipped with relevant employable skills," he said.

The programme is aimed at nurturing both the technical and soft skills needed for port operations and management. Looking to synchronise the nation's goals to produce workers required with meeting standards, the certification programme and framework are in line with both national and global standards.

The training programme proposed



(From left) JPA GM Muhammad Razif Ahmad, Johor International Skills Hub Sdn Bhd CEO Datuk Omar Shariff Mydeen, Johor Port CEO Shahrull Allam Shah Abdul Halim, JPA chairman Datuk Abdul Rahim Ramli, Mohamed Khaled, MMC Port Holdings Sdn Bhd group CEO Ian James, Pelindo IV MD Doso Agung, JPK Southern region director Abdul Halim Hassan and Indonesia consul general Haris Nugroho at the launch of the PITP in Johor

by Johor Port will cover safety and health, operative skills training, computer literacy, refresher pro-

grammes for marine, engineering as well as ancillary services, alongside supervisory dexterity.

Che Khalib said the hands-on approach for the programme will help make the experience more pro-

ductive and effective for the students.

The partnership was officiated by Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Mohamed Khaled Nordin.

Initiated by Johor Port in 2014 to support the bulk and container terminal growth by producing competent employees and contractors, the Johor Port Skills Centre (JPSC), which centres on providing port skills vocational training for its staff, contractors and other ports in the region, has grown to provide services training to all of MMC Bhd's ports.

To date, the JPSC has developed 55 courses, producing more than 1,350 trainees and over 3,000 people regionally. The centre is now running a programme for supervisory level personnel from Pelindo IV ports, alongside a JPK programme (under the Skills Development Department of the Human Resource Ministry) that runs for 20 months aimed at school leavers.

Recently awarded Frost and Sullivan's Multipurpose Port for the 2017, Johor Port began its operations in 1977 and has been actively involved in human capital development through its manpower production for the port industry.