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Politeknik Brunei: Nurturing Innovation

The establishment of Politeknik Brunei was consented by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in a Titah delivered during the Teacher's Day celebration on 18th October 2008 to accelerate the country's human resources development, emphasised by the National Development Plan (NDP) and Brunei Vision 2035. This technical education transformation was a timely response towards the evolution of the local and global economic landscape, which directly affected the current and future skilled workforce requirements of the nation.

Politeknik Brunei opened its doors on January 2012 introducing nine 2-year Advanced Diploma programmes in the various fields of Business, ICT and Science and Engineering.

Three years later in July 2015, Politeknik Brunei revamped its former Advanced Diploma programmes and began offering its new 3-year Level 5 Diploma programmes to students with a minimum qualification of 5 GCE 'O' Level credits (based on relevant subjects), as well as those with Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) qualifications. The new Level 5 Diploma qualification is equivalent to Higher National Diploma (HND).

Since then, a total of twenty-one (21) academic Diploma programmes is currently being offered by the four Schools under Politeknik Brunei – the School of Business, the School of Information and Communication Technology, the School of Science and Engineering and the School of Health Sciences.

Furthermore, Politeknik Brunei has reached another significant milestone as it was recently awarded the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 9001:2015 on 27th November 2017 by Bureau Veritas (BV), making it the first Higher Education Institution in Brunei Darussalam to be certified, particularly in providing Level 5 Diploma Education in the field of Business, Information Communication Technology and Science & Engineering.

In support of the institution's vision on nurturing innovation, Politeknik Brunei is also an Institutional Member of the Oracle Academy. Thus, Politeknik Brunei remains keen and unequivocal in developing ICT talents of young Bruneians (particularly those who are passionate about ICT or technology in general), since the Oracle Academy advances computer science education globally to drive and boost knowledge, innovation, skills development, and diversity in technological fields by offering both educators and students computer science education resources.



Level 5 Diploma in Health Sciences (Paramedic) students demonstrate airway management during practical



Level 5 Diploma in Petroleum Engineering students undergoing their 6-month internship



Students from the School of Business learning outside of the classroom



Level 5 Diploma in Science Technology (Chemical Laboratory Technology) students doing lab work



Politeknik Brunei students engaging in a group discussion at the Main PB Campus Library



School of Health Sciences student participating in a patient care simulation