

Moulding powerful leaders of tomorrow

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"We are confident that we will be seeing youths who are better equipped, more employable and successful in their careers, ones who will go on to be resilient leaders who are impactful, inclusive and responsible toward the environment," Petronas Carigali Brunei Ltd (PCBL) HR and Strategic Communications and Admin Head Pengiran Hajah Nor'Camellia binti Pengiran Haji Mohiddin said on Tuesday.

Speaking at the closing of the Petronas School of Life (PSOL) 2022 programme at Radisson Hotel, she described the event a "milestone," adding that the participants' positive feedback further encourages the continuation of the programme in the future.

Hosted by PCBL who initiated this programme as part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR), the closing ceremony saw Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education (MoE) cum guest of honour Dr Haji Azman bin Ahmad presenting certificates of completion.

Malaysian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam Dato' Raja Reza bin Raja Zaib Shah, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the MoE Dr Chin Wei Keh, government officers, institution heads, speakers and students attended.

Pengiran Hajah Nor'Camellia acknowledged Dato' Raja Reza's contribution in the form of a private masterclass on networking with students at PB.

"We want to thank the individuals and organisations who welcomed the students to their office to learn more about their operations, on top of dedicating time to be interviewed by the students during class. This is truly a community effort coming together, rooting for the success of our next generation," she added.

PSOL Programme Curator Shaun Hoon remarked, "There are so many more great lessons learnt throughout the last three months. Through this experience with PCBL, we have had a chance to meet some of the most incredible speakers. Some of the stories have changed me profoundly."

PCBL sponsored 300 youth from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB), Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) and Politeknik Brunei (PB) for the programme.

PSOL also received support from key community players, both locally and from abroad, to help develop life skills for the youth.

The 300 students from the five higher institutions, as well as other youth networks and colleges were trained through five intensive sessions, involving 30 speakers from industries, the government sector, non-governmental organisations, as well as five PCBL senior executives.

Invited speakers discussed a host of real-life topics not typically covered at schools - from resilience to relationships, money to mental health and other practical skills to help students thrive in their careers.



Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education Dr Haji Azman bin Ahmad hands over a certificate. PHOTOS: LYNA MOHAMAD



Dr Haji Azman and Malaysian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam Dato' Raja Reza bin Raja Zaib Shah in a group photo

The closing also featured five student leaders who were chosen to share testimonials via a panel discussion, while invited students also networked, learnt and shared experiences with the invited guests.