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## New PRAC Qingdao Branch with Qingdao Hailiya Group Co., Ltd. in China!



On 2 February 2026, PRAC embarked on an official visit to Qingdao Hailiya Group Co., Ltd. in Qingdao, China, marking a major milestone in PRAC's international expansion strategy within the rope access and height safety industry.

PRAC was warmly received by the management team, reflecting strong mutual trust and a shared commitment to advancing safety standards globally. As part of the welcoming programme, Hailiya conducted a professional rescue demonstration, showcasing its technical expertise, equipment reliability, and dedication to operational safety in rope access environments.

Beyond discussions on rope access Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) production and technical collaboration, both parties reached a significant agreement — PRAC has officially confirmed the establishment of a new PRAC branch in Qingdao in collaboration with Qingdao Hailiya Group Co., Ltd.

This new branch will serve as a strategic hub for delivering PRAC's structured competency-based training programmes in China. The centre will focus on Working at Height (WAH) and Rope Access training aligned with international best practices, industry compliance requirements, and real operational demands. By combining Hailiya's manufacturing strength with PRAC's competency framework, the initiative aims to elevate workforce capability, strengthen verification standards, and enhance safety performance across high-risk industries in the region.



A key highlight of the visit was the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony, formalising the long-term partnership between both organisations. The agreement signifies a shared vision to promote professional competency development, technical exchange, and sustainable industry growth.

The establishment of the Qingdao branch represents a major step forward in PRAC's global expansion, reinforcing its mission to raise safety, competency, and professional standards beyond borders. Through this collaboration, PRAC and Qingdao Hailiya Group Co., Ltd. are setting the foundation for a stronger, internationally connected rope access and working-at-height ecosystem.



# China's Rope Technology Pioneer



Qingdao Hai Liya Group Co., Ltd. was founded in 1922 and has grown into a nationally recognised high-tech enterprise dedicated to safety, special rope technology, and emergency protection solutions. With nearly a century of development, the Group remains committed to advancing security-related industries through innovation, quality manufacturing, and comprehensive safety services.

Headquartered in Qingdao, China, Hailiya focuses on the research, development, and production of special ropes, marine cables, military and industrial safety ropes, as well as emergency self-rescue and protection products. The Group has developed more than 1,000 innovative products and holds over 1,600 patents, ranking among China's top patent applicants in its field.

Its structure comprises four subsidiaries covering lace and safety ribbon manufacturing, emergency self-help product development, emergency safety consulting and training, and marine cable technology. Through this integrated ecosystem, Hailiya delivers end-to-end solutions ranging from equipment production to safety education and emergency response support.



Recognised as a National High-Tech Enterprise, Hailiya has received numerous honours including national and provincial science and technology awards, quality excellence recognition, and intellectual property development distinctions. It has also been entrusted as a designated supplier of rope products for major scientific research and marine exploration missions, contributing specialised ropes for advanced ocean engineering projects.

Beyond manufacturing, Hailiya actively promotes emergency safety education. The Group has supported the construction of emergency safety training centres and experiential learning facilities, benefiting hundreds of thousands of participants through interactive disaster prevention and rescue programmes.

Guided by its core values of safety, professionalism, and integrity, Qingdao Hai Liya Group Co., Ltd. continues to strengthen its position as a leading representative of China's safety equipment industry, delivering reliable products and services to domestic and international markets.



# KGS Paint & Waterproofing Sdn Bhd Strengthens Commitment to Safety Culture and Quality Excellence

Subang Jaya — KGS Paint & Waterproofing Sdn Bhd continues to reinforce its commitment to building a strong safety culture and delivering superior quality standards across all its projects. As part of its long-term vision, the company aims to ensure that safety and quality remain the foundation of every operation, protecting its workforce, clients, and project integrity. Recognizing the high-risk nature of painting and waterproofing works—particularly in elevated and industrial environments—KGS Paint & Waterproofing Sdn Bhd has implemented comprehensive safety practices aligned with industry best standards. These include strict adherence to personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements, proper work-at-height procedures, and continuous safety monitoring on-site.

A representative from the company stated, “Our priority is to ensure that every worker returns home safely while maintaining the highest level of workmanship. Safety and quality are not optional—they are core values embedded in our daily operations.”

## Strengthening Safety Culture

The company actively promotes a proactive safety culture through:

- Regular safety briefings and toolbox meetings
- Continuous competency and skills development for workers
- Implementation of risk assessment and hazard control measures
- Strict compliance with occupational safety and health regulations
- Encouraging worker participation in safety improvement initiatives

These measures help create a workplace environment where safety awareness becomes a shared responsibility among all personnel.

## Commitment to Quality Excellence

In addition to safety, KGS Paint & Waterproofing Sdn Bhd emphasizes quality assurance at every project phase. From surface preparation to final coating and waterproofing application, the company ensures that all work meets client specifications, durability requirements, and industry standards.

By integrating safety and quality into its operational framework, KGS Paint & Waterproofing Sdn Bhd continues to position itself as a responsible and reliable contractor in Malaysia’s construction and maintenance sector.

## Building a Sustainable Future

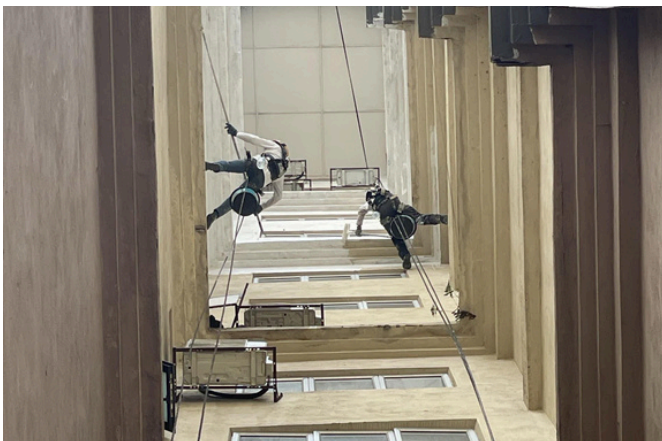
Through its ongoing commitment, the company aims to set a benchmark for professional standards in painting and waterproofing services. By investing in people, safety systems, and quality control, KGS Paint & Waterproofing Sdn Bhd is contributing to a safer and more sustainable construction industry.



Beyond safety, the company remains fully committed to delivering high-quality work. Furthermore, the management team remains committed to continuous improvement by reviewing safety performance, learning from site experience, and adopting industry best practices. The company actively promotes open communication, encouraging workers to report hazards, share feedback, and participate in safety initiatives. This collaborative approach fosters a sense of responsibility, ownership, and professionalism among all team members.

KGS Paint & Waterproofing Sdn Bhd also recognizes its role in contributing to the overall improvement of industry standards in Malaysia. By prioritizing safety, professionalism, and quality, the company supports national efforts to create safer workplaces and more reliable construction services.

As the company continues to grow, its mission remains clear: to protect its people, deliver excellence to clients, and build long-term trust through safe, high-quality, and professional painting and waterproofing services. Through strong leadership, continuous training, and unwavering commitment, KGS Paint & Waterproofing Sdn Bhd is setting a positive example for safety culture and quality excellence in the industry.





## PRAC Creates Awareness on Competency Integrity at Karnival Teknologi & Kreativiti JTM 2026

PRAC was present at KARNIVAL TEKNOLOGI & KREATIVITI JTM 2026 held at ADTEC JTM Campus, Taiping, Perak on 11–12 February 2026 under the theme Innovation & Creativity 2026. While the carnival featured various competitions and exhibitions, PRAC's presence was focused solely on introducing its initiative and creating industry awareness — particularly on the growing concern of competency certificate falsification.

The event provided an important platform to engage with industry players, educators, and technical practitioners to discuss an increasingly serious issue within the technical sector: the falsification of competency certificates. The reality is clear — when certificates can be forged, safety can be compromised.

High-risk industries such as Working at Height, Rope Access, PPE Inspection, and other hazardous technical fields require personnel who are genuinely competent — not individuals who merely hold paper qualifications. True competency must be verified, traceable, and accountable. This is where PRAC Passwork plays a vital role.



During the carnival, PRAC introduced PRAC Passwork as a modern digital competency verification system designed to protect industry integrity:

- All competencies consolidated into one digital NFC card
- Instant verification through a single smartphone tap
- Every certificate screened and validated by PRAC before recording
- Only legitimate, industry-recognised certifications uploaded into the system

No more doubt. No more manipulation.

Only transparent, authenticated, and real-time verifiable records. PRAC remains committed to strengthening industry integrity and protecting worker safety through secure and modern competency verification solutions. Through awareness and digital innovation, PRAC continues to advocate for a safer and more trustworthy technical workforce in Malaysia.



# Lima Bintang Logistic Strengthens Safety Commitment Following Successful ERT & Basic First Aid Training



27 February, Senai — Lima Bintang Logistic has successfully completed its Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Basic First Aid training program, marking a significant milestone in strengthening its workplace safety readiness and emergency preparedness. This initiative reflects the company's strong commitment to protecting its employees, operational environment, and overall business continuity.

The training program was designed to equip selected personnel with essential emergency response knowledge and life-saving first aid skills. Participants were trained in critical areas including emergency response procedures, incident assessment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), basic wound management, bleeding control, and safe evacuation procedures. These competencies are essential in ensuring immediate and effective response during workplace emergencies.

A representative from Lima Bintang Logistic emphasized that safety is a core value of the organization:

"We believe that safety is everyone's responsibility. By equipping our team with Emergency Response Team and First Aid competencies, we are strengthening our ability to respond quickly and effectively in any emergency situation. Our priority is to ensure the safety, health, and wellbeing of all employees."

The establishment of a trained Emergency Response Team enhances the company's internal capability to act as first responders during incidents such as medical emergencies, fires, or workplace accidents. With trained personnel on-site, immediate assistance can be provided while waiting for external emergency services, significantly reducing risks and improving response outcomes.

In addition, the training has increased safety awareness among employees, encouraging a proactive approach toward hazard identification, risk prevention, and emergency preparedness. Participants gained practical experience through hands-on simulations, allowing them to respond confidently and professionally in real-life scenarios.

Lima Bintang Logistic is committed to continuously improving its safety standards by investing in employee training, strengthening safety procedures, and promoting a strong safety culture across all operations. The company recognizes that a well-trained workforce is essential in preventing incidents, minimizing risks, and ensuring smooth and safe logistics operations.

This achievement demonstrates Lima Bintang Logistic's proactive leadership in workplace safety and its dedication to creating a safe, prepared, and responsible working environment. Moving forward, the company will continue to prioritize safety initiatives, reinforcing its commitment to operational excellence and the protection of its most valuable asset—its people.





## Advancing Competency: PRAC Members, Asas Ideal and ChemLub Upgrade to Rope Access Level 2

PRAC proudly recognises the commitment demonstrated by participants from Asas Ideal and Chemlub, both valued PRAC Membership members, who have successfully completed their Rope Access training upgrade from Level 1 to Level 2.

What makes this achievement even more commendable is that the upgrading participants underwent their Level 2 training alongside new Level 1 trainees. This integrated training environment reflects real industry dynamics, where different competency levels operate within the same team structure. It also reinforces leadership development, as Level 2 candidates are required not only to demonstrate advanced technical capability but also to guide, support, and set the standard for junior technicians.

In the rope access industry, competency progression is not merely a certification milestone — it is a reflection of increased responsibility, technical capability, and leadership readiness. While Level 1 technicians focus on fundamental operational tasks under supervision, Level 2 technicians are trained to perform more complex rigging, rescue planning, advanced rope manoeuvres, and on-site problem-solving with greater independence and accountability.

The decision by Asas Ideal and Chemlub to invest in upgrading their personnel highlights a proactive approach toward aligning workforce competency with evolving industry requirements. High-risk sectors demand not only compliance, but advanced technical understanding and the ability to respond effectively to dynamic site conditions.



Throughout the programme, participants strengthened their expertise in advanced anchor systems, rescue techniques, hazard identification, job planning, and supervisory responsibilities. The training emphasised both technical precision and safety leadership — ensuring that Level 2 personnel are fully prepared to support operational efficiency while maintaining strict safety standards.

Continuous competency development remains critical in industries involving work at height and rope access operations. As regulatory expectations and project complexity increase, companies that prioritise structured skill progression position themselves ahead of operational risks and industry challenges.

PRAC commends Asas Ideal and Chemlub for their dedication to professional growth and safety excellence. Their commitment demonstrates that true industry leadership begins with investing in people, strengthening capability, and advancing competency to meet real-world demands.

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