

COMRADE OF LABOUR

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In July 2021, the Public Utilities Board (PUB) and the Public Utilities Board Employees' Union (PUBEU) inked the Company Training Committee (CTC) memorandum of understanding. Subsequently, PUB then embarked on the Operation and Technology Roadmap (OTR) exercise, focusing on Smart Water Meters.

Mohd Ali Diron was one of the union representatives at the OTR sessions and contributed actively towards the discussions. He also encouraged his colleagues to attend and support the Smart Water Meter training.

Currently, training is being conducted on the function of AMI meters and the various IT systems. The training covers the new billing system and it involves a lot of software and applications which the workers need to familiar themselves with.

PUB is progressively rolling out Smart Water Meters which will reduce the need for manual reading of the meters.

Brother Mohd Ali frequently speaks with his coworkers to encourage them to keep an open mind towards upskilling, and that they should pursue higher studies and be open to take on higher responsibilities at the workplace so that they could remain employable and progress in their career.

He is well-liked by his colleagues and is the go-to person whenever members have issues or concerns to raise. He would gather such feedback and share it with the management so that issues are resolved promptly.

Many times, he would take his own initiative and help lower-income members apply for NTUC financial assistance schemes or vouchers when the initiatives are open for application.

Brother Mohd Ali is also very passionate about the water industry. He was a licensed trainer for plumbers prior to joining PUB.

One of his wishes for the plumbing sector is to have more trained freelance local plumbers. He spends time after work to conduct training at Building and Construction Authority Academy on Plumbing & Pipe Fitting courses.

He would also undertake the training of PUB staff on in-house courses related to PUB's scope of work.