

Airod Building MRO Facility in China's Kunming Airport

Airod Sdn Bhd is setting up a maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facility at the new Kunming International Airport, China's fourth largest airport in Kunming, together with Malaysian Aerospace Engineering Sdn Bhd (MAE). The MRO facility providing services for airframes of commercial aircraft will be Airod's first facility overseas, and has been targeted to begin its operations in 2013. Its chief executive officer Datuk Kamil Aziz said that the new airport will be able to handle 1,000 aircraft landings daily, and there will be a huge demand for MRO services as it has been estimated that there will be about 8,000 aircraft operating in China by 2030. He added that Airod has signed a technical consultancy services agreement that enables MAE to provide the latter with consultancy services for three years in developing the MRO cluster at the new airport.

(Sourced from The Star)

Sarawak Seeking Engineers, Scientists to Resolve Local Issues

Engineers have been asked to study Sarawak's peat soil structure and how to reduce the costs of developing projects on it. According to Housing Minister Datuk Amar Abang Johari Tun Openg, this was necessary because part of the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE) area was covered with peat soil. Johari said one solution, which he had observed in Australia, was to build large retention ponds to drain the water from peat soil making it more compact and stronger. He also called on engineers to look at robotic operations for use in oil palm plantations and agriculture as a way of addressing the labour shortage in the sector. In addition, he suggested that Sarawak could be a regional data centre for international companies due to the state's rich energy resources.

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CIDB's Measurement Standards Lauded by Industry Players

Industry players believe that project delivery will be improved with the introduction of the Malaysian Civil Engineering Standard Method of Measurement by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB). According to quantity surveyor MCM Value Sdn Bhd president Mohd. Mazlan Che Mat, the document would guide the construction industry to be more prudent in planning and cost management. He said that the new document was prepared on the same concept and philosophy as the Malaysian Standard Method of Measurement for Civil Engineering Work, introduced in 2003, but contained thorough details of items and technicalities. He also added that industry players should adapt to the new measurement standards quickly in order to face the industry liberalisation in 2015. Meanwhile, Royal Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia, Quantity Surveyor Division

Chairman, Eddie Wong Weng Hong said the nature of the new measurement standards would raise local construction companies' operating standards if they fully comply with the requirements. By fully applying the standard measurement, he pointed out that this would provide sufficient feedback to CIDB to further improve on the standards to bring it to regional level.

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KKB in Joint Collaboration with Brooke Dockyard

KKB Engineering Bhd (KKB) and Brooke Dockyard & Engineering Works Corp are planning joint collaborations to undertake jacket and other structural steel fabrication activities for the offshore oil and gas industry as well as the marine sector. KKB's core business is in steel fabrication and manufacture of steel pipes while Brooke Dockyard is a leading marine engineering entity involved in the oil and gas, shipbuilding and repairs, bridge infrastructure as well as onshore manufacturing activities. The two companies have signed a memorandum of understanding for proposed strategic alliance and joint venture activities which is valid for six months. During the period, both parties would formulate the framework for the proposed strategic alliance. The joint collaboration would also include the lease of land in Muara Tebas, Kuching, by KKB to Brooke Dockyard for its oil and gas substructure and other works, with the exclusive rights given to KKB to carry out such works.

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NCIA Leads Initiative to Produce Wafer Fabrication Technology Graduate Trainees

The Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA) is collaborating with Silterra Malaysia Sdn Bhd and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) to produce a pool of wafer fabrication technology graduate trainees to fulfill the immediate industry need. NCIA is contributing RM2.17 million to the smart-partnership programme known as SNUCoE (short for Silterra, NCIA, UniMAP Centre of Excellence). According to NCIA chief executive Datuk Redza Rafiq, the short-term objective was to train and produce 25 graduate trainees in wafer fabrication technology, while the long-term objective was to bridge the knowledge gap and understanding in wafer fabrication technology between industry and higher learning at undergraduate level and for capacity building at UniMAP to feed existing and future industry needs. He said the trainees would undergo a 12-month training programme at UniMAP and Silterra, adding that the programme was necessary as it would serve the function of talent pipeline creation for high-end wafer fabrication.

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