



ASEAN TVET CONFERENCE CONCLUDES WITH SHARED VISION FOR FUTURE-READY SKILLS

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 August 2025 – The **ASEAN TVET Conference (ASEAN TVET)** concluded yesterday at the World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur, marking two days of high-level dialogue, cross-border collaboration and commitments to advance Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as a catalyst for inclusive digital and green transitions across ASEAN.

Jointly organised by the **Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp)** and the **Skills Development Fund Corporation (Perbadanan Tabung Pembangunan Kemahiran – PTPK)**, both agencies under the **Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA)**, the conference carried the theme of **‘Advancing Digital and Green Transformations through an Inclusive and Future-Ready TVET System’**, highlighting the critical role of TVET in equipping the region’s workforce for a rapidly evolving global economy.

Held from 13 – 14 August 2025, the ASEAN TVET brought together 25 expert speakers and welcomed approximately 1,500 delegates from ASEAN Member States, including policymakers, industry leaders, education providers, workers’ organisations and international development partners.

Reflecting on the discussions, **Mohd Fathullah bin Mustafa, Chief Executive of PTPK** emphasised during the **Epilogue Session: Day 1** that the conference had unpacked bold ideas and significant opportunities for regional collaboration.

He said, “The ASEAN TVET aims to enhance the role of TVET in driving inclusive digital and green transitions across the ASEAN region. For this, TVET systems must enable innovation to strengthen the quality and relevance of training while building the capacity of TVET institutions to ensure equitable access to future-ready digital and green skills for all.”

Mohd Fathullah added, “What we want to achieve from this conference goes beyond discussions, but actionable outcomes which are, a set of guiding principles to inform ASEAN Member States on building future-ready TVET systems that integrate digital and green dimensions, and a documented set of good practices for demand-driven and inclusive TVET, including collaboration mechanisms between governments, institutions, industries and workers.”

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During the conference's **Epilogue Session: Day 2, Dr. Syed Alwi bin Mohamed Sultan, Chief Executive of HRD Corp**, emphasised the critical role of TVET in shaping the future of the region and uniting ASEAN under a common vision. He asserted that TVET is not merely an educational pathway, but a powerful driver of economic progress and social cohesion across ASEAN.

He said, "TVET matters. It reduces youth unemployment, promotes entrepreneurship and SME growth, and is a tool for social inclusion. Let us all carry forward the shared mission for ASEAN – to empower people through skills and to strengthen the region through TVET."

"Let us continue our collaboration as one region, strengthening partnerships and working together to modernise curricula, enhance industry linkages and make TVET a first-class opportunity," concluded Dr. Syed Alwi.

The conference ended on a high note with the prize-giving ceremony for the **Innovator Pitch Day: ASEAN Future-Makers Challenge 2025**, which aimed to encourage participation from TVET graduates and industry partners in showcasing their technical skills and entrepreneurial thinking to develop practical, impactful solutions to real-world challenges. From 58 nationwide submissions received from 1 – 30 July 2025 via the AYOS 2025 website, the top 20 finalists presented their innovations live to delegates and judges.

The winners were:

- **First Prize:** Advanced Technology Training Centre (ADTEC) Jerantut, Pahang
- **Runner-up:** Proton Institute (ADTEC Melaka)
- **Second Runner-up:** UUM International Secondary School Melaka

The winners were selected by an eminent panel of judges comprising Dr. Hidayatullah Bin Mohammad Ali, lecturer and researcher in Sustainability/Environmental Engineering of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM); Dr. Nur Athirah Yusof, lecturer and researcher in Biotechnology of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Dr. Mohd Zieauddin Bin Kufian, lecturer and researcher of Centre for Ionics, University of Malaya (CIUM) Kuala Lumpur.

Complementing the conference sessions was an exhibition featuring **57 exhibitors**, presenting homegrown innovations, training solutions and technologies that demonstrate the nation's capability to drive digital and green skills development.

ASEAN TVET's opening ceremony, held on the first day, was officiated by **YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Minister of Rural and Regional Development and Chairman of the National TVET Council (MTVET)**, who emphasised Malaysia's commitment to positioning TVET at the heart of national and regional development strategies.

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Also present during the opening ceremony was **YB Steven Sim Chee Keong, Minister of Human Resources Malaysia**, who called for deeper ASEAN cooperation to ensure skills systems are future-ready, inclusive and industry-aligned.

The ASEAN TVET is the fourth flagship platform under AYOS 2025, held in conjunction with Malaysia as the Chair of ASEAN Chairmanship 2025. Through the upcoming flagship platforms of AYOS 2025 which include the National Human Capital Conference & Exhibition (NHCCE), Global Skills Forum (GSF) and the ASEAN Forum of Manpower Ministers for Human Capital Development (AFMM-HCD), Malaysia will continue to drive human development agenda that aims to promote bold collaborations, strengthen industry engagement and embed environmental sustainability into skills systems.

For more information on the AYOS 2025 and upcoming flagship platforms, visit www.aseanyearofskills.org.

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About HRD Corp

Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) is Malaysia's leading government agency for human capital development under the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA).

Governed by the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) Act 2001, HRD Corp is responsible for the collection and administration of the human resources development levy through the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), to promote the training, retraining and skills upgrading of employees, apprentices and trainees, aligning their capabilities with employers' business needs and the nation's aspiration of developing a highly-skilled workforce. This ensures Malaysia's workforce remains competitive and adaptable to the demands of both current and future economies.

HRD Corp also plays a pivotal role in strengthening Malaysia's training market, championing innovation, quality and inclusive access to skills development nationwide. For more information, please visit www.hrdcorp.gov.my.

About PTPK

The Skills Development Fund Corporation (PTPK), a federal statutory body under the Ministry of Human Resource, was established under the Skills Development Fund Act 2004 (Act 640) and came into force on 1 June 2006.

The policy and direction of PTPK is set by the Board of Directors, the membership of which comprises those from the public and private sector who have skills and experience from various backgrounds as well as representatives of skills training providers.

Main Function

1. To identify and approve skills training programmes which qualify for skills training loans;
2. To make available skills training loans and financial aid aside from training loans to trainees and to provide services in administering, overseeing and collecting of loan repayments; and
3. To perform any other functions assigned to the Corporation by any other written law.

For more information, please visit the PTPK website at www.ptpk.gov.my