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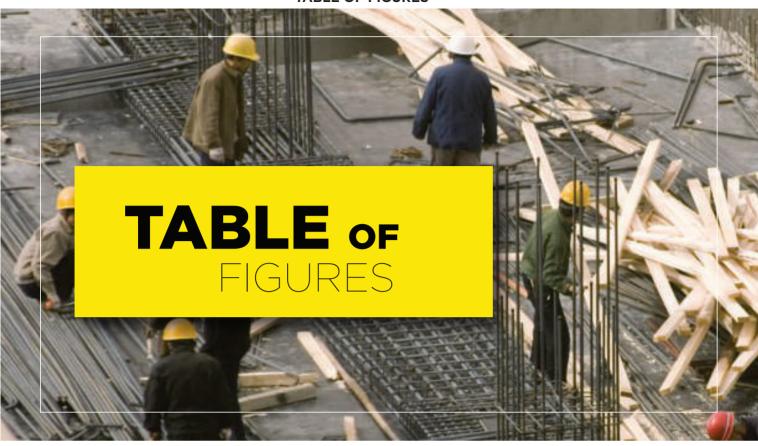
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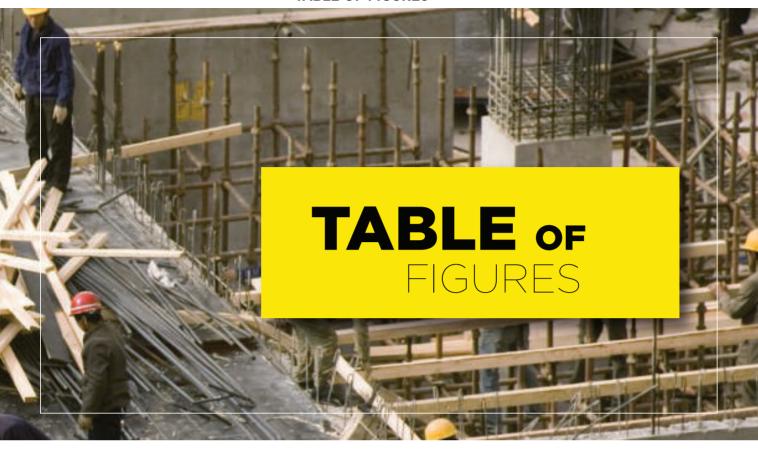
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Kolej Kemahiran Tinggi MARA

ADTEC	Advanced Technology Training Centre	LSI	Industrial Training Attachment
BLKP	Bahagian Latihan Kemahiran Pertanian	MD	Manpower Department
CAGR	Compound Annual Growth Rate	MOA	Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry
CIAST	Centre for Instructor and Advanced Skill Training	MOD	Ministry of Defense
CIDB	Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia	MOE	Ministry of Education
cos	Centre of Speciality	MOHR	Ministry of Human Resources
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility	MORD	Ministry of Rural Development
DE	Development Expenditure	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
DKM	Diploma Kemahiran Malaysia	MOW	Ministry of Works
DLKM	Diploma Lanjutan Teknologi Kejuruteraan	MOYS	Ministry of Youth and Sports
DSD	Department of Skills Development	MQA	Malaysia Qualifications Agency
DTK	Diploma Teknologi Kejuruteraan	MQF	Malaysian Qualifications Framework
ECRL	East Coast Rail Line	MRO	Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul
FGD	Focus Group Discussion	MTUN	Malaysian Technical University Network
GMI	German Malaysian Institute	MUET	Malaysian University English Test
HQ	Headquarters	MVET	Malaysia Vocational English Test
HRDF	Human Resource Development Fund	NOSS	National Occupational Skills Standard
IKBN	Institut Kemahiran Belia Negara	OE	Operational Expenditure
IKM	Institut Kemahiran MARA	PERHEBAT	Armed Forces Ex-Servicemen Affairs Corporation
IKTBN	Institut Kemahiran Tinggi Belia Negara	PSD	Public Service Department
ILB	Industry Lead Body	PSDC	Penang Skills Development Centre
ILJTM	Institusi Latihan Jabatan Tenaga Manusia	PTPK	Perbadanan Tabung Pembangunan Kemahiran
ILMIA	Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis	RMK	Rancangan Malaysia Ke-
ITE	Institute of Technical Education	SDFC	Skills Development Fund Corporation
ITI	Industrial Training Institute	SKM	Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia
JMTI	Japan Malaysia Technical Institute	SLDN	Sistem Latihan Dual Nasional
JPA	Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam	SPM	Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia
JPK	Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kemahiran	TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
JTM	Jabatan Tenaga Manusia	UniKL	Universiti Kuala Lumpur







Manpower Department (JTM)'s main objective is to produce skillful workforce in our nation by providing quality Technical and Vocational with nearby industries have resulted in Education and Training (TVET) education. However, in recent times there are several challenges faced by Manpower Department to achieve this objective.

Strong competition with other **TVET** institutes and courses which are not aligned Government undertaking various measures. One of the measures is to assess on the impact of corporatisation and consolidation of training institutes under the purview of Manpower Department on TVET workforce, quality of training and future TVET workforce.

TVET institutes in Malaysia

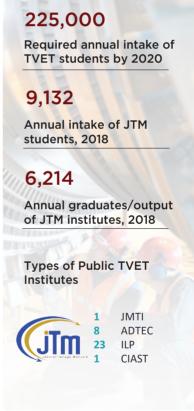
TVET institutes in Malaysia providing multiple programmes across Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF) level one to six. There are seven ministries and 17 TVET agencies or Public TVET Institutes types in Malaysia, with two accreditation bodies. MQA and DSD.

According to Eleventh Malaysia Plan, Malaysia requires an increase of student intake in TVET institutes from 164,000 in 2013 to 225,000 by 2020.

The 32 JTM institutes exist in a highly competitive market consisting of 1,248 TVET institutes. Currently, 32 JTM institutes contribute 4% of total required annual intake of TVET students in Malaysia by 2020.

The largest pool of TVET student intake comes from Polytechnic and Community College under Ministry of Education (MoE) which contributes 20% of the required annual intake (44,301 new students in 2018).

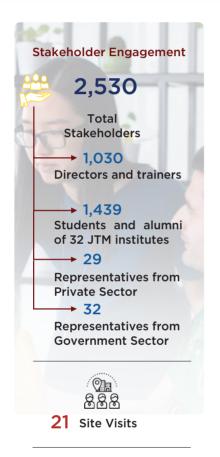
UniKL, GMI, KKTM, IKM, GIATMARA under Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) contributes 13% of the required annual student intake (29,878 new students in 2017). The estimated student intake in 2018 is between 205,000 and 210,000, based on the required student intake in 2020 (gradual increase).





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this study, 2,530 stakeholders were engaged through committee meetings, focus group discussions, and online surveys conducted since 15th March 2019. Focus group discussion and interviews were conducted to gather various stakeholders' views on the corporatisation and consolidation of the training institutes, whereas online surveys where carried out to gather views on the current performance of the 32 training institutes from various aspects.





Focus Group
Discussions



The report began with an online survey which was conducted to gather views on the current performance of the 32 training institutes from various lenses including students, alumni, and lecturers. A total of 2,439 responses were collected and it was discovered that job prospects, industrial linkages, and courses are the most important factors for students when choosing a preferred training institute.

Approximately 54% of students are satisfied with the job prospects and industrial linkages in JTM institutes. More than 50% of students are dissatisfied with the location and social aspects of JTM institutes, however, these are the least important factors when choosing a preferred training institute.

Next, to determine its readiness to be corporatised, site visits to 21 JTM institutes were carried out and a series of data was collected from all 32 JTM institutes for assessment based on four key areas, which are financial, market, human capital, and operations.

The capacity utilisation of 32 JTM institutes averaged at 79%, with enrolment growth rate declining by 12% CAGR since 2016 due to the decrease of budget allocation from the government. Combining and matching findings from data collected and survey analysis, gaps and opportunities were observed. Three focus group discussions were conducted to identify the root causes of issues and recommendations for 32 JTM institutes, other than gathering views on the idea of corporatisation and consolidation.







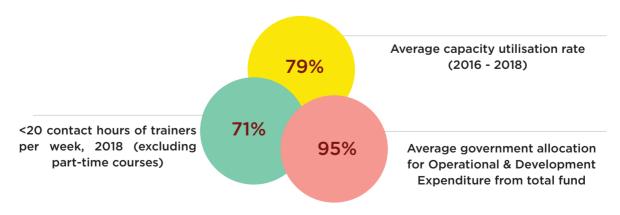
Based on the assessment, several common issues among the 32 JTM institutes were identified, which include aging equipment and facilities, courses not aligned with nearby industries, lack of marketing resources, strong competition with other TVET institutes, lack of instructors who have industry experience, institutes located in unpopular locations, lack of trainers and students lack of soft skills.

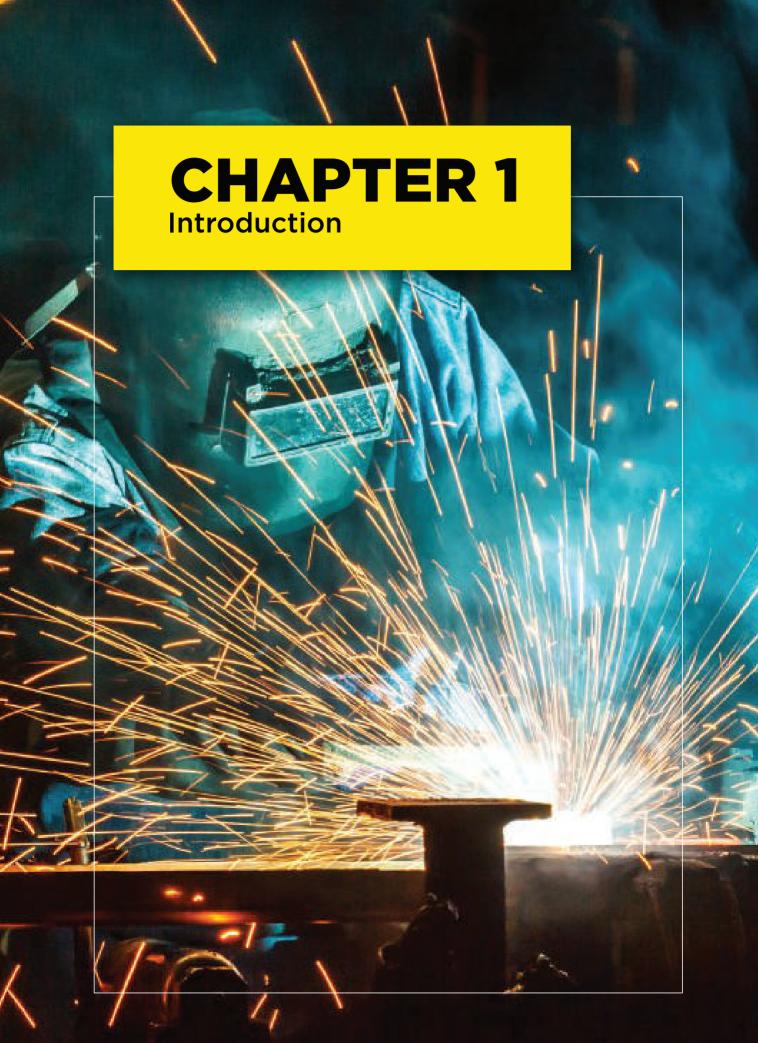
The future state design is guided by examining three scenarios:

- i. Scenario 1: JTM institutes to be considered for corporatisation
- ii. Scenario 2: JTM institutes to be considered for consolidation
- iii. Scenario 3: JTM institutes will not be corporatised and consolidated, but needs to be strengthened

Overall, the 32 JTM institutes are not ready to be corporatised as they are unable to reach full or operational break-even point. Assessment has been done for three JTM institutes for pilot consolidation. The priority of 11 initiatives has been assessed by considering the level of impact and ease of implementation. Implementation roadmap has been identified by prioritising Quick Win initiatives such as strategies to enhance market position of JTM institutes and Phase 1 of Consolidation, followed by initiatives to strengthen human capital development and industrial collaboration.

Lastly, the preparation of 12 initiatives will start in 2020 in line with RMK-11 and implementation plan will be executed starting from 2021 for RMK-12 preparation.





There are 1,248 TVET institutes in Malaysia, of which 55% are private institutes and the remaining 45% are public

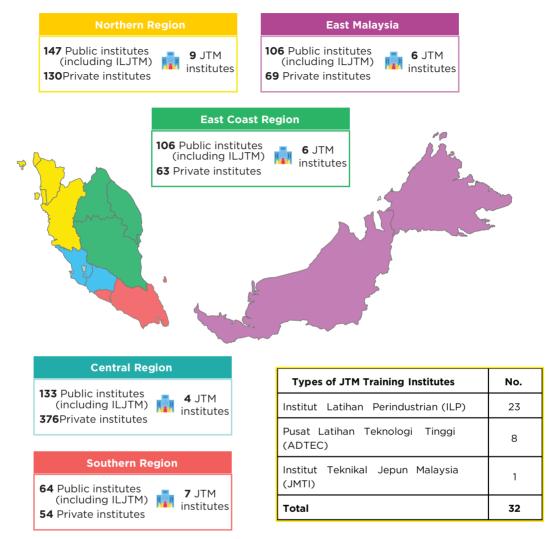
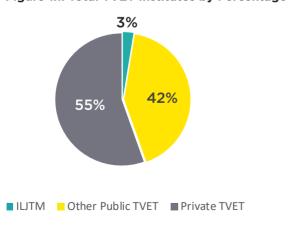
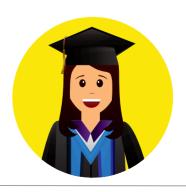


Figure 1.1: Total TVET Institutes by Percentage



As shown in Figure 1.1, JTM institutes (ILJTM) make up for 3% of total TVET institutes in Malaysia. The remaining 55% and 42% comprise of private and other public TVET institutes, respectively.



According to the 11th Malaysia Plan, Malaysia requires a gradual increase of student intake in TVET institutes from 164,000 in 2013 to 225,000 by 2020

MoHR	МоЕ	MoRD	MoYS	МоА	MoW	MoD
r I JMTI - 1	I MTUN	UniKL	IKTBN	BLKP	ABM(CIDB)	Perhebat
ADTEC - 8	 Polytechnic 	GMI	IKBN			
 ITI - 23 	Community College	KKTM				
CIAST - 1	Vocational College	IKM				
		GIATMARA				

225,000	Required annual intake of TVET students by 2020		
9,132	Annual intake of JTM students, 2018		
6,214	Annual graduates/output of JTM institutes, 2018		

Scope of Study: 32 JTM institutes under JTM (MoHR)

The scope of Study covers 32 institutes under the purview of JTM (MoHR), namely the 23 Industrial Training Institute (ITI), 8 Advance Technology Centers, and JMTI.

Currently, the 32 JTM institutes contribute approximately 4% of total required annual intake of TVET students in Malaysia. The largest pool of TVET student intake comes from MoE (Polytechnic and Community College) which contributes approximately 20% of the required (44,301 new students in 2018).

MoRD (UniKL, GMI, KKTM, IKM, GIATMARA) contributes approximately **13%** of the required annual student intake (29,878 new students in 2017). Based on the required student intake by 2020 (gradual increase), the estimated student intake in 2018 would be between **205,000 and 210,000**.



The programmes under JTM institutes are accredited by either MQA or DSD, with the former giving access to higher levels of education

Figure 1.2: JTM Programme Accreditations

Programme Accreditation		MQA MQA		
Programme Type	Sijil Teknologi / Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM)	Diploma Teknologi / Diploma Kemahiran Malaysia (DKM)	Diploma Lanjutan Teknologi Kejuruteraan (DLKM)	Diploma Teknologi Kejuruteraan (DTK)
Level	Level 1 - 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 4
Duration	66 - 108 weeks*	60 - 65 weeks	100 weeks	120 - 125 weeks
Price (in RM)	Free	3,000 / year	3,000 / year	3,000 / year
ITI	44 courses	15 courses	-	1 course
ADTEC	-	13 courses	-	22 courses
JMTI	4 courses	8 courses	4 courses	5 courses

ADTEC's and JMTI's Diploma in Technology and Diploma in Engineering Technology programmes are usually both DSD and MQA accredited.

The minimum admission requirement for MQA-accredited DTK Level 4 programmes is Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM), whereas DSD-accredited DKM Level 4 programmes usually require SPM and SKM Level 3 as prerequisites. DTK programmes have more stringent entry requirements for SPM leavers

and are more selective. This is because they provide better opportunities for students who are interested to further their studies, as most public universities are MQA accredited.

Harmonisation between the two agencies is still in progress, implying that credit transfers are difficult at the moment.



Note: * Depending on course

The top programme of JTM institutes in Northern and East Coast region is Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning, potentially indicating interest areas of students in the locality

JTM institute	2016 - 2019 Top Courses(s)
Northern Region	
ADTEC Kulim	Electronic Technology Mechatronic Technology
ITI Jitra	Automotive Technology Heavy Trade Vehicle Technology
ADTEC Taiping	 Computer Technology (System) Microelectronic Engineering Technology Quality Assurance Engineering Technology
ITI Ipoh	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Technology Gas & Arch Welding Technology
ITI Kangar	Mechanical Maintenance Technology Industrial Electronic Technology
ITI Arumugam-Pillai Nibong Tebal	Printing Technology (Graphic)
ITI Kepala Batas	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Technology
ITI Perai	Automotive Technology Computer Technology (System)
JMTI	Mechatronic Engineering Technology
East Coast Region	
ADTEC Jerantut	Industrial Product Design Technology Welding Technology
ITI Kuantan	Gas & Arch Welding Technology
ADTEC Kemaman	 Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Technology Automotive Technology Electric Power Technology
ITI Kuala Terengganu	 Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Technology Electric Technology (PW2 Certificate) Mechanical Maintenance Technology
ITI Marang	Automotive Technology
ITI Kota Bharu	Automotive Technology Mechanical Maintenance Technology



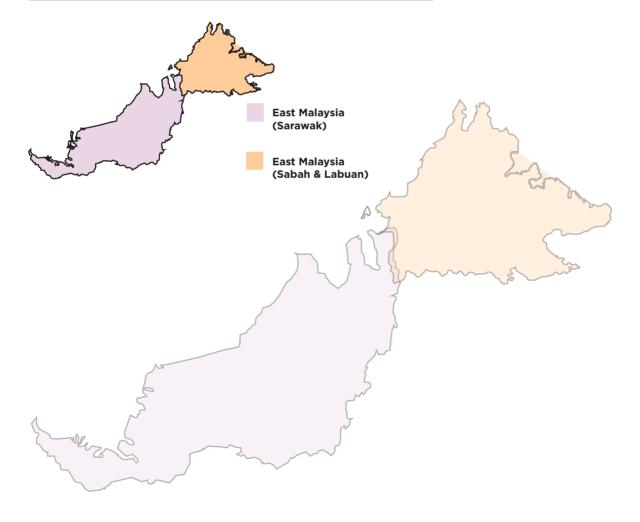
Automotive and Gas & Arch Welding courses provided by JTM institutes in Central and Southern Region are consistently outperform others in terms of enrolment

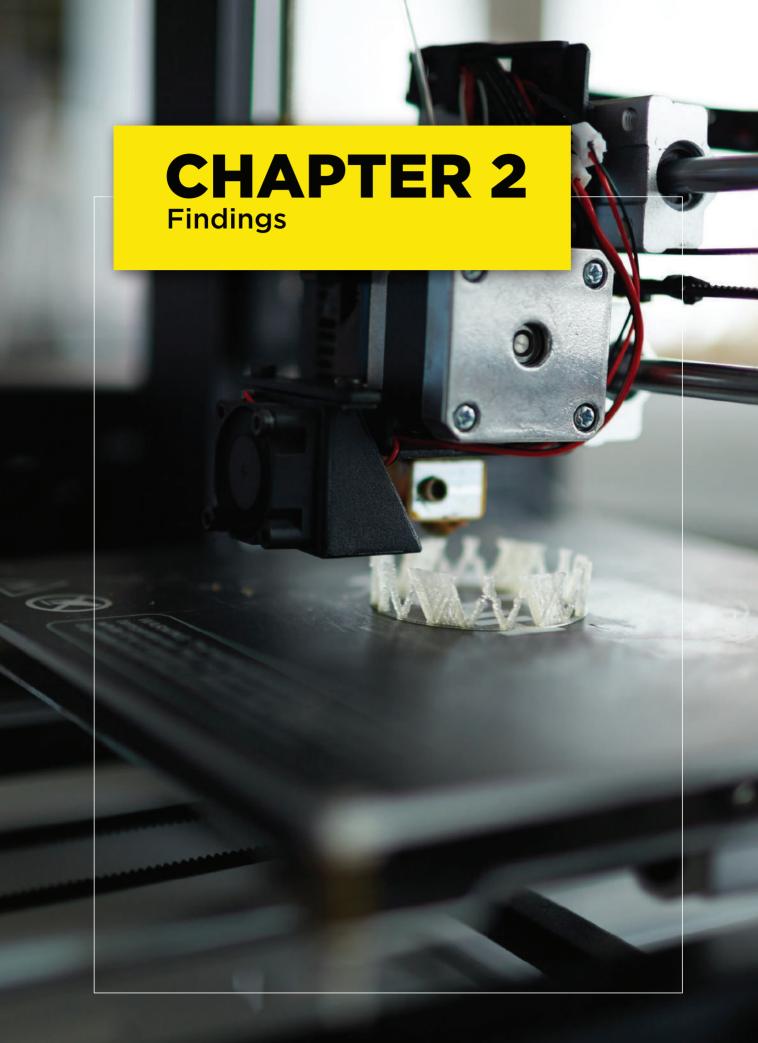
JTM institute	2016 - 2019 Top Courses(s)
Central Region	
ITI Kuala Lumpur	Automotive Technology
ITI Pedas	CADD & Architectural TechnologyGas & Arch Welding Technology
ADTEC Shah Alam	Aircraft Maintenance
ITI Kuala Langat	Computer Technology (Networking)Software Technology (Multimedia)
Southern Region	
ADTEC Melaka	Computer Technology (System)Automotive Technology
ITI Bukit Katil	 Mechanical Maintenance Technology Gas & Arch Welding Technology Industrial Instrument Technology
ITI Selandar	Computer Technology (System)
ADTEC Batu Pahat	Welding Technology Electronic Technology
ITI Mersing	 Automotive Technology Gas & Arch Welding Technology
ITI Pasir Gudang	Electric Technology (PW4 Certificate)Gas & Arch Welding Technology
ITI Tangkak	Computer Technology (Networking)Gas & Arch Welding Technology



In East Malaysia, Gas & Pipe Installment Technology and Electric Technology courses have attracted students to enroll in JTM institutes from 2016 to 2019

JTM institute	2016 - 2019 Top Courses(s)			
Sarawak				
ADTEC Bintulu	Electric Power TechnologyWelding Technology			
ITI Kota Samarahan	 Gas & Pipe Installment Technology Electric Technology (PW2 Certificate) Gas & Arch Welding Technology 			
ITI Miri	Gas & Pipe Installment TechnologyElectric Technology (PW2 Certificate)			
Sabah & W.P. Labuan				
ITI Kota Kinabalu	Automotive TechnologyComputer Technology (Networking)			
ITI Sandakan	Gas & Arch Welding TechnologyComputer Technology (Networking)			
ITI Labuan	Electric Technology (PW2 Certificate)Gas & Arch Welding Technology			





In this Study, several common issues among the JTM institutes were identified based on the 4 main pillars



Market

- Strong competition from neighbouring TVET institutes under other Ministries
- Students still lack technical skills after training as insufficient hands on experience in the real working environment
- Students lack soft skills (communication skills and English proficiency) and professionalism (withdraw from programmes)
- Poor perception of TVET pathway
- Instructors lack industry experience
- Instructors lack relevant educational background, especially when they are assigned to teach courses outside their expertise



- **Restrictions on staffing process,** which is organised centrally by Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Awam (SPA)
- Human Capital
- Lack of resources for 'unpopular' locations, resulting in difficulty to adapt to local market demand



Operation

- Aging building and machinery are not conducive for learning
- Lack of autonomy to make operational changes
- Not proactive in approaching industry players and limited industry collaboration especially in sharing assets, resources and training placement
- Slow curriculum review and updates (Five-year-cycle) may result in outdated or irrelevant curriculum
- Overlapping certification accreditation bodies
- **Decreasing, input-based budget allocation** affects intake of new students and maintenance of equipment
- **Heavy dependence on government budget allocation,** with minimal funds from non-Government sources

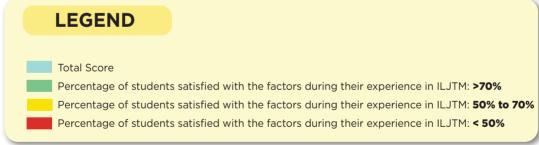


- **Finance**
- Long and complicated process to obtain funds from HQ (JTM)
- High operations cost due to expensive equipment maintenance and staff wages

Findings: Market

Figure 2.1 Factors When Choosing JTM Institutes as The Preferred Training Institute





Job prospects, industrial linkages, and courses are the most important factors for students when choosing a preferred training institute.

Approximately 54% of students are satisfied with the job prospects and industrial linkages in JTM institutes.

More than 50% of students are dissatisfied with the location and social aspects of JTM institutes, however, these are the least important factors when choosing a preferred training institute.

Majority of students enrolled in JTM institutes come from B40 background



Figure 2.2: Profile of JTM Students and Overall Students Household Income



in ITI Jitra



19 year-old full-time student studying 22 year-old full-time student studying 24 year-old full-time student studying Certificate in Automotive Technology Diploma in Industrial Product Design in Advanced Diploma in Mechatronics ADTEC Jerantut



PROFILE

- 1. Household income: <RM3.000
- 2. Cost of programme: 0
- 3. Monthly allowance: RM100
- 1. Household income: <RM3,000
- 2. Cost of programme: RM10,000
- 3. Monthly allowance: RM400 (PTPK
- 1. Household income: RM3,000 -RM5,000
- 2. Cost of programme: RM6,000
- 3. Monthly allowance: 0

Overall students household

Household income of ITI students

Percentage of students



of students come from family with household income of less than RM3.000

Percentage of students



of students come from family with household income of less than RM3.000

Household income of ADTEC students Household income of JMTI students

Percentage of students



of students come from family with household income of less than RM3.000

Certificate programmes offered in ITI are fully subsidised by the government and do not charge student fees. Moreover, a monthly student allowance of RM100 is provided by ITI.

Diploma programmes offered in JMTI and ADTEC, as well as a few ITI which currently charge student fees of RM3,000 per year. Students who are eligible may take up study loan from the Skills Development Fund (PTPK).

As TVET pathway is not a popular education option, the programmes are mainly catered towards B40 students who do not qualify for other higher learning programmes, are unable to afford fees, and are dependent on student allowance provided the institutes.

The industry is changing too rapidly rendering the courses offered should be updated, as the course review is done by DSD once in five years



Figure 2.3 Comparison on TVET Programme Review

Figure 2.3 Comparison on 1 VET Programme Review						
Malaysia	Australia	Germany				
	Years between Review					
Every five years	Annually	Annually				
	Key Observations					
The overseeing body of the programme framework are	The overseeing body of the programme framework are					
Department of Skills Develop-	Department of Industry and	the industry players, state				
ment and National Skills	National Skills Industry	and federal government				
Development Council						
The framework is developed by facilitators, consultants and						

Skills Council



Industry Lead Body (ILB)

More than **40%** of students/alumni want to change field due to the skills gaps by the time they enter the industry

new/modernised training

Capacity utilisation of 32 JTM institutes averaged at 79%, with enrolment growth rate declining by 12% CAGR since 2016



Figure 2.4 Capacity Utilisation Rate and Enrolment Growth Rate



Southern region had the highest capacity utilisation rate, followed by Northern region. However, the enrolment growth rate of both regions has declined greater as compared to other regions. Compared to Malaysia Polytechnic, JTM institutes were underperforming in terms of capacity utilisation and enrolment growth rate due to the decrease of budget allocation from the government in 2017.

Graduate employability has generally increased across all regions as more students opt to enter the workforce as opposed to furthering their studies



Figure 2.5: Graduates Currently Employed or Have Received an Offer as of June, 2016 and 2018

Percentage, %

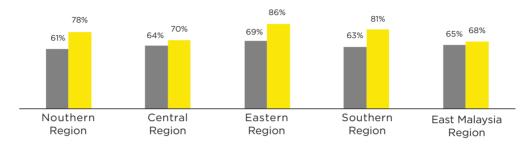
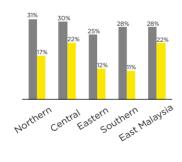
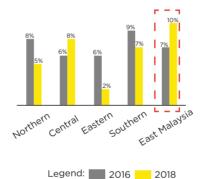


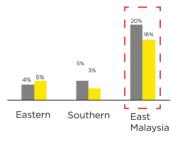
Figure 2.6: Graduates Furthering Their Studies as of June, 2016 and 2018* (%)

Figure 2.7: Graduates Unemployed as of June, 2016 and 2018 (%)

Figure 2.8: Oil & Gas Graduates in 2016 and 2018 by Region** (%)







Most of the JTM training institutes in East Malaysia Region offer programmes related to the Oil & Gas Industry, which went through difficult times in recent years, thus the increase in percentage of graduates who were unemployed in 2018.

Furthermore, some of the training institutes are not located nearby industrial areas, which make collaboration with industry players a challenge in terms of industrial training and job placements for students.

Note:

**Not applicable in Northern and Central Region as no Oil & Gas related programmes are offered in the region

Source: JTM Tracer Study 2015 - 2018

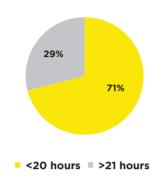
^{*}No data received for ADTEC Jerantut, ADTEC Kemaman, and ILP Marang in 2016 as these were new institutes, therefore, figures from 2017 was used instead



Findings: Human Capital

Figure 2.9: Overall Contact Hours of **Trainers Per Week** (Full-Time Courses Only)

Number of trainers



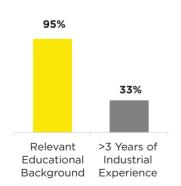
As shown in Figure 2.9, 71% of TVET instructors in JTM training institutes have spent less than 20 contact hours per week for theoretical and practical classes for full-time courses, compared to a benchmark value of 24 hours (PSDC, Malaysia)*.

There are several key activities during non-contact hours:

- 1. Student evaluation and review current syllabus
- Involve in administration, asset and store management
- Plan for extra-curricular activities and workshops 3. e.g. CSR activities and English workshop
- Act as advisors of students' competition in robotics and career development

Figure 2.10: JTM Trainers Educational **Background and Industrial Experience**

Percentage of Trainers %



Only 33%** of trainers had more than three years of industrial experience which is the typical minimum requirement in international TVET institutes (refer to Figure 2.10).

In 2018, only 3% of JTM Instructors who underwent industrial attachment under CIAST Shah Alam.

Hence, more efforts should be done to enhance trainers; industrial experience.



Singapore | ITE

Minimum 3 years of industrial experience



Minimum 2 years of industrial experience

25

Note:

^{*}The contact hours of trainers from PSDC include part-time courses offered to industries

^{**}An average of 95% was used as the percentage of trainers with relevant educational background for institutes that did not provide the data

Source: Programme Data received from respective ILJTM, Phone interview with PSDC, Human Capital Data received from respective ILJTM, Data received from CIAST, Respective institute website for benchmarks, EY Analysis

Findings: Operations & Finance

Figure 2.11: Average Student to Faculty Ratio by Region, 2018





Figure 2.11 shows the average student to faculty ratio of 8:1 for 32 JTM Training Institutes in 2018, whereby it is a significant gap as compared to benchmark value ratio of 14:1 (ITE, Singapore).

By region, Southern region ranked as the first highest average student to faculty ratio which was 10:1 among all regions in 2018.



Finance



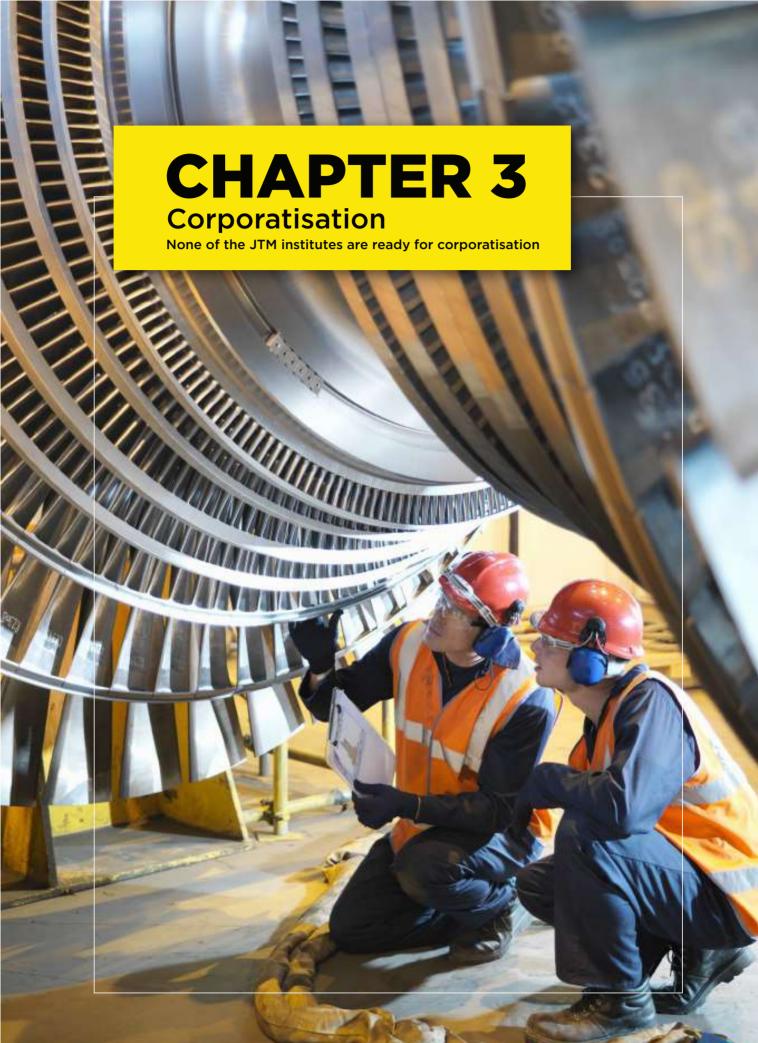
92% of total fund for all JTM institutes is made up by government allocation for operational and development expenditure

The overall operational cost has averaged at **91%** out of total cost for all JTM institutes from 2016 to 2018, with 11 institutes showing growth in operational cost



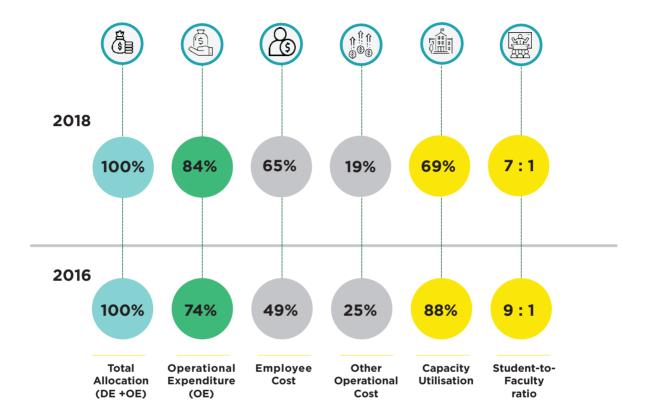






The percentage of operational cost out of total allocation for JTM institutes has increased since 2016, whereas capacity utilisation has decreased from 88% in 2016 to 69% in 2018





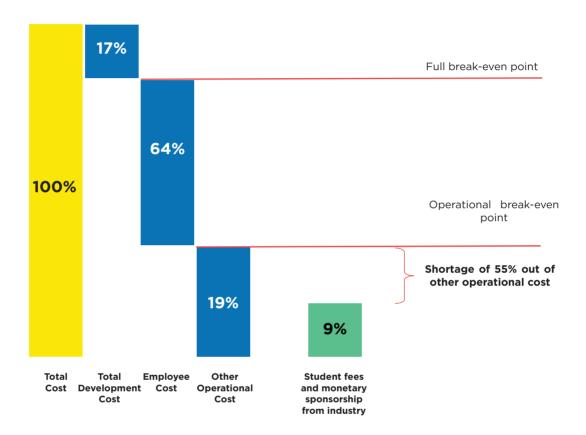
The overall performance of all JTM institutes is shown in Figure 3.1, with the financial ratios and efficiency ratios. The government allocation is made up of Development Expenditure (DE) and Operational Expenditure (OE). Percentage of operational expenditure has increased from 74% in 2016 to 84% in 2018. Operational expenditure includes employee costs and other operational costs such as lease and rental payments, teaching supplies and equipment maintenance, student subsidies, utilities and other miscellaneous costs.

The percentage of employee cost has increased from 49% in 2016 to 65% in 2018, whereas percentage of other operational costs has declined from 25% in 2016 to 19% in 2018.

In addition, capacity utilisation and student-to-faculty ratio have declined since 2016 due to the decline in students enrolment of all JTM institutes. This may be due to the decrease in government allocation in 2017.

Overall, the 32 JTM institutes are able to cover 45% of other operational cost by utilising student fees and funding from industry in 2018

Figure 3.2: Overall Breakdown For 32 JTM Institutes by Total Cost vs Overall Student Fees and Monetary Sponsorships From Industry in 2018 (Percentage, %)



As shown in Figure 3.2, total cost in 2019 is made up of 17% development cost, 64% employee cost, and 19% other operational costs. Other operational costs include lease and rental, teaching supplies & equipment maintenance, student subsidies, utilities and other miscellaneous costs. The 32 JTM institutes are able to cover approximately 9% of its' total cost by utilising fees and charges from students and

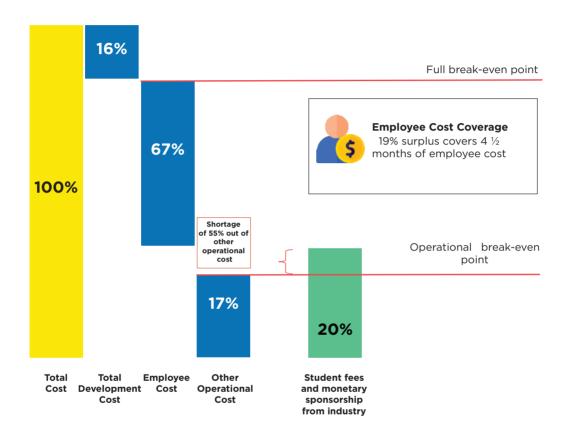
funding from industry, mainly through short courses. The 32 JTM institutes face a shortage of approximately 55% of other operational costs toreach the operational break-even point.

23 ITIs offer Certificate programmes that are fully subsidised by the government, therefore they do not charge student fees.

As a whole, the 32 JTM institutes are not ready to be corporatised as they are **unable to reach full or operational break-even point.**

4 ADTECs are able to cover other operational costs, excluding emoluments, through student fees and charges and funding from industry

Figure 3.3: ADTEC & JMTI's Breakdown by Total Cost vs Overall Student Fees and Monetary Sponsorships From Industry in 2018 (Percentage, %)



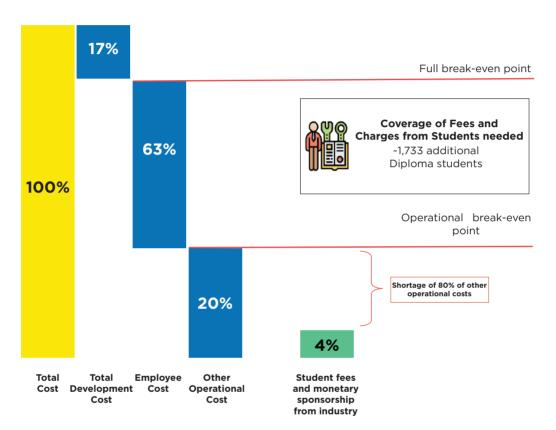
As shown in Figure 3.3, only 4 ADTECs are able to reach operational break-even point to cover other operational costs which include lease and rental, teaching supplies & equipment maintenance, student subsidies, utilities and other miscellaneous costs. The surplus of 19% from student fees and funding from industry is able to cover the other operational costs. The student fees of JTM institutes are generated from Diploma courses whereas funding from industry is

generated through short-term courses and sponsorships. However, the surplus of student fees and funding from industry are able to cover employee cost per institute for only four and a half months. Therefore, ADTEC and JMTI are not ready to be corporatised as they are **unable to reach full break-even point.**



ITIs have a shortage of 55% to cover other operational costs after utilising student fees and funding from industry in 2018

Figure 3.4: ITI Breakdown by Total Cost vs Overall Student Fees and Monetary Sponsorships From Industry in 2018 (Percentage, %)

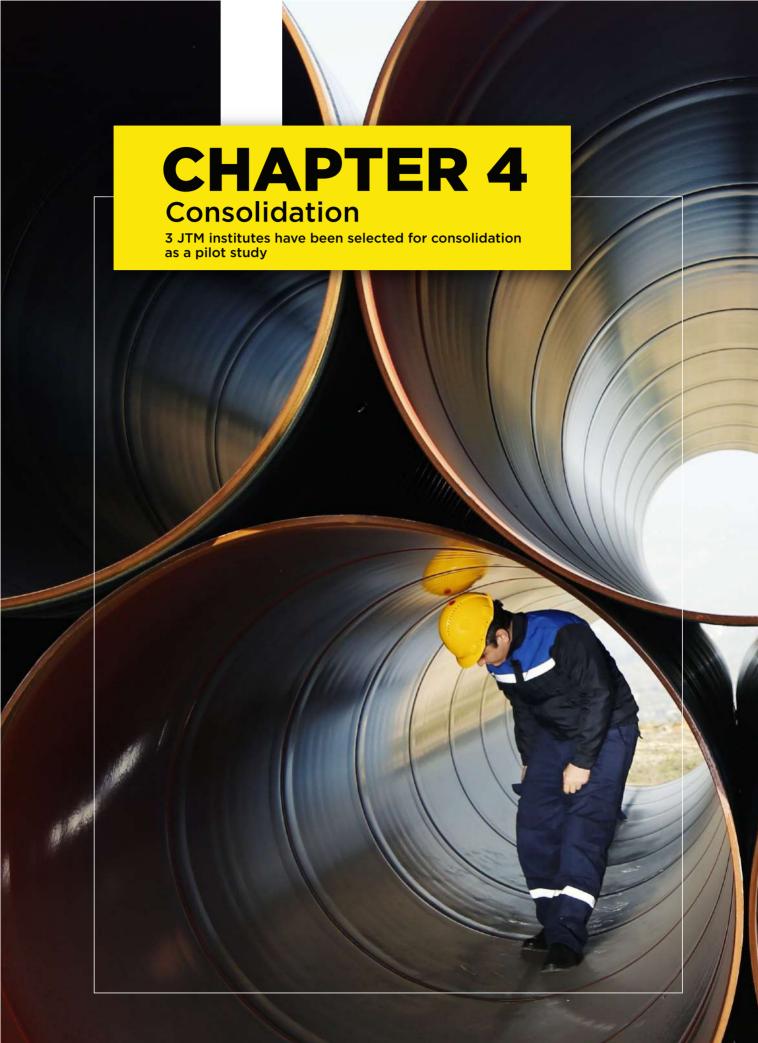


As shown in Figure 3.4, total cost in 2019 is made up of 17% development cost, 63% employee cost, and 20% other operational costs. The 23 ITIs are able to cover approximately 4% of its' total cost by utilising fees and charges from students and funding from industry, mainly through short courses. They have a shortage of 80% of other operational costs in 2018 and are unable to reach operational break-even point. Currently, seven out of 23 ITIs offer Diploma programmes and are able to charge student

fees. All 23 ITIs offer short courses for industry workers.

To reach operational break-even, these seven ITIs would need to increase its Diploma student intake by 19 times or short term courses by seven times. The seven ITIs would need additional 1,733 Diploma students, which may not be possible due to limited capacity and infrastructure of the institutes.

Therefore, ITIs are not ready to be corporatised as they are unable to reach full or operational break-even point.



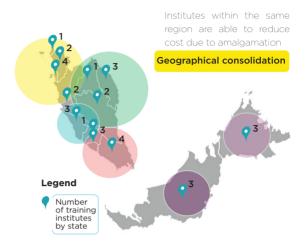
CHAPTER 4: CONSOLIDATION

Three JTM institutes have been selected for a pilot study for consolidation

The idea of consolidation is defined as consolidating JTM institutes by identifying consolidation candidate and potential acquirers. It can be implemented by combining the programmes offered to fulfill industry needs nearby the selected JTM institutes, strengthening the potential acquirers and reducing operational costs. As shown in Figure 4.1, the consolidation assessment has been done by region by calculating the locational proximity and other key considerations as shown in Figure 4.2.

The main objectives of consolidation of JTM institutes are to enhance the effectiveness of management and establish cost-saving model at Ministry level. The selected JTM institutes for pilot consolidation will be monitored to examine the effectiveness of cost-saving model. This model can be replicated for other public TVET institutes if there are proven positive outcomes.

Figure 4.1 Consolidation Considerations



The results of assessment based on the 4 key areas (Market, Human Capital, Operations, Financial) have shown that there is a need to improve the management structure of JTM institutes. For instance, low capacity utilisation, low student-to-faculty ratio and high operational cost of certain JTM institutes.

The 3 JTM institutes that were shortlisted have underwent 6 stages of filtration process, as shown in Figure 4.2 below.

Figure 4.2 Filtration Process

	Filter 1	Filter 2	Filter 3	Filter 4	Filter 5	Filter 6	- 10
	Capacity utilisation	Enrolment growth	Trainer's contact hours	Student to Faculty ratio	Programme Duplication	Locational proximity	
32 JTM institutes	25 institutes	18 institutes	12 institutes	12 institutes	8 institutes	institutes shortlisted	
Filter Description & Rationale	<100% capacity utilisation rate	 declining enrolment growth rate 	<24 student contact hours per week	≤14:1(benchmark with ITE Singapore)	 Offer same or similar programmes 		

CHAPTER 4: CONSOLIDATION

To enhance efficiency, there are 3 JTM institutes can be considered for consolidation





Institute A has been chosen as a consolidation enrolment growth rate of 22%. Both of these candidate. The institute is located in a non-strategic area which hinders industry participation. In addition, Institute A has to compete with other public TVET institutes in the area such as GiatMARA and Polytechnic. The average capacity utilisation of Institute A between 2016 to 2018 was 28%, with declining enrolment growth rate of 1% CAGR. Moreover, 95% of trainers have less than 20 contact hours with students per week*. It's student-to-faculty ratio stood at 3:1 in 2018, significantly below the benchmark of 14:1**.

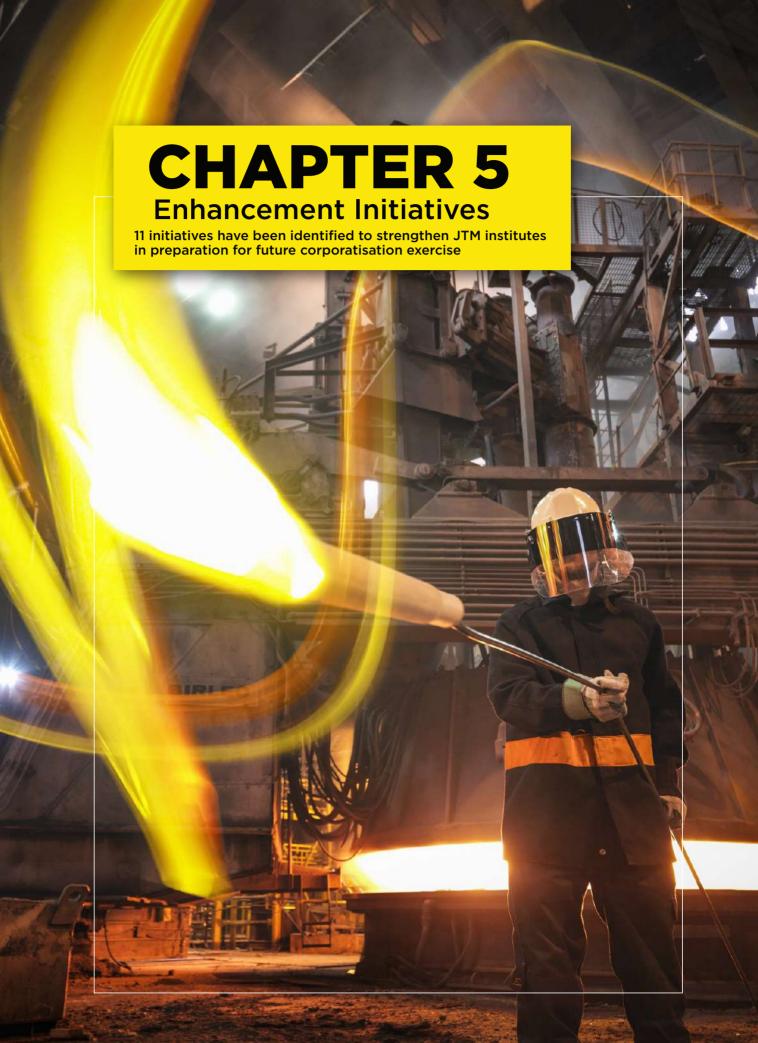
Institute B and **Institute C** were selected as potential acquirers of Institute A. Consolidation is ideal for these institutes due to course duplications and location proximity. Course duplications for Institute B include Welding & Automotive Technology. Moreover, Institute B has capacity utilisation of 92% on average, with declining enrolment growth rate of 6% from 2016 to 2018. Similarly, course duplication for Institute C include Welding Technology. Institute C has capacity utilisation of 84% with declining

institutes have existing equipment and machineries, as well as the capacity to increase student enrolment. Institute A, B and C are located within 100km radius of a central district in one of the state in Malaysia. The expected impact of consolidation, from the institute's perspective include an annual saving of approximately RM8 million, which is the cost of running Institute A. With the savings, JTM may focus on improving efficiency for Institute B and Institute C in terms of capacity utilisation, which in turn would increase its' student-to-faculty ratio. Human resources will be re-assigned by the Public Service Department. JTM have the option to sell, rent or lease, or move Institute A's equipment and machineries to the acquiring institute.

Consolidation may occur in two phases. The first phase would be to cease student intake in Institute A while strengthening Institute B and Institute C. Second phase would be to begin the consolidation exercise.

Student contact hours do not include short-term courses

^{**} ITE Singapore used as benchmark



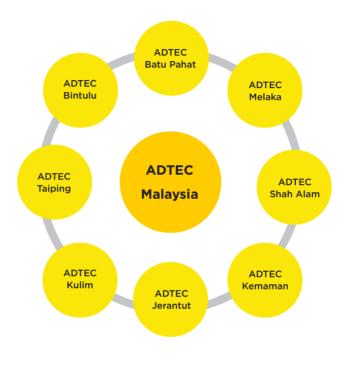
CHAPTER 5: ENHANCEMENTS

Initiative #1: Rebrand individual ADTECs to ADTEC Malaysia with single administration

One ADTEC System, Eight Branch Institutes



Figure 5.1 One ADTEC System, Eight Branch Institutes



branch institutes; this **will** be cost-efficient as it will centralise the back-office operations that are used by the 8 ADTECs and eliminate redundancy.

ADTEC Malaysia shall have a single

administration office for all 8





Currently, each ADTEC branch institute identifies themselves as an individual institute. Each also has its own administration team. After rebranding to **ADTEC Malaysia**, the institutes would share a single administration office based in JTM HQ to centralise back-office operations to become more cost-efficient. The institutes would position themselves as **ADTEC Malaysia**.

To ensure success, marketing research and branding campaigns will be conducted, as well as engaging key stakeholders.

To promote **ADTEC Malaysia,** the institutes would have their own platform to engage with surrounding industries for technology knowledge transfer.

Initiative #2: Rebrand ILP to ITI Malaysia

One ITI System, 23 Institutes



Figure 5.2 One ITI System, 23 Institutes





Initiative 2

Centralising back-office operations that are used by 23 ITIs would be cost-efficient and eliminate redundancy.

To ensure success, marketing research and branding campaigns will be conducted, as well as engaging key stakeholders. In order to promote ITI Malaysia, each institute would have own platform to engage with surrounding industries for technology knowledge transfer.



Rationale

Currently, each ITI institute identifies themselves as an individual institute. Each also has its own administration team. After rebranding to ITI Malaysia, the institutes would share a single administration office based in JTM HQ to centralise back-office operations to become more cost-efficient. Centralising back-office operations that are used by 23 ITIs would be cost-efficient and eliminate redundancy.

To ensure success, marketing research and branding campaigns will be conducted, as well as engaging key stakeholders.

To promote ITI Malaysia, each institute would have own platform to engage with surrounding industries for technology knowledge transfer.

Initiative #3: Specialise JTM institutes for relevant industries and create Centres of Speciality (CoS) by each region



L Initiative 3

Create Centre of Speciality (CoS) by region, which focuses on course specialisation. Each ADTECs and ITIs should create their own course specialisation by identifying potential industries nearest to their institutes.

Apart from that, courses in each region may be consolidated at the reduce duplication, as well as closing down of unproductive courses such as Ceramic and Printing technology by considering four consecutive student intakes and employability.

JTM shall be more proactive in identifying and offering a courses that are in demand by relevant industries in surrounding areas.





Rationale

Currently, the CoS for certain ADTEC and ITIs is not well-known by industry players to form industrial collaboration for training purposes and equipment sponsorships.

Course specialisation can be done by fulfilling the industry demand and work aligned with current and future development of the states in Malaysia. For instance,

- i. Northern region: Kedah has future projects e.g. to establish manufacturing industries and logistics hub in Sidam near Kulim and a petrochemical industrial park in Gurun. Hence, ADTEC Kulim may specialise their courses in Aerospace and ITI Jitra may specialise Petrochemical.
- ii. Southern Region: ITI Pasir Gudang may specialise in Automotive (Electric Vehicle) industry due to the potential growth of industry players.

- iii. Central region: 700,000 workers are needed in the field of Automotive from 2018 to 2020. ITI Kuala Lumpur may specialise in Automotive courses due to strategic location around Automotive industry.
- iv. East Coast region: ITI Marang may target potential industries arose from East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) projects to prepare the future workforce.
- v. East Malaysia: According to Hays Oil & Gas Global Salary Guide, there is 42% of labour shortages in Malaysia for Oil & Gas industry. Therefore, ADTEC Bintulu may specialise in Oil & Gas courses. As Sabah has potential of becoming an aerospace hub for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), ITI Kota Kinabalu may start to offer and specialise in Aerospace programmes.

Initiative #4: Target working adults and retirees for TVET courses to improve employment prospects and promote lifelong learning experience





Initiative 4

Target workforce aged between 20-40 years old, which makes up 42% of the total workforce. Furthermore, cater programmes that impart industry-relevant skills to improve employability of its participants. JTM institutes may provide short-term courses to cater retirees' needs for lifelong learning experience, e.g. computing, mobile repair course, air-conditioning repair and maintenance.

Reskilling and upskilling programmes have consistently helped improve upward mobility and employment prospects of its participants. Furthermore, formal lifelong learning as part of professional development is becoming a necessity to maintain, and prepare for employment in the global economy.



Rationale

Automation such as rise of robots, artificial intelligence, big data, the internet of things have raised concerns about the widespread substitution of machines for labour.

Retirees do not have sufficient network to socialise with others with lifelong learning activities, therefore they will become lonely and loneliness will lead to anxiety, forgetfulness and many other disease.

Currently, there has been an increase in demand by 5% in the last 3 years for short term courses.

Additionally, according to 2017 report by Khazanah Research Institute, it is estimated that more than half of all current jobs in Malaysia are at high risk of being affected by automation in the next one to two decades.

Hence, there is a need for Malaysians to meet the changing skill needs of a high-income economy and maximise the potential of individuals through reskilling and upskilling.

Initiative #5: Enhance sustainable partnership with local and foreign TVET institutes to improve educational collaboration



Initiative 5

JTM institutes may collaborate and form Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with local TVET institutes e.g. IKBN for curriculum modernisation. In addition, form partnership with foreign TVET institutes in countries such as China, Vietnam, India and even Australia for: knowledge transfer (cross-country exchange programmes for students, training programmes for trainers).





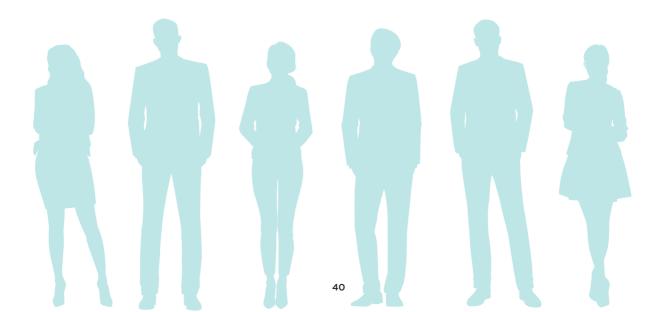
ADTEC and ITIs under JTM have limited collaboration with foreign TVET institutes. This results in lack of exposure to latest trend of technology to fulfill the industry needs for students and trainers.

Furthermore, there are no internal MoU between all public TVET institutes to attain mutual benefits. This results in lack of communication and collaboration for future development of TVET institutes.





Students from five Community Colleges and 19 polytechnics have participated SEA-TVET Student Exchange Programme with foreign TVET institutes in Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.



Initiative #6: Hire retired industry experts or member of industry association as adjunct instructors and English tutors to students and trainers



Initiative 6

Hire adjunct part-time instructors such as retired industry practitioners and experts from industry associations. As the retirees have working experience and skillsets in their respective fields, their knowledge can be transferred to the young generation to develop better skillsets before entering the job market.

Aligned with ILMIA's previous study on reactivating aging workforce, retirees may also opt to teach English courses to students and trainers of JTM institutes.





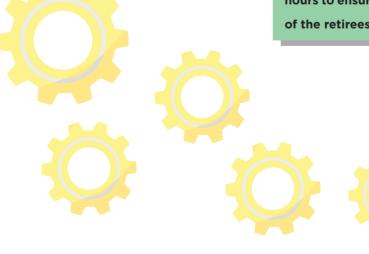
Although the trainers in 32 JTM training institutes may possess many years of teaching experience, they do not have sufficient industry experience as many are employed through Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) as university graduates without the need to check for any relevant industry experience.





TAFE Australia and ITE Singapore employ part time instructors to enhance the programme delivery for students.

The instructors have flexible working hours to ensure the work-life balance of the retirees.



Initiative #7: Performance-based funding for JTM institutes based on several criteria



Initiative 7

Design performance-based funding for ADTEC Malaysia & JMTI, and regionally for ITI based on several criteria:

- Quality of trainers (e.g. number of trainers who undergo training, feedback received from students etc)
- ii. Quality of students (e.g. employability of graduates)
- iii Short courses enrolment and industry collaboration
- iv. Number of industrial engagements and quality of industrial collaboration measured by indicators such as but not limited to student placements and equipment sponsoring





Rationale

ADTEC and ITI under JTM have high dependency on government funding, as the average government allocation for OE & DE from total fund is 92%.

The current input-based funding system for budget allocation for ADTEC and ITI under JTM does not enhance financial management efficiency, as 12 out of 32 institutes have exceeded the overall average cost per student at RM5,063 from 2016 to 2018.

Output based funding models are implemented for TVET institutes in Australia based on several criteria, e.g.:

- 1. Quality of trainers
- 2. Quality of students
- 3. Quality of learning equipment



Initiative #8: English course modification to establish Malaysia Vocational English Test (MVET) for Diploma students



Initiative 8

Establish Malaysia Vocational English Test (MVET) as an exit requirement for Diploma students (ADTEC & JMTI) to enhance their employment prospects. Furthermore, enhance the practice of English communication by mandating English command in certain courses e.g. English course and practical training course.

JTM shall tailor its current English course structure to prepare students to sit for the MVET:

- Reading, writing, listening, and speaking sections should be included in the course structure
- Applicable only for Diploma students (ADTEC & JMTI)

Industry players will have the confidence to hire graduates with strong technical skills and good communication skills.



MVET will be a modification of the Malaysian University English Test (MUET), a test of English proficiency in applying for admissions into all public universities and colleges in Malaysia.

JTM may benchmark the course structure of MUET to prepare students for the MVET in JTM institutes.





Rationale

Currently, the 32 JTM institutes provide English subject as a value-added course as part of its programmes, however it does not serve as an indicator for students' English proficiency and prepare students to communicate during interviews or in the workplace.

Students and graduates lack communication skills that are essential in the workplace, which hinders partnerships with industry players.

Initiative #9: Promote SLDN and equipment sponsorship by reinforcing tax incentives for industry players



Initiative 9

Tax incentives for companies which provide SLDN apprenticeship programmes to students, monetary and equipment sponsorship e.g. equipment tax allowance, apprenticeship tax allowance through double deduction schemes.

With SLDN, government doesn't need to invest in machineries for industry players.

This can potentially improve industrial collaboration with ILJTM to enhance students' employability as they have experience in the real working environment.





ralia Czech Republic

Australia: Taxation system has an apprenticeship tax allowance and an apprenticeship tax credit to promote company participation Czech Republic: Allowance for companies covers education and upskilling training, where

the maximum deductible sum of twice the cost





Industry players are not attracted to the current tax incentives e.g. Companies Income Tax deduction (single tax deduction) provided by JPK for companies which are carrying out Sistem Latihan Dual Nasional (SLDN) training or sponsor equipment and machineries.

SLDN mimics the German vocational and education system whereby students spend part of each week at a TVET institute to learn theories and the other part at a company for practical training, or they may spend longer periods at each place before alternating.

Currently, companies carrying out SLDN training are entitled to the following benefits:

- a) Claim of the levy for companies that contributed to the Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF). (Employer Circular no.1/2008)
- b) Companies Income Tax deduction (single tax deduction) under the provisions of subsection 34(6)(n), Income Tax Act (ITA) 1967.





Initiative #10: Enhance programme delivery in ADTEC



Initiative 10

ADTEC to cater to changing needs of technology by providing the right tools for blended learning through virtual, flipped and online environment. It is essential to customise the programmes to Itailor to NOSS and adapting efficient learning tools in order to meet the industry needs.

For instance,

- Virtual learning environments reduce actual training time spent in physical environments,
 and thus reduce risk in the workplace
- **3D learning** use is also proven to improve learner attention levels and knowledge retention
- Shifts focus from trainer to learner-centric class activities, and promotes active knowledge acquisition and construction



Rationale

Gen-Z is shaping the future of education, by using technology as not just a tool, but a way of life. As such, JTM institutes should cater to the learning styles of Gen-Z.

There is a need to enhance delivery to make the courses attractive to Gen-Z.







Germany

Germany: Digital Capability Centre (DCC)

serves as a digital technology transformation hub to assists manufacturer to prepare and scale up their digital manufacturing capabilities as well as digital workforce training.

France: École 42 is a coding school which students are given full autonomous to decide and manage their own learning.

Initiative #11: Establish flexi-positions of trainers and enhance their multidisciplinary skills by mandating industrial attachment and offering training courses to teach other fields



Initiative 11

Establish flexi-positions to allow trainers to stay in current institutes instead of transferring to a different institute when they are promoted.

In addition, mandatory industrial attachment for existing trainers by promoting "Latihan Sangkutan Industri (LSI)" in different fields.

Trainers may take up additional training courses in learning other related field of studies to enhance their multidisciplinary skills e.g. Electrical Engineering and Electronic Engineering.

JTM may design the training courses by phases:

- Analyse (Training requirement)
- Plan (Content of training)
- Design (Strategies & Involvement)
- Conduct (Training & Assess)
- Review (Evaluate)

This can potentially improve the quality of teaching and avoid the mismatch of skillsets of the trainers.



Most trainers are required to teach other courses which are out of their expertise when they are promoted and transferred to other institutes.

Trainers face time constraints to acquire the teaching techniques as they lack of teaching experience in the new field.







CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSIONS

The priority of initiatives has been assessed by considering the level of impact and ease of implementation

Figure 6.1 Prioritisation Matrix

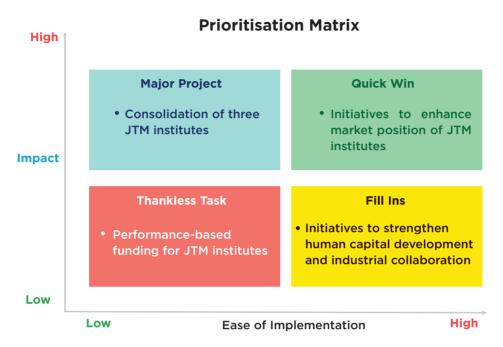
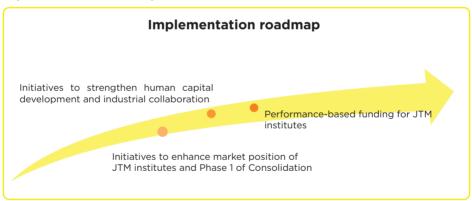


Figure 6.2 Implementation Roadmap



The priority of 11 initiatives has been assessed by considering the level of impact and ease of implementation.

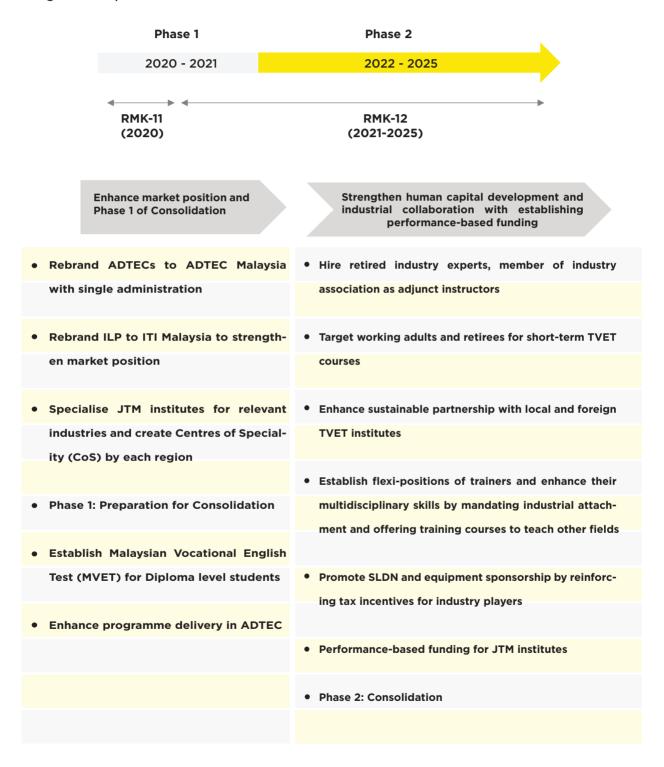
Implementation roadmap has been identified by prioritising Quick Win initiatives such as strategies to enhance market position of JTM institutes and Phase 1 of Consolidation, followed by initiatives to strengthen human capital development and industrial collaboration.

Performance-based funding for JTM institutes will be carried out after careful assessment in terms of financial readiness for all 32 JTM institutes.

CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSIONS

The preparation of 12 initiatives will start in 2020 in line with RMK-11 and implementation plan will be executed starting from 2021 for RMK-12 preparation

Figure 6.3 Implementation Plan and Timeline



Note: Timeframe of RMK-11 is 2016-2020; RMK-12 is 2021-2025

APPENDIX

Appendix A - List of Site Visit to 21 JTM Training Institutes

No	JTM Institute
01	ITI Kuala Lumpur, W.P. Kuala Lumpur
02	ITI Kuala Langat, Selangor
03	ADTEC Shah Alam, Selangor
04	ITI Marang, Terengganu
05	ITI Ipoh, Perak
06	ITI Bukit Katil, Melaka
07	ITI Selandar, Melaka
08	ITI Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu
09	ADTEC Kulim, Kedah
10	ITI Kepala Batas, Penang
11	ITI Perai, Penang
12	ITI Kangar, Perlis
13	ITI Jitra, Kedah
14	ADTEC Jerantut, Pahang
15	ITI Tangkak, Johor
16	ITI Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
17	ITI Miri, Sarawak
18	ITI Labuan, W.P. Labuan
19	ITI Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
20	ITI Sandakan, Sabah
21	ITI Mersing, Johor



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