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Bio-based, biotechnology workforce told to get skills recognised via PPT-SKM programme

SHAH ALAM: Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (Bioeconomy Corporation) has urged the bio-based and biotechnology workforce to get their skills recognised and certified through the Recognition of Prior Achievement (PPT)-Malaysian Skills Certificate (SKM) (PPT-SKM) programme.

In a statement Wednesday, it said the programme is conducted together with the Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Puncak Alam and Department of Skills Development (JPK) under the Ministry of Human Resources to recognise professional careers and certify individuals with ex-

pertise in certain fields.

It said with that programme, bio-based and biotechnology workforce could attract potential employers and compete in the challenging job market due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, Bioeconomy Corporation acting chief executive officer, Mohd Khairul Fidzal Abdul Razak, in the same statement, said JPK has set a target of 100 applications for recognition and certification of skills in the bio-based and biotechnology fields through the PPT-SKM programme this year.

"This programme is very important to upgrade the level of skills in the bio-based and biotechnology industries

based on the National Occupational Skills Standard (NOSS), so that the skilled manpower in these industries can remain relevant and competitive locally and globally.

"The PPT-SKM programme also allows an organisation to be highly productive and visible thanks to its skilled manpower that is recognised by the government," he said.

Mohd Khairul Fidzal said for individuals, their certified skills and expertise could make them stand out in the challenging post-COVID-19 job market to help them further their education, get promotions and secure better job offers with more com-

petitive salaries.

"Skills like these can also be an attraction for prospective employers who are in need of highly trained and skilled experts, especially those in the bio-based and biotechnology fields," he added.

More than 200 participants attended the PPT-SKM briefing session conducted by Bioeconomy Corporation in Shah Alam on Aug 11 and Putrajaya on Aug 13.

The participants were briefed on the initiatives offered by the government through JPK to strengthen the level of human capital skills in the fields of biotechnology and bio-based in Malaysia. —Bernama