

Aiming for fully skilled workforce

PBAPP eyeing 100% technical personnel competency by December

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PENANG Water Supply Corporation Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) is targeting to achieve a 100% technical personnel competency by the end of this year.

Its chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said PBAPP now has 204 technicians and plant operators to support its water distribution and water treatment operations, of which 181 have the Malaysian Skills Certificate (SKM).

"This includes the 138 graduates who will be receiving the SKM certificates today under the Sistem Latihan Dual Nasional (SLDN) programme.

"We will help the remaining 23 technical employees to secure their SKM certificates before the end of the year to reach the 100% mark," he said.

Jaseni said the SKM was introduced in 1993 by the Department of Skills Development under the Human Resources Ministry and is recognised by the National Water Service Commission.



The graduates with their certificates at the SKM-SLDN convocation ceremony at Politeknik Seberang Prai, Permatang Pauh near Bukit Mertajam.

"When all our technicians and plant operators have the SKM certifications, it will mark another 'first' for Penang," he said at the SKM-SLDN convocation ceremony at Politeknik Seberang Prai in Permatang Pauh, recently.

Deputy Chief Minister II Dr P. Ramasamy presented the

certificates to the recipients after they successfully completed the programmes at the Penang Water Services Academy (PWSA).

In his speech, Dr Ramasamy said the academy would be branching out nationwide to provide competency training for the water industry personnel.



Dr Ramasamy (middle) presenting a recipient with the SKM-SLDN certificate at the convocation ceremony. With them is Jaseni (left).

"With its base in Penang, the academy will become the leading player in providing technical expertise for the water industry.

"Besides upgrading the 'hard-ware', we must also prioritise competency training for the technical workers.

"Let us work together to ensure that all the industry workers are certified to be competent for the benefit of the people and the

nation," he added.

Dr Ramasamy also said that the academy had trained 945 SKM-level graduates since 2010.

"Since 2007, a total of 3,872 personnel and school leavers had attended various training programmes at the academy.

"The academy's international client list includes water operators from Indonesia, Myanmar and Nepal," he said.