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REGIONAL SKILLS CHAMPIONS CROWNED AS ASEAN TVET FRIENDLY MATCH 2025 DRAWS TO A TRIUMPHANT CLOSE

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 JUNE 2025 – The ASEAN TVET Friendly Match 2025 officially concluded today with the announcement of winners who demonstrated outstanding skills across nine key trade areas. Held at the Dewan Tun Dr. Ismail, WTC Kuala Lumpur, the event brought together government leaders, technical experts, industry stakeholders, and competitors from across 12 countries.

The event marked the culmination of four days filled with determination, learning, and regional camaraderie. Forty young talents from 12 countries, including ASEAN Member States and invited nations from across Asia, competed in realistic, high-pressure environments designed to mirror international benchmarks set by the WorldSkills Occupational Standards (WSOS). The event served as a key training platform for the upcoming 14th WorldSkills ASEAN Competition in Manila and the 3rd WorldSkills Asia Competition in Taipei.

Competitors were tested in nine trade areas: **Bricklaying**, **Electrical Installations**, **Cabinet Making**, **Carpentry**, **Plumbing and Heating**, **Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning**, **Welding**, **Digital Construction**, **and Mechanical Engineering CAD**.

The competition venues included ABM Central Region, FITEC Training Centre, CIDB Technologies, and MYBIM Centre, all of which offered a professional setting equipped with industry-standard tools and facilities. Judges, comprising WorldSkills-certified experts and experienced industry assessors, evaluated participants based on technical accuracy, speed, safety compliance, and problem-solving under time constraints.

Special appreciation is also extended to local sponsors whose unwavering support contributed significantly to the success of this programme. Their involvement not only facilitated the event's logistics and organisation but also strengthened public-private collaboration networks at the local level.

Malaysia's role in pioneering this construction-focused ASEAN TVET Friendly Match reflects its strategic vision for creating an industry-oriented, regionally harmonised, and globally competitive TVET ecosystem, in line with the national aspiration for Inclusivity and Sustainability under ASEAN Chairmanship 2025.

This event is the result of a strategic collaboration between the Ministry of Works (KKR) as the main organizer and the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) as a key implementing partner. This edition is especially significant as it marks the first time a regional TVET competition is dedicated specifically to construction-related skills, highlighting a major milestone in elevating the profile of the construction sector within the TVET ecosystem.

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