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YSG'S EFFORTS IN EDUCATION EXPOSURES AND OPPORTUNITIES

KOTA KINABALU (TUESDAY) – Yayasan Sabah Group will continue organising various conferences as part of its objective in complementing and supplementing the efforts of the government in bringing quality educational exposures and opportunities to the people, said the Deputy Director of Yayasan Sabah, Datuk Hajah Rosmawati Haji Lasuki during the opening ceremony of the Administrative Professionals Conference (APC) 2017 held on 28 March 2017 at Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort & Spa, Kota Kinabalu.

She was also thrilled in announcing the fourth coming Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC), "I am indeed happy to inform you that the SICC which is essentially built for the purpose of Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions (MICE) will be completed next year. Once it is ready, Yayasan Sabah Group will be organising and bringing more well-known speakers for conferences that meet the requirement of the day."

This is the seventh year APC has been successfully organised by Yayasan Sabah Group. There were 100 participants in the conference who came from various government agencies as well as the private sector.

With this year's theme, "Going Beyond – Embracing New Work Paradigms," four thought-provoking papers were presented aimed to motivate administrative professionals to a larger scope of work and responsibilities.

This year's APC was handled by four distinguished a panel of speakers, notably, Dr. Edwin Varo, Chief Executive Officer from Perpetual Learning Sdn. Bhd. who delivered on the diverse topic of navigating future career. Subsequently, Ms. Hanie Razaif-Bohlender, Executive Director of Dragonfire Corporate Solutions who talked about achieving business goals and objectives with greater confidence and effectiveness. Ms. Shantini Nadarajah, Director of Business Synergy Asia, spoke on Emotional Intelligence (EQ) for success. Another distinguished speaker, Ms. Kavitha Muthy, Principal Consultant, EC-Council Centre of Excellence emphasised the importance of having a solid understanding of new office technology in the workplace.

In entirety, the conference presented the participants an avenue on understanding the role of administrative professionals in accepting unprecedented changes, enhancing engagement and positive intent while advancing on career progression, identify trends, shaping the future, enhance positive outcome skills in dealing with the complex issues that today's administrative professionals face and discover the newly refreshed attitude in going beyond their daily work duties.

Inputs from all speakers were very enlightening and refreshing; sharing new knowledge and renewing motivation as participants have only good things to say about the conference. Sabah State Road Transport Department Director, Dato' Haji Mohd Suhaili B.M. Taufek, finds that the conference has been both educational and interesting. He feels that the first speaker, Hanie has expressed herself clearly in a real life world. When asked about applying the tips shared by the speakers in daily job and life, he said, "It is a fact, especially in dealing with younger generation staff."

He also added, all of the speakers were excellent in delivering their topics. When asked about how he would apply the tips shared by the speakers to his daily routine, he said, "I will put into practice immediately."

Melpa Bt. Talabgro, Human Resource Officer at Jurukur Bahan Konsultan (Sabah), Kota Kinabalu said she kept coming back to attend the conference every time it being held. According to her, listening to the speakers has motivated her.

She added, “The second session has enlightened me the most since it has helped me look into ways of leveraging emotions and gaining emotional control as well as maturity. Practice and applying this valuable knowledge one day at a time is the way to do it.”

Hertika Binti Mohd Tahir, Assistant Manager at Sabah Credit Corporation mentioned that this was her first time attending the conference. It has given her additional knowledge and according to Hertika, the last speaker, Dr. Edwin has been very motivating. “I will take all the speakers’ tips one day at a time, applying them in my daily life and job,” he said.

Adding to the lists of first timers was Mawi Haji Hassan, Graphic Artist attached to Yayasan Sabah Group’s Corporate Communications Division. According to him, the conference has been a game-changing experience whereby participants learned to develop engagement and positive intent while advancing one’s career.

Apart from the invaluable knowledge sharing by the distinguished speakers, participants were also involved in group as well as individual activities. Participants were also given a surprise with 12 lucky draw prizes.

Pix 1 : *Attentive participants.*

Pix 2 : *Session one speaker, Hanie talks about the skills in handling work challenges with greater confidence and effectiveness.*

Pix 3 : *Session two speaker, Shantini talks about EQ for career success.*

Pix 4 : *Session three speaker, Kavitha sharing on mastering office technology and digital economy.*

Pix 5 : *Session four speaker, Dr. Edwin sharing conference reelection.*

Pix 6 : *Dato' Haji Mohd Suhaili finds the conference educational and interesting.*

Pix 7: *Melpa felt motivated and revitalised after the conference.*

Pix 8 : *Hertika will be applying all the tips shared by the speakers in both her daily life and job.*

Pix 9 : *Mawi absorbing every aspect of the conference... feeling rejuvenated.*

Pix 10 : *Group activities during conference.*

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