## Upskill to remain relevant in bio-based fields

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GET your skills and certificates recognised to remain relevant in a job market affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation (Bioeconomy Corporation) urged the industry's workforce.

By doing so through the Recognition of Prior Achievement (PPT)–Malaysian Skills Certificate (SKM) (PPT-SKM) programme, employees in bio-based and biotechnology industries can attract potential employers, the Bioeconomy Corporation said in a press release.

Describing the programme as an important tool to have if one wants to upgrade one's skills, Bioeconomy Corporation acting chief executive officer Mohd Khairul Fidzal Abdul Razak said it allows skilled manpower to be competitive locally and globally.

"The PPT-SKM programme also allows an organisation to be highly productive and visible, thanks to its skilled manpower that is recognised by the government.

"For individuals, their certified skills and expertise can make them stand out in the challenging post-Covid-19 job market to help them further their education, get job promotions and obtain better job offers with more competitive salaries.

"Skills like these can also be an attraction for prospective employers who are in need of highly trained and skilled experts in these fields," he added.

The programme is conducted with Universiti Teknologi Mara's Faculty of Pharmacy and the Human Resources Ministry's Department of Skills Development.