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SINGAPORE'S ITE EDUCATION SERVICES PARTNERS MALAYSIAN INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON TRAINING OF TVET MASTER TRAINERS

Temasek Foundation International commits S\$203,939 in funding of new Capacity Development Programme in CNC Machining

JOHOR, MALAYSIA, Thu 16 Mar 2017 – Singapore's ITE Education Services (ITEES) and Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) have officially launched a Temasek Foundation International-funded Capacity Development Programme for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Master Trainers from Malaysia this afternoon.

Dato' Azman Mahmud, Chief Executive Officer of MIDA and Mr Bruce Poh, CEO Designate of ITEES, also signed a Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) at the Johor Skills Development Centre in Pasir Gudang, Johor, Malaysia. The signing was witnessed by Mr Yeoh Keat Chuan, Managing Director of Singapore Economic Development Board, and Mr Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive of Temasek Foundation International (TFI).

In commenting on the MOC, Dato' Azman Mahmud, CEO of MIDA said, "Today's collaboration is a positive model of how agencies and institutions from both countries can work together to boost the business environment in Singapore and Malaysia. This significant milestone reflects the spirit of ASEAN in capitalising regional synergies to promote intra-regional trade and investments. MIDA has been working closely with our counterparts in other countries, including EDB Singapore in attracting investments into the region. We are part of the Industrial Cooperation Working Group (ICWG) that was formed in 2013. This programme is among the initiatives of ICWG. By providing additional skills that meet the requirements of stringent international standards, we trust that this up-skilling programme will also raise the technical competency of other TVET personnel in Johor. Furthermore, upon completion, this programme can also be used as a positive benchmark for similar initiatives in other technical competencies."

TFI has committed funding support of S\$203,939 towards the setting up of the **Technical Skills Upgrading Programme (TSUP)** that would over a year, benefit some **100 TVET Master Trainers** from seven institutions in Johor.

Enhancing Technical Competencies of Master Trainers in CNC Machining

The TSUP aims to equip the Master Trainers with the necessary knowledge and skills on CAD/CAM programming and operation of the CNC multi-axis turning/milling machines. For

a start, 24 Master Trainers will commence a two-week training programme in CNC multi-axis machining at ITE College Central, Singapore, this month.

The Trainers come from institutions such as Johor Skills Development Centre, Sultan Ibrahim Polytechnic, Advanced Technology Training Centre Batu Pahat, Higher National Youth Training Institute Pagoh, Industrial Training Institute Pasir Gudang, Institut Kemahiran MARA Johor Bahru and Institut Latihan Perindustrian Tangkak Johor.

Within six months of completion of the TSUP, MIDA will arrange for the 24 Master Trainers to share their knowledge with an additional 70 TVET trainers, through a series of Post-Training Sharing Workshops, which are expected to complete by end of 2017.

Mr Bruce Poh, CEO (Designate) of ITEES, said: "ITEES is pleased to partner with TFI to share our TVET experience with our counterparts in Johor, Malaysia. We are pleased to see the active involvement of MIDA to enhance the technical competencies of Malaysian TVET trainers in the area of CNC machining, and ITEES looks forward to contribute meaningfully towards this effort."

"Building human and social capital is core to Temasek Foundation International's work in Asia and beyond. This programme is one such example of how the foundation supports the exchange of ideas and shared knowledge among fellow leaders and specialists, and we hope that this will contribute to enhanced networks of cooperation between Technical and Vocational Education and Training experts in Malaysia and Singapore," said Mr Benedict Cheong, Chief Executive of Temasek Foundation International.

The programme is expected to conclude by March 2018.

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About ITE Education Services Pte Ltd (ITEES)

ITEES, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Institute of Technical Education, Singapore, was established in 2003 with the objective of sharing the ITE's experience and expertise in TVET with the international community. Leveraging on more than 40 years of knowledge, capabilities and experience of ITE and its predecessor organisations, ITEES is able to help organisations meet the needs and challenges of TVET in a rapidly-changing global economy.

About Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA)

The MIDA is the government's principal agency established in 1967 for the promotion of the manufacturing and services sectors in Malaysia. The main functions of MIDA include assisting companies which intend to invest in the manufacturing and service sectors and facilitating collaboration with industries to address investors' human capital needs.

About Temasek Foundation International (TFI)

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