



SEJARAH AKADEMI PERSILATAN SEDUNIA (APS) SEBAGAI CAWANGAN WORLD ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS PROFESSIONS (WAMAPS)

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ABSTRAK

Akademi Persilatan Sedunia (APS) ditubuhkan sebagai sebuah institusi pembangunan ilmu persilatan yang bertujuan memartabatkan seni bela diri tradisional melalui pendekatan pendidikan moden, pembangunan kompetensi, penyelidikan dan pengiktirafan profesional. APS telah didaftarkan secara rasmi sebagai Akademi Persilatan Sedunia Sdn. Bhd. pada 2 Februari 2018, menandakan permulaan kepada usaha membangunkan sistem latihan persilatan yang lebih sistematik, berstruktur dan bertaraf antarabangsa. Berteraskan pendekatan Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET), APS memberi penekanan kepada pembangunan modal insan, standard kompetensi serta pemeliharaan nilai warisan dan falsafah persilatan Melayu.

Selaras dengan usaha pengantarabangsaan persilatan, APS menjalinkan kerjasama strategik dengan World Academy of Martial Arts Professions (WAMAPS). Kemuncak kerjasama tersebut ialah pemeteraian Memorandum Perjanjian (MoA) pada 3 Disember 2018 di Ara Damansara, Selangor, yang menjadi asas kepada pengiktirafan APS sebagai Cawangan WAMAPS di Malaysia. Pengiktirafan ini membolehkan APS melaksanakan pelbagai fungsi strategik, termasuk pembangunan standard kompetensi, kurikulum latihan antarabangsa, pensijilan profesional, latihan jurulatih, pelaksanaan Outcome-Based Education (OBE), Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) dan Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL), penyelidikan akademik serta penerbitan ilmiah dalam bidang persilatan dan seni bela diri.

Pengiktirafan tersebut telah membuka dimensi baharu dalam pembangunan persilatan negara dengan meletakkan seni bela diri sebagai satu bidang profesional yang mempunyai laluan pembangunan kerjaya, sistem latihan berstruktur dan pengiktirafan kompetensi di peringkat nasional serta antarabangsa. Melalui komitmen terhadap inovasi, kecemerlangan akademik dan pembangunan modal insan, APS



terus berperanan sebagai institusi peneraju dalam memperkukuh profesionalisme pengamal seni bela diri serta memartabatkan persilatan Melayu sebagai warisan ilmu yang lestari dan diiktiraf di persada dunia.



Pengenalan

Akademi Persilatan Sedunia (APS) merupakan sebuah institusi pembangunan ilmu persilatan yang ditubuhkan bagi memperkasakan seni bela diri tradisional melalui pendekatan pendidikan moden, penyelidikan, pembangunan profesional dan pengiktirafan kompetensi. Penubuhan APS lahir daripada aspirasi untuk mewujudkan sebuah institusi yang bukan sahaja memelihara warisan persilatan Melayu, malah mengangkatnya sebagai satu bidang ilmu dan profesion yang mempunyai standard latihan, pensijilan dan pembangunan kerjaya yang diiktiraf di peringkat nasional serta antarabangsa.

APS telah didaftarkan secara rasmi sebagai **Akademi Persilatan Sedunia Sdn. Bhd.** dengan **No. Pendaftaran 201801004595 (1266609-A)**. Berdasarkan rekod Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM), kelulusan pendaftaran syarikat telah diperoleh pada **2 Februari 2018 (Jumaat)**. Tarikh ini menjadi titik permulaan kepada usaha membangunkan sebuah institusi akademik persilatan yang berteraskan pembangunan kompetensi, profesionalisme dan kecemerlangan ilmu.

Sejak awal penubuhannya, APS mengamalkan pendekatan **Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET)** yang memberi penekanan kepada pembangunan kompetensi berdasarkan standard pekerjaan, di samping mengekalkan nilai-nilai adab, falsafah dan warisan persilatan Melayu. Pendekatan ini bertujuan memastikan ilmu persilatan berkembang secara sistematik, berstruktur dan relevan dengan keperluan pendidikan serta industri masa kini.

Perkembangan pesat seni bela diri di peringkat global memperlihatkan keperluan kepada sistem latihan yang mempunyai piawaian antarabangsa, standard kompetensi yang jelas serta mekanisme pengiktirafan profesional yang seragam. Banyak negara telah membangunkan badan profesional yang bertanggungjawab menyelaras latihan, pensijilan dan pembangunan tenaga pengajar seni bela diri bagi meningkatkan kualiti pendidikan dalam bidang tersebut.



Menyedari perkembangan tersebut, APS mengambil inisiatif untuk membina jaringan kerjasama dengan organisasi antarabangsa yang mempunyai visi dan matlamat yang sama. Usaha ini bertujuan memperkukuh sistem latihan, memperluaskan peluang pengiktirafan profesional serta membuka ruang kepada pengamal seni bela diri Malaysia untuk bersaing di peringkat antarabangsa. Pada masa yang sama, kerjasama tersebut menjadi strategi penting untuk memperkenalkan seni persilatan Melayu sebagai satu disiplin ilmu yang mempunyai nilai akademik, profesional dan budaya yang tinggi.

Hasil daripada beberapa siri perbincangan serta penyelarasan dasar organisasi, APS telah menjalinkan kerjasama strategik dengan **World Academy of Martial Arts Professions (WAMAPS)**. Kedua-dua organisasi berkongsi aspirasi yang sama dalam membangunkan profesion seni bela diri melalui pendidikan, latihan, penyelidikan, pembangunan standard kompetensi serta pengiktirafan profesional kepada pengamal dan jurulatih seni bela diri di seluruh dunia.

Kemuncak kepada kerjasama tersebut ialah pemeeteraian **Memorandum Perjanjian (MoA)** pada **3 Disember 2018 (Isnin)** di **Ara Damansara, Selangor**. Majlis penandatanganan ini telah dilaporkan secara rasmi oleh **Utusan Malaysia** dan menjadi detik bersejarah dalam pembangunan institusi persilatan negara. Memorandum tersebut dimeterai bagi memperkukuh kerjasama strategik antara APS dan WAMAPS dalam usaha membangunkan sistem pengiktirafan profesional, penganugerahan, pendidikan, penyelidikan, falsafah serta sains seni mempertahankan diri.

Melalui MoA tersebut, APS diberi kepercayaan untuk berperanan sebagai **Cawangan WAMAPS di Malaysia**, sekali gus menjadi institusi yang bertanggungjawab menyelaras pelaksanaan dasar, program dan pembangunan profesional WAMAPS di negara ini. Pengiktirafan ini merupakan satu pencapaian penting kerana buat pertama kalinya sebuah institusi yang berteraskan pembangunan ilmu persilatan diberikan



mandat untuk mewakili organisasi antarabangsa dalam bidang pembangunan profesion seni bela diri.

Sebagai Cawangan WAMAPS, APS dipertanggungjawabkan untuk menjadi pusat penyelarasan program WAMAPS di Malaysia, melaksanakan latihan dan pembangunan profesional jurulatih, mengurus pensijilan profesional, membangunkan standard kompetensi seni bela diri, menjalankan penyelidikan akademik serta memperluaskan jaringan kerjasama dengan institusi pendidikan, agensi kerajaan dan organisasi antarabangsa.

Selaras dengan pengiktirafan tersebut, skop fungsi APS berkembang dengan lebih meluas meliputi pembangunan **Standard Kompetensi Jurulatih Seni Bela Diri**, pembangunan kurikulum latihan bertaraf antarabangsa, pelaksanaan **Outcome-Based Education (OBE)**, pembangunan modul **Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET)**, pelaksanaan **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)** dan **Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)**, pembangunan pensijilan profesional antarabangsa, latihan assessor, verifier dan tenaga pengajar, penyelidikan dalam bidang persilatan dan seni bela diri, penerbitan jurnal ilmiah, buku dan modul latihan, serta pembangunan rangkaian akademik dan industri.

Pengiktirafan APS sebagai Cawangan WAMAPS telah membawa perubahan besar terhadap landskap pembangunan persilatan di Malaysia. Persilatan tidak lagi dilihat sekadar sebagai warisan budaya atau aktiviti kokurikulum, malah berkembang sebagai satu bidang profesional yang mempunyai laluan pembangunan kerjaya, standard kompetensi, sistem latihan berstruktur dan pengiktirafan antarabangsa. Pendekatan ini memberi peluang kepada jurulatih, pengajar dan pengamal seni bela diri untuk meningkatkan profesionalisme melalui latihan berstruktur, pensijilan, penyelidikan dan pembangunan profesional secara berterusan.

Kerjasama antarabangsa yang diwujudkan turut memperkukuh kedudukan Malaysia sebagai antara pusat pembangunan pendidikan persilatan di rantau Asia. Melalui



jaringan kerjasama dengan pelbagai institusi dan organisasi luar negara, APS berjaya memperluaskan pengaruh persilatan Melayu sebagai satu disiplin ilmu yang menggabungkan nilai warisan, pendidikan moden dan pembangunan profesional.

Secara kronologi, sejarah pembangunan APS dapat diringkaskan seperti berikut:

- **2 Februari 2018** – Akademi Persilatan Sedunia Sdn. Bhd. (No. Pendaftaran 201801004595 / 1266609-A) diluluskan pendaftarannya sebagai sebuah syarikat di Malaysia.
- **3 Disember 2018** – Memorandum Perjanjian (MoA) antara Akademi Persilatan Sedunia (APS) dan World Academy of Martial Arts Professions (WAMAPS) ditandatangani di Ara Damansara, Selangor, sekali gus mengiktiraf APS sebagai Cawangan WAMAPS di Malaysia.

Melangkah ke hadapan, APS beriltizam untuk terus menjadi pusat kecemerlangan pembangunan profesion seni bela diri bertaraf antarabangsa. Fokus utama organisasi ialah memperkukuh pengantarabangsaan kurikulum persilatan, membangunkan standard kompetensi global, memperluaskan jaringan kerjasama akademik dan industri, memperkukuh penyelidikan serta melahirkan tenaga pengajar yang kompeten, berintegriti dan berdaya saing. Dengan menggabungkan kekuatan warisan persilatan Melayu dan pendekatan pendidikan moden, APS terus memainkan peranan sebagai penghubung antara tradisi dan inovasi dalam usaha memartabatkan seni bela diri Malaysia di persada dunia serta memastikan kelestariannya untuk generasi akan datang.



Rujukan utama

1. Rekod pendaftaran **Akademi Persilatan Sedunia Sdn. Bhd.** (No. Pendaftaran 201801004595 / 1266609-A) – Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM) / CTOS (tarikh kelulusan: **2 Februari 2018**).
2. **Utusan Malaysia.** Laporan penandatanganan Memorandum Perjanjian (MoA) antara APS dan WAMAPS di Ara Damansara, Selangor pada **3 Disember 2018**.
3. Rekod sejarah dan dokumentasi organisasi APS/WAMAPS berkaitan pengiktirafan APS sebagai Cawangan WAMAPS di Malaysia.



ABSTRACT

The **World Academy of Silat (Akademi Persilatan Sedunia – APS)** was established as an institution dedicated to the advancement of Silat knowledge with the objective of elevating traditional martial arts through modern educational approaches, competency development, research, and professional recognition. APS was officially registered as **Akademi Persilatan Sedunia Sdn. Bhd.** on **2 February 2018**, marking the beginning of a systematic effort to develop a structured and internationally oriented Silat training system. Grounded in the principles of **Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET)**, APS emphasizes human capital development, competency standards, and the preservation of the heritage, ethics, and philosophy of the Malay martial arts tradition.

In line with its internationalization agenda, APS established a strategic partnership with the **World Academy of Martial Arts Professions (WAMAPS)**. The collaboration culminated in the signing of a **Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)** on **3 December 2018** in Ara Damansara, Selangor, which formed the foundation for APS's recognition as the official **Malaysian Branch of WAMAPS**. This recognition enabled APS to undertake a broad range of strategic functions, including the development of competency standards, international training curricula, professional certification, instructor development, the implementation of **Outcome-Based Education (OBE)**, **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**, and **Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)**, as well as academic research and scholarly publications in Silat and martial arts studies.

This recognition has created a new dimension in the development of Silat in Malaysia by positioning martial arts as a professional discipline with structured career pathways, systematic training, and nationally and internationally recognized competency certification. Through its commitment to innovation, academic excellence, and human capital development, APS continues to serve as a leading institution in strengthening the professionalism of martial arts practitioners while elevating Malay Silat as a sustainable body of knowledge recognized on the global stage.



INTRODUCTION

The **World Academy of Silat (Akademi Persilatan Sedunia – APS)** was established as an institution dedicated to advancing the knowledge and practice of Silat through modern education, research, professional development, and competency recognition. The establishment of APS was inspired by the aspiration to create an institution that not only preserves the heritage of Malay Silat but also elevates it into an academic discipline and professional field supported by internationally recognized training standards, certification systems, and career development pathways.

APS was officially incorporated as **Akademi Persilatan Sedunia Sdn. Bhd.** under Registration No. **201801004595 (1266609-A)**. According to the records of the **Companies Commission of Malaysia (Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia – SSM)**, the company received official approval for registration on **2 February 2018 (Friday)**. This milestone marked the beginning of APS's mission to establish a competency-based academic institution dedicated to excellence in martial arts education and professional development.

From its inception, APS adopted the **Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET)** approach, emphasizing competency development based on occupational standards while preserving the ethics, philosophy, and cultural heritage of Malay Silat. This educational philosophy ensures that Silat continues to evolve as a structured, systematic, and industry-relevant discipline without compromising its traditional values.

The rapid globalization of martial arts has created an increasing demand for internationally recognized training systems, standardized competency frameworks, and professional certification mechanisms. Many countries have established professional organizations responsible for coordinating martial arts education, certification, instructor development, and quality assurance.



Recognizing these developments, APS initiated strategic collaborations with international organizations that shared similar visions and objectives. These collaborations aimed to strengthen training systems, expand opportunities for professional recognition, and provide Malaysian martial arts practitioners with greater access to international platforms. At the same time, these partnerships served as strategic initiatives to introduce Malay Silat as an academic discipline with educational, professional, and cultural significance.

Following a series of organizational discussions and policy alignments, APS established a strategic partnership with the **World Academy of Martial Arts Professions (WAMAPS)**. Both organizations shared a common vision of advancing martial arts as a profession through education, training, research, competency standards, and professional recognition for instructors and practitioners worldwide.

The collaboration reached a historic milestone with the signing of a **Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)** on **3 December 2018 (Monday)** in **Ara Damansara, Selangor, Malaysia**. The signing ceremony, officially reported by **Utusan Malaysia**, marked a significant turning point in the development of Malaysia's martial arts institutions. The MoA was established to strengthen strategic cooperation between APS and WAMAPS in promoting professional recognition, awards, education, research, philosophy, and the science of martial arts.

Through this agreement, APS was officially recognized as the **Malaysian Branch of WAMAPS**, becoming the institution responsible for coordinating WAMAPS policies, professional development programs, and organizational activities within Malaysia. This recognition represented a landmark achievement, as it was the first time that a Malaysian institution dedicated to the academic development of Silat had been entrusted to represent an international martial arts professional organization.

As the official Malaysian Branch of WAMAPS, APS assumed responsibility for coordinating WAMAPS programs throughout the country, delivering professional



instructor development programmes, managing professional certification systems, developing martial arts competency standards, conducting academic research, and expanding collaborative networks with educational institutions, government agencies, and international organizations.

Following this recognition, APS significantly expanded its scope of activities to include the development of **Martial Arts Instructor Competency Standards**, international training curricula, **Outcome-Based Education (OBE)** implementation, **Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET)** modules, **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**, **Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)**, international professional certification programmes, assessor and verifier training, instructor qualification development, martial arts research, scholarly journal publication, book and training module development, and the establishment of academic and industrial collaboration networks.

The recognition of APS as the Malaysian Branch of WAMAPS has transformed the landscape of martial arts development in Malaysia. Silat is no longer viewed merely as a cultural heritage or extracurricular activity but has evolved into a professional discipline supported by structured career pathways, competency standards, systematic training, and internationally recognized certification. This transformation has created opportunities for instructors, coaches, and practitioners to enhance their professionalism through structured education, certification, research, and continuous professional development.

Furthermore, the international partnerships established through APS have strengthened Malaysia's position as one of Asia's emerging centres for martial arts education. Through collaborations with universities, professional organizations, and international institutions, APS has successfully expanded the global recognition of Malay Silat as a discipline that integrates cultural heritage, modern education, scientific research, and professional development.



The historical development of APS can be summarized chronologically as follows:

- **2 February 2018** – Akademi Persilatan Sedunia Sdn. Bhd. (Registration No. 201801004595 / 1266609-A) received official approval for incorporation in Malaysia.
- **3 December 2018** – The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between APS and the World Academy of Martial Arts Professions (WAMAPS) was signed in Ara Damansara, Selangor, officially recognizing APS as the Malaysian Branch of WAMAPS.

Looking ahead, APS remains committed to becoming an internationally recognized Centre of Excellence for martial arts professional development. Its strategic priorities include the internationalization of Silat curricula, the development of global competency standards, the expansion of academic and industrial collaborations, the strengthening of research activities, and the production of competent, ethical, and globally competitive instructors. By integrating the rich heritage of Malay Silat with contemporary educational methodologies, APS continues to serve as a bridge between tradition and innovation, contributing to the sustainable development and international recognition of Malaysian martial arts for future generations.

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