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# CHEM SAIN

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*Sarawak  
Independence  
Day*





Message From  
Managing Director

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I was very thankful and deeply touched by all the kind thoughts and wishes on my 90th birthday celebration on 6th July 2019, earlier than the actual birthday in August. The celebration was held earlier as my grandchildren were back from Australia during that time.

My birthday speech was on my life journey which had been tough and challenging but to me it was a blessing in preparing me to be a better person with deeper understanding of the less fortunate people and also for facing the various tough challenges in life.

As an encouragement to some Chemsain members to work hard to improve themselves and at the same time to enjoy what they are doing, I will now briefly mention the journey of my scientific career.

I started my scientific career as a laboratory assistant at the City Analyst Department of Singapore City Council in 1952 and after work I attended a private Institute of Science for HSC in Chemistry. After HSC, with the support of my European boss I was given time off to attend the Chemistry Course at University Malaya Singapore with the intention to sit for the professional examination of the Royal Society of Chemistry England. I completed Final 1 of the Chemistry Course at the University but when my boss got a post to head the Government Analytical Laboratory in Kuching, he got me to join him here early 1961.

The Laboratory later became the Chemistry Department Sarawak. I continued to work very hard with full dedication to the Laboratory. I was awarded a Federal Government Scholarship in 1964 to study Chemistry at the Royal College of Advanced Technology Salford, England, and also for the Royal Society of Chemistry Professional Examination. I gained my first professional qualification LRIC in 1967 and completed further examination to qualify for higher grade of the Professional Institute as well as Honours in Chemistry of the RCATS. I also had an attachment to the Northwestern Forensic Laboratory in Preston and returned to Kuching in 1969.

I continued to enjoy my work in the Chemistry Department and was Director of Chemistry Sarawak from 1979 to 1984 when I retired from government service. Out of frustration with nothing useful to do after retirement for three months, I started from scratch Chemsain Konsultant Sdn Bhd in November 1984 with an inexperienced young girl clerk to provide laboratory services and supply of scientific equipment and chemicals. The Company has now grown to provide multi-discipline scientific and technological consultancy and supporting services with 8 Branches strategically located throughout Malaysia as well as Brunei with about 500 professional and supporting staff. All the more, we are now proud to have our own Chemsain Building in Kuching.

The hardships and difficulties I went through from a humble beginning of my working life having to work full time as well as studying to better my future and starting Chemsain from scratch, it has been my strong faith and trust in God that toughened and kept me going in the face of various challenges. I never let hard lessons burden my heart as they make me better and not bitter. So I always treasure all the tough experiences through the rugged path of the journey of my scientific career.

I must truly acknowledge the tremendous contribution from Dr John Chan and Ir Brian Chong in bringing Chemsain up to such high level. At the same time, I am also most grateful to the other Directors and staff members for their contribution, dedication and hard work in the development and growth of Chemsain.

**CHAN WOON PENG**

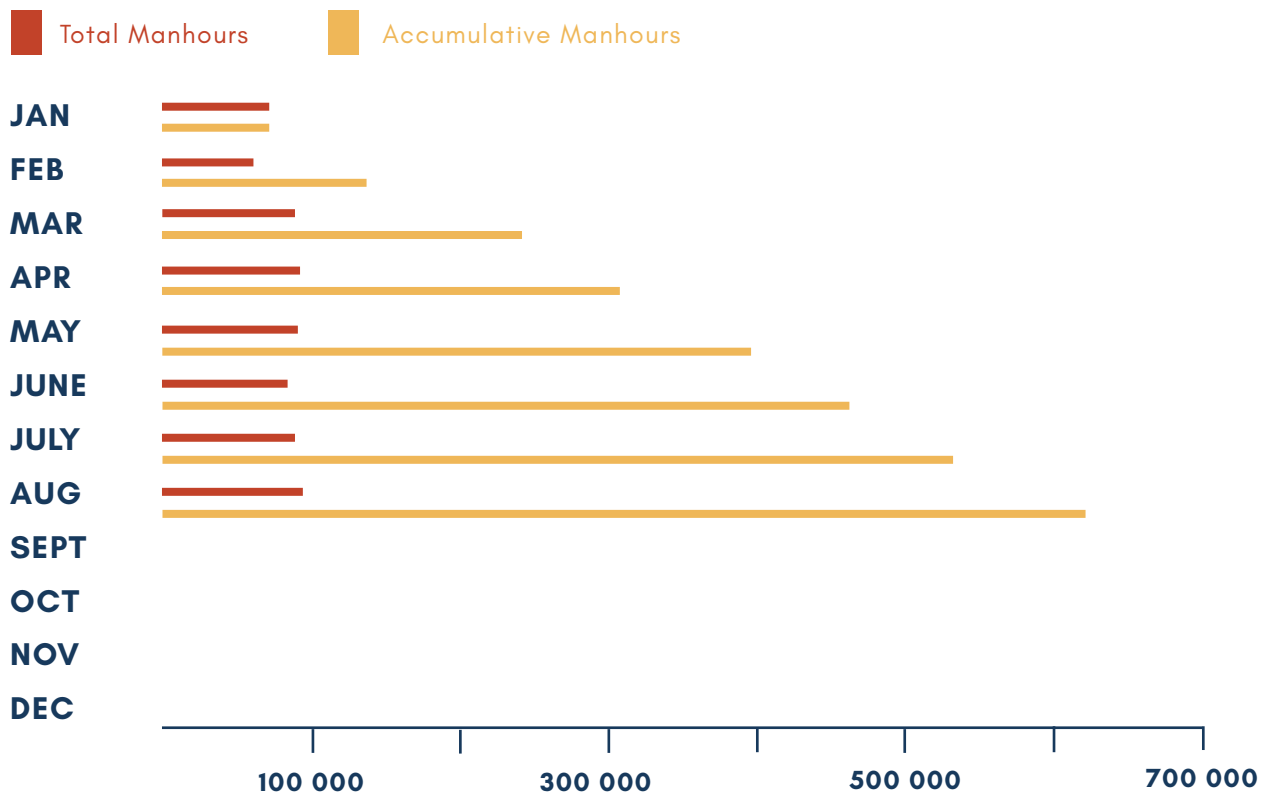
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# 1. HEALTH, SAFETY ENVIRONMENT PERFORMANCE DATA

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	AUG 2019	YTD JAN - AUG 2019	YTD JAN 2010 - AUG 2019
<b>SAFE MAN-HOURS WORK</b> Without Lost Time Injury(LTI)	<b>82,653</b>	<b>631,008</b>	<b>6,857,575</b>
<b>FATALITY CASES</b>	0	0	0
<b>SERIOUS INJURY (MEDICAL TREATMENT CASES)</b> Injury resulting in 4 or more days leave for the victim (LTI)	0	0	0
<b>MINOR INJURY(FIRST AID)</b> Injury without leave taken or less than 3 days leave taken. Non-Lost Time Injury for the victim (LTI)	0	0	<b>9 cases</b>
<b>NEAR MISS INCIDENTS / ACCIDENTS</b> (Non-injury/ non-LTI)	0	0	<b>6 cases</b>
<b>HEALTH - OCCUPATIONAL POISONING &amp; DISEASES CASE</b>	0	0	0
<b>FIRE INCIDENTS</b>	0	0	<b>2 cases</b>
<b>CHEMICAL SPILLS</b>	0	0	0
<b>OTHER INCIDENTS</b> Resulting in eg.Property/Equipment damage, theft, negligent; Road accident before/after work etc.	0	0	<b>10 cases</b>

CHEMSAIN has achieved 82,653 safe man-hour in August 2019 and without any Lost Time Injury (LTI). To date, we have achieved 631,008 hours in Year 2019 and a total of 6,857,575 safe man-hours since Year 2010. Our incident rate is recorded at 0.00 compared to current National rating at 2.40.

## TOTAL MANHOURS WITHOUT LTI

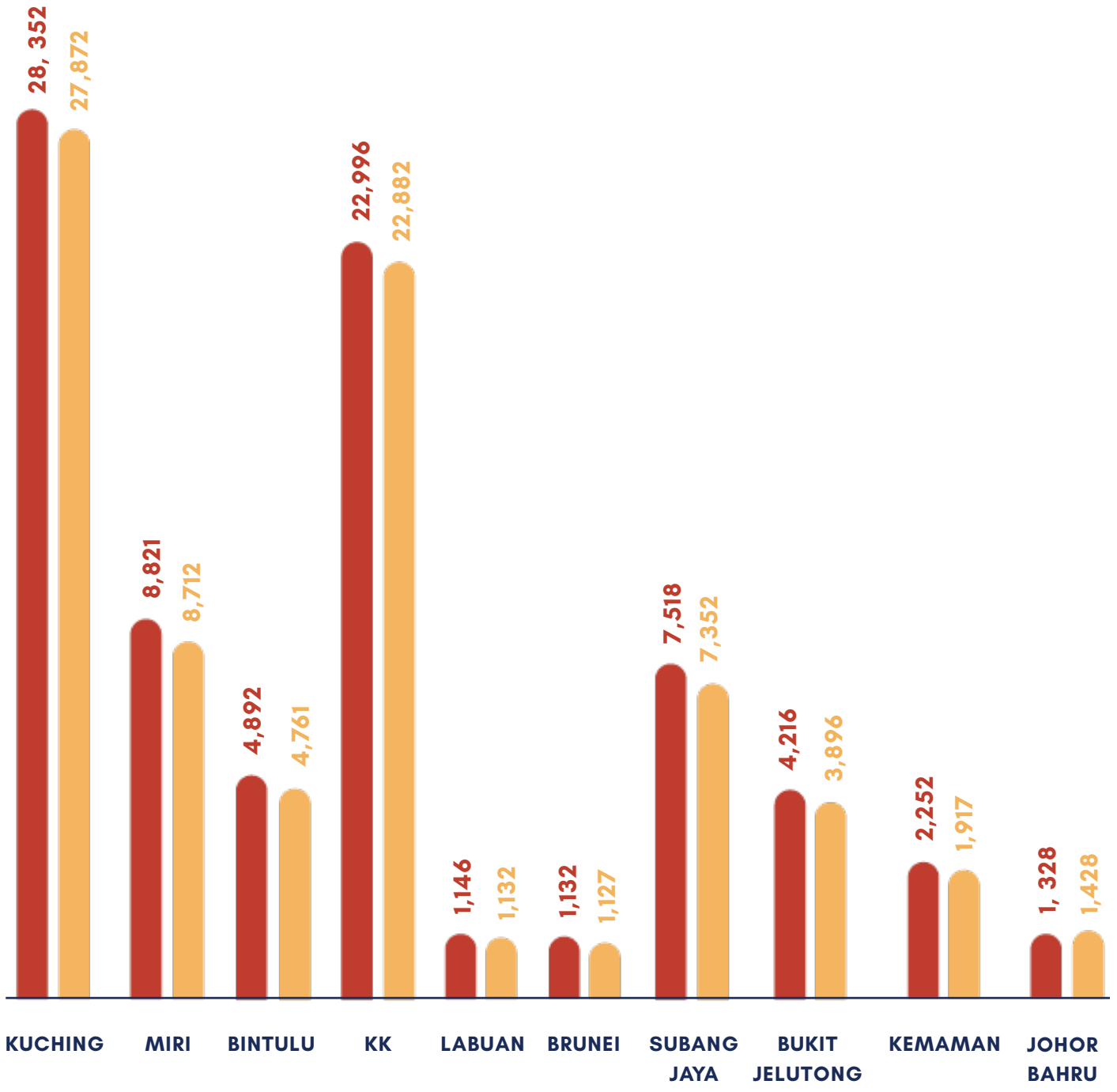


In August, our HSE department conducted a HSE audit of all Chemsain laboratories and operation offices. The purpose of the audit was to collect data and to ensure that the HSE standard was met and also as part of our commitment to continuous improvement. The Human Resource Department also sends staff to KPJ Specialist for medical surveillance as recommended by the Assessor in the Chemical Health Risk Assessment (CHRA) report and will continue to monitor this in the following months in order to comply with the requirement of the Occupational Safety and Health (Use and Standard Exposure of Chemical

Hazard to Health) Regulations 2000. Fresh from participating in the Workplace Accident Free Week (WAFEW) campaign in July 2019, we continue our efforts to improve staff awareness and cascading latest HSE information through toolbox briefings. If you witness any accident or near misses, please report the incident to the management or the HSE Department immediately to enable prompt action to be taken to mitigate the danger. If you observed any unsafe behaviour or unsafe condition, please stop the activity and take proactive action to mitigate the danger. You can also record your findings in the UAUC report card available at all levels.



## MANHOURS CONTRIBUTORS



July August





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# Mr. Chan's 90th Birthday Celebration



## *"Who Says What Age Is Supposed To Look Like?"*

There has been this thought that by the age of 60, we should be ready to retire. But not Mr. Chan. On the 6th of July 2019, family and close friends have gathered to celebrate Mr. Chan's 90th birthday in Chemsain Building. The special occasion was a success. The cake cutting celebration was done in Sunnydale Event's Auditorium and dinner in Sunnydale Cafe. A special arrangement was

made for the buffet. Guests got to enjoy their delicious meal with the choice of the seats in the cafe's cozy interior or the cool open space at the side of the building. Mr. Chan's journey had been a memorable one. We travelled together through his past that has brought everyone to the present and looked forward to the future together. Thank you for sharing your journey with us & Happy 90th Birthday!







## **ERGONOMIC & MANUAL HANDLING AT THE WORKPLACE TRAINING**

8 & 9 July 2019  
Mukah Power Generation  
Sdn Bhd, Mukah

The two day course was specially structured and designed for general awareness and basic understanding of ergonomics to ensure an appropriate knowledge and precaution when performing an ergonomics process activity. This course helped the participants to have a clear picture of the basic understanding of workplace ergonomics and manual handling. Upon attending the program, they were able to recognise the definition, the objectives of ergonomics, the risk factors of ergonomic and explaining the basic procedures for ergonomics risk assessment. The participants were able to suggest and explain control measures in improving ergonomics issues at the workplace.





## CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT IN THE WORKPLACE TRAINING

10 & 11 July 2019  
Mukah Power Generation  
Sdn Bhd, Mukah

This program attempted to give an insight to the participants on chemical management at the workplace. The program assisted the participants in ensuring a safe, healthy and conducive working environment for everyone according to legislative requirement. Other than that, the training also helped to create awareness on the importance of chemical management at the workplace for both employers and employees. Quiz and discussion were given to each group & a representative of each group presented the outcomes.



## FLOODED OFFICE!

22 July 2019  
Lot 2, Level 3,  
Chemsain, Kota Kinabalu

Heavy rain and a sudden downpour caused the downpipe at Lot 2, KK Office to be clogged. This further caused the water to overflow from the toilet up to Engineering/ Consultancy area which resulted in the flooding of Level 3 at Lot 2. As soon as Admin receives the incident notification, actions were taken immediately. Fortunately, Raen and team were in KK and were able to assist. There was strong teamwork from all the staff as they cleared the water and cleaned the office together. At approximately 2:20PM, the task was completed and the rain finally stopped. A big thank you to those who helped with the cleanup.







## ZUMBA

31 July 2019 &  
14 & 28 August 2019  
Chemsain Building, Kuching

As one of the HSE's plan to promote healthy living to staff members, a Zumba session is organised every fortnight. HSE's future plan is to organize such activity every week. Kudos to our HSE team led by Khairil Abel for taking care of staff well-being.





## VEHICLE INSPECTION

2 August 2019  
Chemsain, Kuching

After the monthly operational meeting, MO1 division will carry out vehicle inspections to ensure that all the company vehicles are well maintained and clean. The inspection was led by Ms. Lau Suk Eng. After the inspection, Ms. Lau was very satisfied with the vehicles' conditions. Kudos to all staff who take pride and play their part in looking after and maintaining the company vehicles.



## THE GREAT RIMBA ZUMBATHON

10 August 2019  
DBNA, Kuching



The Great Rimba Zumbathon 2019 is organised by Place Borneo Sdn Bhd in collaboration with Exhilarate Fitness Studio. Chemsain being one of the strategic partners sponsored a few staff in this event. Even Dr. John came to support.



From left: Yasmin (MO1), Dr. John Chan & Nancy (CK1)





## IEM ENGINEER'S RUN 2019

10 August 2019  
Kuching, Sarawak

IEM Sarawak organized their yearly Half Marathon Running event on 10th August 2019. Chemsain's very own director, Mr. Mohammad Siphon joined the event and finished his 21KM strong.

Standing beside Mr. Mohammad Siphon is his lovely wife. Some candid picture as Mr. Mohammad trying to unfold his finisher tee.



## **SURAYA & Khatib's WEDDING**

18 August 2019  
Kuching, Sarawak

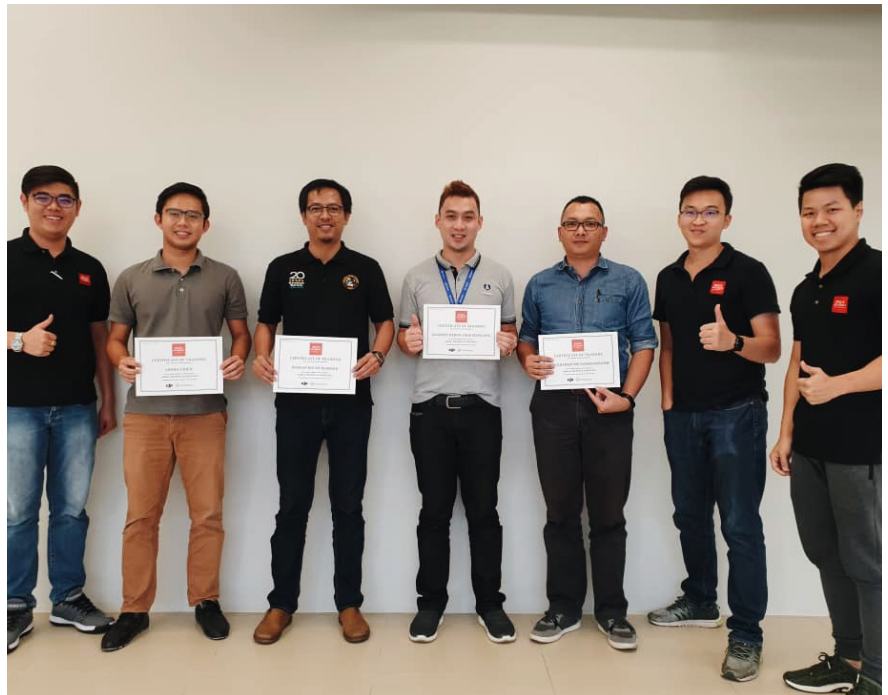
Suraya (Sunnydale Cafe) looking every inch the beautiful bride. Love is indeed a many splendored thing. Heartfelt congratulations from all of us! We hope that your love continues to grow in many years to come. Wishing both of you many magical moments and a wonderful journey as husband and wife!



## AERIAL MAPPING & SURVEYING COURSE

21 & 22 August 2019  
Chemsain Building,  
Kuching

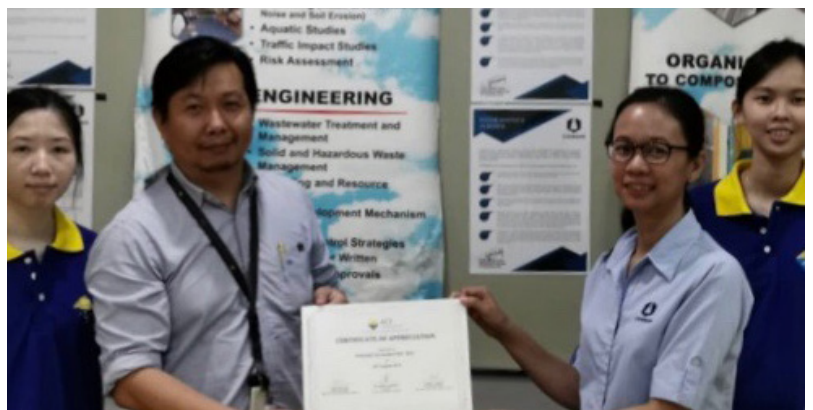
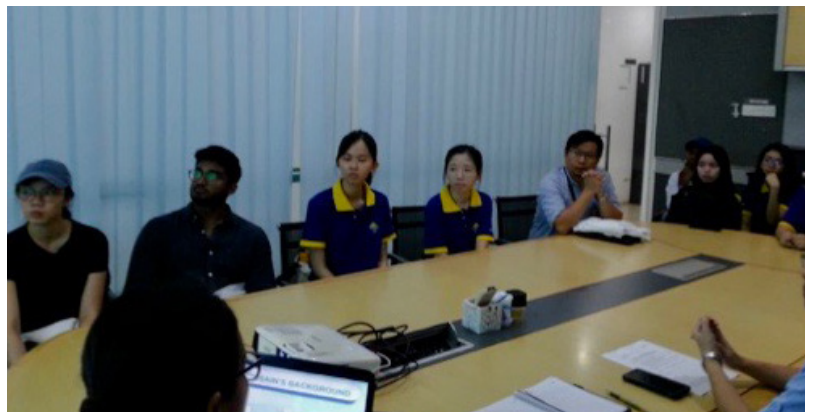
A 2-day Aerial Mapping & Surveying course was held at Chemsain Building Kuching. The course was attended by 4 participants and conducted by 3 experienced and young professional, trainers from Drone Academy Asia, Cyberjaya, Kuala Lumpur. The 2-day course was a fun experience with all the technical and practical skills being taught to the participants in order for them to fully understand the data processing of Aerial Mapping.



## CURTIN UNIVERSITY VISIT TO CHEMSAIN KONSULTANT MIRI LABORATORY

23 August 2019

Chemsain Konsultant, Miri



On 23 August 2019, Chemsain Konsultant Sdn Bhd (Miri Laboratory) received a visit from American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Chapter Curtin University Malaysia. The tour included about 15 students and one advisor. The visiting event began with an introduction to Chemsain Laboratory services and its capabilities. After that, the visitors proceeded to the Chemical and Microbiology Laboratory. The tour ended with a group photo and handover of an appreciation certificate from Dr. Gibriel Kansedo. Refreshments were prepared for visitors as well.



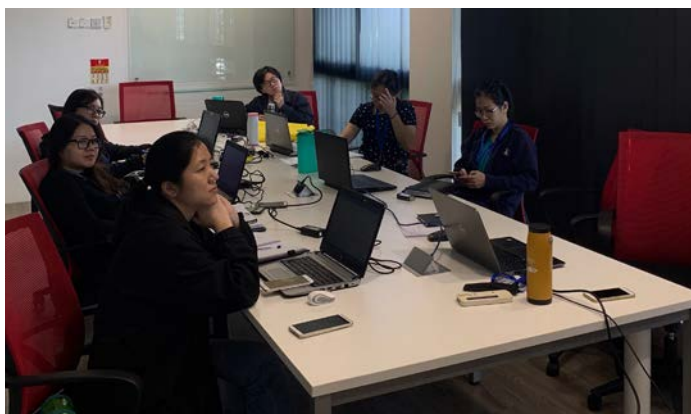
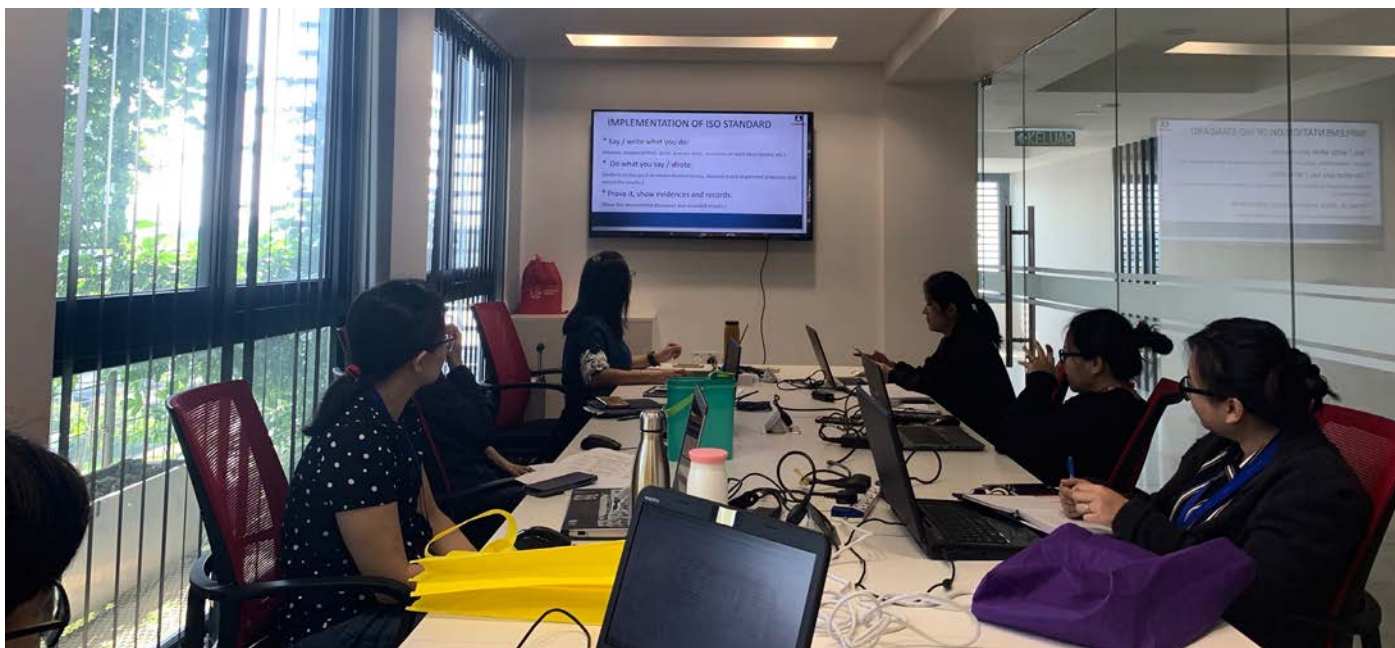


## **MILO RUN**

25 August 2019  
Stadium Sarawak, Kuching

Who would have thought? A few good running buddies can really make running activities fun! On 25 Aug 2019, a group of Chemsain staff joined the annual Milo Run at Stadium Sarawak.





## APPOINTMENT OF ISO9001 WORKING COMMITTEE FOR KUCHING OFFICE

30 August 2019  
Chemsain Konsultant, Kuching

The ISO9001 Quality System Committees had their ISO meeting on 30th August as the initiative to implement ISO9001:2015 quality management system at our Kuching office. The Managing Director has appointed the ISO Working Committee to establish, implement and maintain the quality management system. The Committee will ensure a proper and effective implementation of the Quality Management System in

accordance to ISO9001:2015. In addition, the Committee will make sure that the processes needed for the quality management system are established, implemented and maintained as well as conducting periodic management reviews and reporting to the top management on the performance of the quality management system and any need for improvement.

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HAPPY  
MALAYSIA  
DAY!

