

INFORMATION PAPER

Title : **Sharing Session on Challenges & Opportunities to Improve the Quality of Intake into Industry**

Proposed Date : **21 March 2023 (Tuesday)**

Time : **10.30 am – 12.30 noon**

Venue : **Dewan Produktiviti, MPC**

Speaker :

1. **Mr. Tan Eng Tong**, Chief Executive Officer, Penang Skills Development Centre (PSDC)
2. **Mr. Mohd Hisham Abdul Mutalib**, Senior Manager, Applied Engineering, PSDC

Targeted Participants : **Officers of MPC (Grade 41 and above) – estimated 60 paxs**

Proposed Agenda :

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10.00 am	: Registration of Participants
10.15 am	: Arrival of MPC Management
10.20 am	: Opening Remarks by MPC Management
10.30 am	: Sharing Session by Mr. Tan Eng Tong & Mr. Mohd Hisham Abdul Mutalib, PSDC
12.30 noon	: Q&A Session
12.45 noon	: Presentation of Token of Appreciation
12.50 noon	: Photography Session
	: End of Programme

Background of Content

The shortage of skilled workforce is not unique to Malaysia. Every country, developing or otherwise, has some element of that. The reason is because technology is continuously advancing, and it takes time for skills to catch up, especially when there is a large demand.

What is unique in Malaysia is the diminishing interest in STEM almost from school leaving age. Unlike Malaysia, for other developing countries like India and Vietnam, interest in engineering has been growing at an astonishing rate - this is seen as a way to get out of the low income trap for most societies. This discussion will not touch on whether it is a structural issue in Malaysia, but what can be done to address the quality of talent entering the workforce, given the structural issues.