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LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS PARTICIPATE IN ENERGY BUSINESS ACADEMY

Brunei Shell Petroleum Sdn Bhd conducted another training session under its Energy Business Academy (EBA) initiative for Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) on 25th November 2015, taking place at the P.T.A.S. Sdn. Bhd training facility at the Kuala Belait Industrial Area.

A total of 25 SME business owners are registered for Cycle 2 of the EBA and participants of the recent session underwent Module 7 of the course, covering HSSE Management including a site visit to the P.T.A.S. work sites. This module aims to provide insight on HSSE requirements throughout the execution of contracts and to prepare vendors for upcoming tenders with the Brunei Shell Joint Venture (BSJV) companies in terms of HSSE requirements.

The EBA comprises of 12 modules which covers areas from a broader perspective of the oil and gas industry down to the fundamental foundations that local SMEs should practice.

Local Business owner Hamidah Majid of A.I.W Enterprise, noted that the EBA sessions have been very useful in providing knowledge of the various aspects of doing business, particularly in the oil and gas industry. "It's a good opportunity for us to be exposed to how BSP operates, learning about HSE, security, safety and all its associated processes. There are a lot of procedures to follow. The site visit was quite an experience for us. There should be more of this (EBA) for new SMEs so that locals don't have to depend on working with the Government but can go into tenders with oil and gas companies."

Another participant, Jason Osman of Megamoves Logistic Sdn Bhd said, "The EBA has actually done a lot for local vendors. It's given us a lot more opportunity to work with oil and gas companies and has opened up our eyes to better ourselves, so that we can understand the industry even more, along with the demands and requirements of certain clients as well. Through the EBA, this is where we can adapt ourselves for future business opportunities in the energy industry."

The EBA is one of the BSJV's initiatives which aim to develop competencies and capabilities of local SMEs who are venturing in the Oil and Gas industry.

The main objective of the EBA is to provide training and coaching to business owners, provided by experts of the industry, which will contribute towards an increase and improvement in the level of market competitiveness of Brunei's oil and gas industry. With support from the Energy Department (PMO), the vision of developing SMEs will act as an accelerator towards achieving the vision 2035 goals. As such, the EBA creates a platform for SMEs to take advantage of the support available from BSJV to strengthen their businesses.

For more information on the Energy Business Academy, please visit the BSP LBD Portal at www.bsp-lbd.com.bn

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