



THE 25TH IMT-GT JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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INTRODUCTION

The Working Group on Human Resources Development of the 25th IMT-GT JBC Meeting was held in Serambi Hall, Hermes Palace Hotel Banda Aceh, NAD Province, Indonesia on the 11th July 2008. The Meeting was attended by 29 delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. The Working Group was chaired by Mr. Viator Butar Butar from Indonesia.

1. OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRMAN

Indonesia

Mr. Viator Butar Butar from Indonesian Chamber of Commerce was appointed as a Chairman of the working group meeting. He firstly introduced himself and welcomed all delegates to the meeting and expressed his hope for a productive meeting

Malaysia

The Co-chairperson from Malaysia, Mr. Wan Ismail Ibrahim welcomed the delegates to the Working Group on Human Resources Development meeting and observed that there is a positive improvement in IMT-GT HRD group meeting since the last three years.

Thailand

The Co-chairman from Thailand, Mr. Weerapan Musigasarn welcomed all delegates to the meeting. He shortly introduced the changing member of Thailand JBC members.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE**

The following persons were appointed as members of the drafting committee:

Malaysia : Mr. Wisla Qarani Ismail
Indonesia : Ms. Shalawati
Thailand : Mr. Wichien Chatupote

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The meeting agreed to adopt the agenda without any amendments.

4. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE WG ON HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT OF THE 24th IMT- GT JBC 12th JANUARY 2008, Hat Yai IMT- GT JBC, THAILAND**

The meeting fully adopted the report of the working group on Human Resources. There was no correction on Report of the Working Group on Human Resources Development at the 24th IMT-GT JBC Meeting in Hat Yai, Thailand.

5. **REVIEW OF THE PAST PROJECTS/ NEW INITIATIVES**

5.1. **IMT-GT Youth Camp**

There was no development on the Youth camp program reported by intended host of Malaysia.

5. 2. **Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)**

The meeting spent time discussion on this topic and agreed that this matter was strategic but complicated. There has not be significant improvement in MRA after the 24th JBC meeting in Hat Yai, Thailand, despite the formation of the task force, mainly due to changes in Thai leadership and complication of the matters. However, the groups agreed to keep the matter in the agenda and recommended the MRA to be taken by the JBC to MM and SOM (Human Resource Development working groups).

Malaysia has been selected with ASEAN countries to develop a standardized curriculum development on basic electronic and the refunded from AMEIC-MITI, Japan.

5. 3. Joint International Conference on HRD

Thailand (PSU) is still working on the preparation of the joint international conference and will report to the JBC as they are ready to conduct the joint conference, which has been tentatively scheduled before the end of the year 2008.

5. 4. New International Conference Center

Thailand offer a new international conference facility in Prince of Songkla University in Songkhla.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Progress Report and Update

Indonesia

Mr. Syechala : raising the issue about the different curriculum among the countries' education.

Mr. Hatta Juana: bringing vocational school in Banda Aceh and Thailand and Malaysia.

Mr. Viator Butar-Butar: encouraging the three governments to seriously involve in MRA.

Malaysia

Mr. Faizal suggested to focus in industrial skills training due to countries have different level of skill standard.

Mr. Wisha raised issue to eliminate the tax of training equipment for the purpose of IMT-GT training at the respected country. And he purposed to have immigration and Customs awareness and improvement procedures and proposed for special IMT-GT visa permission.

Thailand

Mr. Chatchai Ratanachai mentioned that it is hard task to synchronize each country program because each priority.

Ms. Weerapan Musigasarn explained a new challenge for IMT-GT due to the expansion of area covered within the three countries and IMT-GT has to adjust according to ASEAN and other sub region projects.

6.2 New Projects/Proposals/Presentations

Indonesia

Indonesia is seeking for partner for vocational education training; staff-teacher exchange program and student practical attachment with Malaysia and Thailand.

Thailand

Thailand invited Malaysia and Indonesia to organize HRD international executive and government JBC members to participate program for IMT-GT studies, issue related to the six IMT-GT working groups and global, continental and regional factors.

Malaysia

No program was proposed.

6.3 New Initiative

Malaysia welcomed all JBC members to work together, participate any HRD activity with institutions or various universities in Malaysia and encourage country visits.

Indonesia invited Malaysia and Thailand for the establishment the IMT-GT training center and joint project for agriculture and tourism and Aceh will provide the land resource.

6.4 New Policy Matters

There was no new policy matters discussed from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

6.5 New Issues

There was no new issue from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There was no other matters from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

8. CLOSING REMARKS

Indonesia

Mr. Viator Butar Butar the meeting was the most fruitful HDR meeting.

Malaysia

Mr. Wan Ismail Ibrahim concluded the importance of funding mechanism, language, human factors in successful project implementation.

Thailand

Mr. Weerapan Musigasarn highlighted the importance of higher education and information technology in IMT-GT development in the future.

End.



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The report of Working Group on Human Resource at the 25th IMT-GT Joint Business Council Meeting is confirmed by:

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Mr. Wan Ismail Ibrahim
Co Chairman
Malaysia

Co Chairman;

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