

Johor Port, UTMSpace tie up to offer professional qualifications

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JOHOR Port Bhd, a member of MMC Group, has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with UTMSpace to develop and offer professional qualifications related to ports and logistics management systems.

Under the MoU, three programmes will be offered, namely Professional Certificate in Port Management, Professional Certificate in Logistics Management and Professional Master in Port Management.

The programmes are structured to provide port workers with the necessary knowledge to develop their ports and a network of contacts to build their careers. The programmes also include industrial attachments for workers to meet the evolving requirements of the industry.

The MoU was signed by Johor Port CEO Md Derick Basir and UTMSpace MD and CEO Prof Dr Azlan Ab Rahman in a ceremony that was held in Pasir Gudang, Johor.

Also present were UTMSpace Centre for



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Professional Development and Industrial Project Development GM Assoc Prof Sr Dr Sarajul Fikri Mohamed, Johor Port Authority senior manager Rafidah Ali, and senior management team from both Johor Port Bhd and UTMSpace.

Md Derick said Johor Port has more than 40 years of experience in the ports and logistics industry and is pleased to extend its expertise in the collaboration to elevate the professional capabilities of port workers.

"This collaboration also represents a para-

digim shift in fulfilling the need for professional and skilled manpower in the ports and logistics industry which is essential towards national development," he said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Azlan hopes the collaboration will act as a career-advancement platform for the community. "At UTMSpace, we believe that education is a lifelong process. Everyone should be given the opportunity to learn regardless of his or her age and academic achievement," he said.

According to Johor Port, the programmes' modules are developed by JP Skills Centre (JPSC), a training provider arm of the group.

JPSC provides training to major local ports and regional ports such as PELINDO III, PELINDO IV and Vietnam Ports, as well as to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Applications can be made by visiting www.utmspace.edu.my.

UTMSpace was established by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) in 1992 as a specialised centre for the implementation of lifelong learning programmes at the university level.

The centre offers part-time academic programmes in collaboration with UTM schools and faculties, and organises seminars, conferences, workshops and other development programmes for working professionals.