

SIRIM PROVIDES INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED CERTIFICATION, QUALIFIED TRAINING TO WELDERS



SIRIM Berhad, represented by its President and Chief Executive Ir. Hj. Yahaya Ahmad (second from left) and World Engineering Xchange Ltd. (WEX), represented by Chief Executive Officer Mr. R.C Wing (second from right) during the signing ceremony for a smart partnership that enables SIRIM to train welders for the local and global market.



Sirim Headquarters at Shah Alam

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AWS Certification training

SIRIM Berhad will be making a strong presence in the global welding technology with its appointment as the first Accredited Test Facilities in the Asia Pacific region by the renowned American Welding Society (AWS), a world leader in Welding Technology.

With the appointment, SIRIM is able to certify and qualify welders in accordance with international standards and practices of AWS which is recognised globally.

Going Global

The milestone also enables SIRIM to train welders for local and global markets.

In Malaysia, there are over 3,000 skilled welders and more than 10,000 regular welders currently involved in the oil and gas industry, construction, marine, ship building etc.

An agreement for the Smart Partnership with AWS was signed between SIRIM, World Engineering Xchange Ltd. and United Technologies (M) Sdn Bhd, at SIRIM headquarters in Shah Alam, last year.

AWS is exclusively represented globally by WEX to manage all of AWS' international certification programmes and act as as AWS International Auditing Agency. Meanwhile, United Technologies (M) Sdn Bhd will be representing AWS and WEX in administering and auditing the training and testing.

Science and Technology

AWS is founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, non-profit organisation with a goal to advance the science, technology and application of welding and related joining

disciplines. Its mission is to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering and thermal spraying.

"Under this partnership, SIRIM plans to become the regional hub in the Asia Pacific region for AWS welder certification. In this context, Malaysia has lots to gain as Malaysian welders will be accepted as competent by international standards," said Ir. Hj. Yahaya Ahmad, President and Chief Executive of SIRIM Berhad.

Tried and Tested

SIRIM has been involved in Welders Test since the early 1980s through collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency

(JICA). Currently, SIRIM Welders Qualification and Welding Procedure Specification Tests are recognised by the Malaysian authorities such as the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), Construction Industry and Development Board (CIDB), Energy Commission and Petronas.

Ir. Hj. Yahaya hoped that apart from the welder test, more programmes on certification for other welding personnel such as welding inspectors, welding engineers as well as technology development would take place.

"This initiative will augur well with SIRIM's role as supporting the government's call for producing internationally competent, knowledge-based human capital in the new era of development," he added.