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BOARD of Director UNIMAS Chairman, Datu Dr Hatta Solhi (centre) presents the PRESTIGE award to Millennium Falcon group while Tom Wong (4th right), Professor Fadzil Abdul Rahman (2nd right) and others look on.

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KUCHING: Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) awareness and practice may sometimes be taken for granted in the workplace.

According to Shell Middle Distillate Synthesis (SMDS) Malaysia Sdn Bhd General Manager Manufacturing, Tom Wong, complacency and normalising work ethics practices can lead to incidents that can disrupt operations and productivity, causing not only monetary loss, environmental excursions but in some cases, injury and death.

"Safety is always Shell's top priority. We aim to have zero fatalities and zero incidents that we call GOAL ZERO that harm people, or put our neighbours or facilities at risk," he said in his speech during the PRESTIGE SARAWAK Certificate Ceremony 2016 at Grand Margherita hotel, yesterday.

He also said that through Practical Environmental, Safety and Industrial Guidance for Student Engineers (PRESTIGE), it is a hope to create awareness among the future engineers in the importance of a culture, to allow them to mold the culture into every heart and mind around them including their families.

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Wong said they believed that it was critical to ensure young graduates who would soon be entering the job market were equipped with an HSE mindset.

"The activities and scenarios designed during the workshop test students' ability to understand and apply HSE concepts," he added.

He also said that the students were introduced to the concepts and methodology of thinking about an issue that may trail into an incident and with most of which are preventable means it can save money, asset and more importantly, lives.

Meanwhile, Vice Chancellor of UNIMAS, Professor Dato' Dr Mohamed Kadim Suaidi said that UNIMAS always encouraged students to attend any knowledge related programme with the hope

that would increase their motivation to acquire new knowledge outside classroom.

"Knowledge is a gift that students should acquire upon themselves and not only limited to lecture given by lecturer but also from any other sources such as individual capacity building programme by PRESTIGE 2016," said Kadim in his speech, which was read by Deputy Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs & Alumni UNIMAS, Professor Fadzil Abdul Rahman.

Kadim said that the programme of this kind would certainly increase student's understanding when given by experience speaker and the experience gained from PRESTIGE 2016 could be disseminated among other classmates.

A total of 70 final year students from the varsity's Faculty of Engineering, participated in the three-day workshop from March 4 to March 6 of Practical Environmental, Safety and Industrial Guidance for Student Engineers (PRESTIGE).

Also present was Board of Director UNIMAS Chairman Datu Dr Hatta Solhi.