

# Internship scheme for undergrads

**JOB EXPERIENCE:** Engineering students get to train in oil and gas industry

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**W**ITH assistance provided by private companies, engineering undergraduates are urged to equip themselves to face the stiff competition in the oil and gas industry.

Higher Education Ministry director-general Professor Datuk Dr Rujhan Mustafa said internship initiatives between private organisations and universities were able to bridge the gap between textbook and the real world among students.

"Internship is a win-win situation for both the industry and local talent. Companies are able to hold on to the talent (rather than have them go overseas), while fresh undergraduates will gain a chance to experience the real working environment," he said at the memorandum of understanding signing ceremony for the Pilot Internship Programme.

Last year, he said 70,464 engineering graduates were ready to be absorbed into different fields. Among these, 5,589 were suitable talent for the oil and gas industry.

The internship is a collab-

oration between Malaysia Petroleum Resources Corporate and Association of Malaysian Oil and Gas Engineering Consultants.

The programme is to ensure a smoother transition upon students' graduation in pursuit of a career in the oil and gas industry.

Five memorandums of understanding were signed between participating companies and higher learning institutions for a period of five years.

The five participating companies are MMC Oil and Gas Engineering Sdn Bhd, Ranhill-Worley Parsons Sdn Bhd, Technip Geoproduction (M) Sdn Bhd, Aker Engineering Malaysia Sdn Bhd and RNZ Integrated (M) Sdn Bhd.

The five higher learning institutions are Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Malaya and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

Aimed at providing undergraduates an early exposure in building oil and gas industry capability, the internship programme offers a 10-week placement to selected third-year students from participating universities. The first batch for the programme will start the internship this month and end in September.



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