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# Editorial

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Through Innovate, readers gain a closer look at the **TEGAS**'s ongoing efforts in talent development, STEM and TVET advocacy, digital innovation, entrepreneurship, and community empowerment, while staying informed of key developments across the **TEGAS** ecosystem in Sarawak.

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# CEO's Message

The first quarter of 2026 marks a **strong and purposeful start** for **TEGAS** as we continue to advance our role in shaping Sarawak's digital future. Guided by the Post-COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030, our focus remains clear. We are building a future-ready generation through STEM, TVET, and digital entrepreneurship

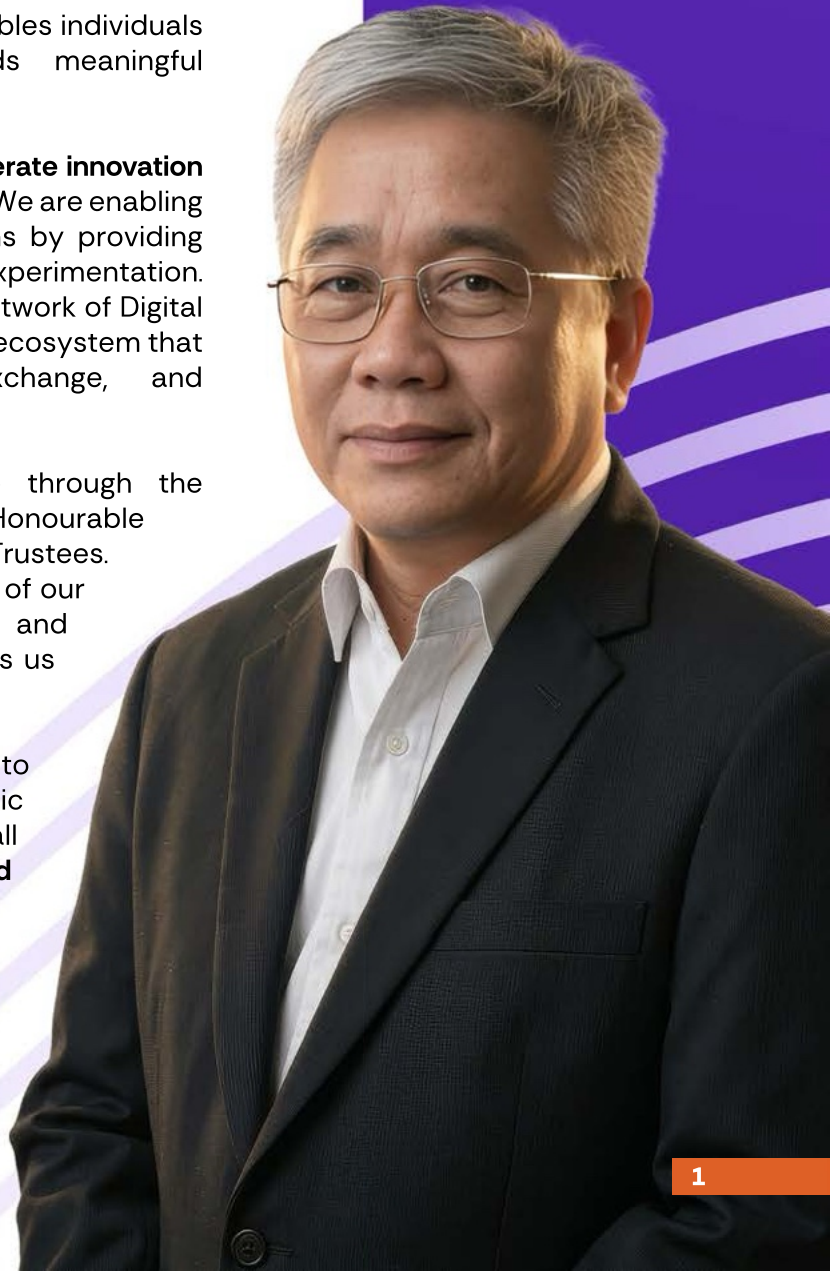
From **nurturing early interest** at the grassroots level to equipping youth, educators, and entrepreneurs with industry-relevant digital skills, our initiatives are strengthening a continuous pipeline of talent. This approach ensures that no segment of the community is left behind in the digital transition. More importantly, it enables individuals to move beyond participation towards meaningful contribution in a data-driven economy.

At the same time, **TEGAS continues to accelerate innovation and enterprise development** across Sarawak. We are enabling the journey from ideas to scalable solutions by providing structured platforms for growth and experimentation. Through the **TEGAS** Digital Village and our network of Digital Innovation Hubs, we are fostering a dynamic ecosystem that supports collaboration, knowledge exchange, and technology transfer.

These achievements are made possible through the continued guidance of our Chairman, the Honourable Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh, and the Board of Trustees. Equally important is the strong collaboration of our partners across government, industry, and academia, whose shared commitment allows us to **deliver meaningful and inclusive impact**.

As we move forward, **TEGAS** will continue to scale its impact, strengthen strategic partnerships, and expand opportunities for all Sarawakians to **thrive in an innovation-led economy**.

**Haji Udin Bin Bujang**  
Chief Executive Officer



# TEGAS Empowers Bintulu Youth with Digital Content Mastery

10<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**TEGAS** Digital Innovation Hub Bintulu, in collaboration with Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Sarawak and Konsortium Universiti Universitas Borneo, successfully co-organized INFLUENCE: Digital Content Mastery a hybrid workshop designed to equip aspiring youth with future ready digital skills.

Participants explored professional writing, AI-assisted content creation and storytelling through hands-on simulations. Beyond technical skills, the workshop emphasized ethical communication and responsible content creation to drive positive community impact.

The programme reflects **TEGAS'** commitment to nurturing Sarawak's digital changemakers and preparing youth to thrive in the creative and tech economy.



# TEGAS Ignites STEM Passion Among Rural Youth in Daro

14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**TEGAS** energized the STEM Career Day at SMK Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Hajjah Normah in Daro. Through the **TEGAS** Community Innovative Learning exhibition, over 1,150 students from secondary and primary schools engaged in hands-on activities featuring Virtual Reality, Flight Simulators, and robotics.

This interactive approach successfully stimulated creativity and critical problem-solving skills among rural students. By providing early exposure to advanced technology, the initiative reinforced **TEGAS'** mission to empower digital talent. It cultivates a competitive, future-ready generation fully equipped to advance Sarawak digital economy.



# TEGAS Sparks STEM Passion at SMK Siburan

19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**TEGAS** partnered with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation to host the Junior Saintis X Jr Xplorer program at SMK Lundu in support of the national STI 100 Agenda.

Students experienced interactive STEM modules covering AI fundamentals, virtual reality simulations, cognitive problem solving challenges and a high energy drone race.

The initiative gave rural students early exposure to advanced technology, building digital literacy and future ready skills. By sparking curiosity in innovation, the outreach aligns with **TEGAS**' mission to empower rural youth and prepare a competitive, tech-savvy generation to drive Sarawak's digital economy.

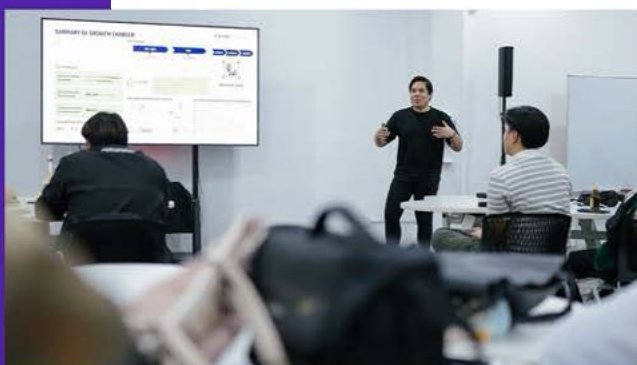


# Startup54 Kuching Debuts to Empower Sarawak's Future Entrepreneurs

23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Startup54 Kuching debuted at **TEGAS** Digital Village, gathering 30 aspiring entrepreneurs for an intensive 54-hour ideathon. Co-organized with Growth Charger and UiTM Sarawak, the event challenged participants to build startups from scratch. The finale featured six team pitches and was graced by UiTM Sarawak Rector, Professor Dr. Firdaus Abdullah, exploring strategic academia and industry collaborations.

Through rigorous mentorship, participants transformed raw ideas into viable business models. This hands-on program effectively bridges academic theory and practical execution. By nurturing critical problem-solving skills, Startup54 strongly aligns with **TEGAS**' mission to empower youth, accelerate Sarawak develop a future-ready digital workforce.



# TEGAS and Shell Accelerate Sarawakian Startups at Shell LiveWire Malaysia 2025 National Award Ceremony



24<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The Shell LiveWire Malaysia 2025 National Award Ceremony at Hilton Kuching was officiated by Deputy Prime Minister YAB Datuk Amar Haji Fadillah Yusof, accompanied by **TEGAS** Chairman YB Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh and Shell Malaysia Country Chair and Senior Vice President (Upstream) Puan Siti Sulaiman. The event proudly celebrated five national winners, highlighting Sarawakian champions Earthlings Coffee Workshop, Lariss Quna Enterprise, and Lettubost Enterprise.

National winners received a RM30,000 grant, while Sarawakian startups secured an additional RM20,000 from **TEGAS**. This partnership strongly aligns with **TEGAS**' mission to build a resilient entrepreneurial ecosystem. By equipping local innovators with vital funding, the initiative empowers youth to drive sustainable economic growth and create lasting community impact.

# TEGAS Empowers Youth in Game Development with Unity3D Workshops



24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**TEGAS** hosted #InnovateSarawak: Unity3D for Beginners workshops at the Digital Innovation Hubs in Bintulu and Miri, training local youth in core game development skills.

Led by trainer Lee Zhi Eng, participants learned the Unity Interface and basic C# scripting and built their own playable game demos from scratch.

This hand-on sessions sparked creativity and technical problem solving, giving youth direct exposure to industry standard tools. The initiative supports **TEGAS'** mission to nurture future-ready digital talent and position Sarawakians to thrive in the creative tech and gaming.

## TEGAS Cultivates Future Tech Talent at SMK Lundu

29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**TEGAS** partnered with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation to host the Junior Saintis X Jr Xplorer program at SMK Lundu. Advancing the national STI 100 Agenda, students experienced interactive STEM modules featuring artificial intelligence fundamentals, virtual reality simulations, cognitive problem-solving challenges, and a thrilling drone race.

This initiative successfully provided critical early exposure to advanced technology, cultivating digital literacy and future-ready capabilities. By sparking interest in innovation, the outreach strongly aligns with **TEGAS'** mission to empower rural youth, actively preparing a competitive, tech-savvy generation for Sarawak's digital economy.



# TEGAS Charts 2026 Roadmap at Strategic Retreat



## 30<sup>th</sup> January - 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

**TEGAS** staff gathered for the Strategic Retreat 2026 to align on the organization's roadmap for the year ahead.

Led by Chief Executive Officer, Tuan Haji Udin Bujang, the 3-day retreat featured presentations from all eight **TEGAS** Sections. The session was used to review progress, evaluate upcoming initiatives, address operational challenges and set unified strategic priorities for 2026.



These focused sessions strengthened internal collaboration and sharpened execution strategies. By identifying key gaps and exploring new opportunities, **TEGAS** is better positioning to deliver sustainable impact. The outcome is a unified plan that keeps **TEGAS** aligned with its mission to drive innovation, foster entrepreneurship and empower Sarawakians toward inclusive economic growth.



# TEGAS Celebrate Digital Innovation at Startup Innovation Showcase 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**TEGAS**, as ecosystem partner to Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation (SDEC), hosted the Startup Innovation Showcase 2026 at **TEGAS** Digital Village. The event featured DIVA and SaSAR Demo Day, where 17 startups pitched scalable, market-ready solutions to investors.

The showcase was graced by SDEC CEO Dato Sudarnoto Osman, **TEGAS** CEO, Tuan Haji Udin Bujang and MEITD representative Dr. Cheong Yaw Ling.

The Demo Day marked a key transition for local founders, moving from ideation to investor, ready businesses. By connecting startups with funding pathways and industry networks, the initiative advances **TEGAS** mission to nurture digital talent and position Sarawak as a leading creator of homegrown tech solutions for inclusive, sustainable growth.



# TEGAS Boosts Graduate Employability Across Borneo



7<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**TEGAS** Digital Innovation Hub Bintulu, in partnership with UPM Bintulu Sarawak Campus and Konsortium Universiti Universitas Borneo hosted the hybrid YLE-KUUB Job Jumpstart workshop.

The session engaged 80 students across Borneo and featured industry speakers from CEM UPM, Bank Islam and Parkcity Everly Hotel. Participants gained practical skills in interview fundamentals, the STAR answering technique and personal branding.

The workshop directly addresses graduate employability gaps by equipping young talent with professional communication skills needed for today's job market. It supports **TEGAS'** mission to build a future ready workforce for Sarawak's digital and modern economy.

# TEGAS Equips Miri Entrepreneurs with Essential Business Fundamentals

7<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**TEGAS** hosted the #InnovateSarawak Workshop Series at the Digital Innovation Hub in Miri. Guided by legal expert Puan Sharifah Rafidah Bt Wan Mansor, the intensive session engaged 22 aspiring entrepreneurs and early-stage business owners. Participants actively explored the practical fundamentals of business registration, corporate structures, and essential compliance documentation.

This structured guidance successfully equipped local founders with the confidence to build sustainable ventures. By simplifying regulatory frameworks, the initiative reduces barriers to entry for new startups. This capacity building strongly aligns with **TEGAS'** mission to foster a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem, empowering Sarawakians to innovate and drive long-term socioeconomic growth.



# TEGAS and MPC Forge Partnership to Empower Local Talent

7<sup>th</sup> February 2026



**TEGAS** and the Malaysia Productivity Corporation formalized a strategic partnership at Dewan Suarah Sarikei. Officiated by **TEGAS** Chairman YB Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh alongside CEO Tuan Haji Udin Bujang, the event featured the launch of Randau Akademi Dalam Industri. Local youth actively engaged with an interactive **TEGAS** exhibition highlighting virtual reality and STEM Career pathways.

This collaboration drives seven initiatives to cultivate a skilled workforce tailored to real industry demands. By preparing youth for high value sectors, this effort aligns perfectly with **TEGAS'** mission and PCDS 2030. It empowers future ready talent to boost productivity, ultimately steering Sarawak toward sustainable socioeconomic growth.





## TEGAS Empowers Educators to Lead Digital Learning Transformation

9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**TEGAS** concluded the Training of Trainers (ToT) Think & Tinker Mini Lab workshop at **TEGAS** Digital Village, officiated by **TEGAS** Chairman, YB Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh.

The 3-day program trained 42 teachers from 21 schools in hands-on use of 3D printers, Micro:bit, Arduino, mBot, and drones.

By building educators' technical confidence, the workshop equips schools to turn labs into active hubs for innovation and problem solving. The initiative directly supports **TEGAS'** mission to nurture future-ready digital talent across Sarawak and helps bridge the digital divide in classrooms.



# TEGAS Highlights Startup Empowerment at TERAJU Outreach

11<sup>th</sup> February 2026



EGAS participated in TERAJU Aspirasi Outreach 2026 at M Resort and Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, officiated by Minister of Economy YB Tuan Haji Akmal Nasrullah bin Haji Mohd Nasir.

At the exhibition, **TEGAS** showcased its startup accelerator efforts through **TEGAS** Digital Village and the Digital Innovation Hub network.

The outreach platform connected **TEGAS** with national ecosystem players to support high growth business scaling. In line with PuTERA 35 agenda, **TEGAS** reaffirmed its commitment to inclusive entrepreneurship that advance Sarawak's digital economy and future ready talent pipeline.



# TEGAS Cultivates Future Leaders Through NEXTGEN Sarawak

11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**TEGAS** hosted NEXTGEN Sarawak officiated by **TEGAS** CEO Tuan Haji Udin Bujang, alongside representatives from MEITD and Sarawak Skills.

The 3-day program gathered 20 youths for workshops on STEM, TVET and entrepreneurship fundamentals, including strategic proposal writing and policy discussions.

Participants formed the new NEXTGEN Committee, who will serve as **TEGAS** youth ambassadors. The program builds leadership and policy literacy to prepare Sarawak youth to contribute to the state's high income 2030 vision.



# **TEGAS Ignites Aerospace Innovation with Sarawak Rocketeers CanSat Challenge**

13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**TEGAS** hosted the Sarawak Rocketeers CanSat Challenge workshop at the **TEGAS** Digital Village. The intensive three-day programme gathered aspiring students and returning alumni for hands-on aerospace training. Participants engaged deeply in mastering CanSat systems, rocket design, and OpenRocket software simulations.

Inspired by alumni who competed nationally in Perak, this new cohort aims to become state champions and represent Sarawak this September. This immersive initiative successfully cultivates advanced STEM skills and critical problem-solving among local youth. By providing early exposure to aerospace technology, the programme strongly aligns with **TEGAS'** mission to nurture future-ready innovators and elevate Sarawakian digital talent.



# **TEGAS Empowers Regional Youth with Digital Leadership**

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**TEGAS** Digital innovation Hub Bintulu, co-organized with UPM Bintulu Sarawak Campus and Konsortium Universiti Universitas Borneo, hosted A14 Youth: Future Leaders Training 2026.

The hybrid program gathered 247 youths from Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei for intensive modules on AI fundamentals, digital literacy and entrepreneurial thinking.

The cross-border training built communications, critical problem solving and ethical technology practices among participants. It supports **TEGAS'** mission to develop innovative human capital and accelerate Sarawak's digital economy through regional collaboration.





## TEGAS Strengthens Strategic Collaboration for Sarawak Youth



25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**TEGAS** hosted a Strategic Engagement Session at the **TEGAS** Digital Village Auditorium. The event united ministries, agencies, private companies, and NGOs to align the 2026 youth development agenda, highlighting upcoming STEM, TVET, and digital technology initiatives.

This collaborative platform successfully reinforced synergies to drive meaningful transformation. By prioritising hands-on skills training and community outreach, the initiative accelerates measurable impact across Sarawak's digital landscape. This directly supports **TEGAS**' mission to empower local communities, nurture future-ready youth, and foster a highly competitive digital economy.





## **TEGAS Celebrates Female Creatives in Miri and Bintulu**

**10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

In conjunction with International Women's Day, **TEGAS** hosted the InnovateSarawak Speaker Series on 10 and 12 March at the Digital Innovation Hubs in Miri and Bintulu. The sessions featured Sarawakian fashion designer Neng Kho Razali, who shared her journey of building a purpose-driven label rooted in indigenous identity and impactful initiatives like creating turbans for cancer patients.

Engaging 23 participants, the programme successfully connected local creatives and aspiring entrepreneurs. By empowering women to transform cultural heritage into sustainable careers, the initiative aligns perfectly with **TEGAS'** mission. It actively nurtures inclusive entrepreneurship, inspires creative innovation, and strengthens Sarawak's growing digital ecosystem.





Dayak Chamber of Commerce and Industry Explores Strategic Synergies with **TEGAS**



Tunku Putra-HELP Explores Innovation at **TEGAS** Digital Village



**TEGAS** Hosts UKAS to Strengthen Strategic Collaboration



Teach For Malaysia Fellows Explore Collaboration & Innovation at **TEGAS** Digital Village



Sabah Institute of Art Explores **TEGAS** Digital Village or Community Innovation Centers Design Study



EPF Sarawak Explores Collaboration Opportunities with **TEGAS**



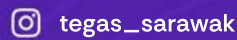
Sarawak Tourist Guides' Association Explore **TEGAS** Digital Village



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