THE LINK AND MATCH BETWEEN THE COMPETENCY OF VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS GRADUATES AND THE INDUSTRY ON CAD/ CAM AND CNC

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ABSTRACT

This study describes (1) the work process analysis of the production stage in the industry, (2) the required competency and skills of CAD/ CAM and CNC in the industry, (3) the implementation of the basic competency of CAD/ CAM and CNC in vocational high schools, (4) the link and match between the competency of vocational high schools graduates and the industry on CAD/ CAM and CNC. The descriptive-qualitative method was employed by involving 8 people from Mega Andalan Kalasan Ltd (MAK) and 5 people from vocational high schools. The data were collected through observation and interviews which were further analyzed descriptively. The findings indicate (1) the work process analysis map the competencies that must be owned by the workforce including CAD drafter, CAM programmer, and CNC operators in which each workforce involved 4 work process sequences, (2) the competency of CAD/ CAM and CNC described the knowledge and psychomotor activities. In detail, the activity of the CNC machine setting produced knowledge competence and the skills of 36.5% and 26.7% respectively. The operating CNC machine produced the knowledge competence and skills of 25.4% and 23.3% respectively. The 3D drawing and 2D CAD systems produced the knowledge competence and skills of 19% and 23.3% respectively, CAM Programming generated the knowledge competence and skills of 19% and 26.7% respectively, (3) the implementation of basic competencies can be categorized as good, (4) there are two competencies fulfilled the link and match between the vocational high schools' competencies and industry, namely manufacturing drawing competency with CAD as well as mechanical competency with CNC and CAM.

Keywords: CAD, CAM, CNC, link and match

INTRODUCTION

The industrial revolution era is characterized by smart technology based on automation that combines intelligent machines, storage systems, and production systems into intelligent networks [1], [2]. The automation manages the production steps known as smart production control consisting of 4 procedures, i.e. order, production schedule, data analysis, data collection [3], [4]. It also promotes smart design as a software technology to draw and create a program on a computer, such as CAD and CAM. The smart machines refer to technologies that are operated by numerical control like CNC machines based on orders to implement the product design process. It involves the production schedule to check the completion time of the production step, the production analysis data to monitor the machining process through a controller and sensor, the production data collection to analyze the results of the machining process, and the smart technology to accelerate mass production that is equipped with automation. To succeed in this current era, the industry has been working with the government to formulate the Indonesian National Work Competency Standards to foster link and match between the work competencies and industrial needs.

This standard manages the framework that contains the aspects of knowledge, attitudes, and skills [5]–[8]. The knowledge aspect refers to the understanding level to know about concepts, theories without any implementation actions. The attitude aspect contains the understanding level to obey the rules and work discipline. The skill aspect is the level of understanding to carry out concepts and theories through real actions. A person who
masters competency standards will be able to carry out tasks well. Therefore, the National Work Competency Standards provides information to develop a vocational curriculum that is appropriate to the industry [9], [10].

The curriculum of vocational high schools is arranged based on the Regulation of Minister Education and Culture No. 60 the Year 2014 containing two competencies, the core, and the basic competency. The core competency is the ability to achieve Graduates in Competency Standards among students. Meanwhile, the basic competency includes the abilities and the content of learning, which is centered on CAD/ CAM and CNC expertise. Therefore, those competencies should be mastered by students in order to meet the demand from industrial needs [11], [12].

The labor demand industries and vocational education should be mutually developed. There are 5 labor qualifications in industries based on their educational background, i.e. (1) non-vocational institution, (2) vocational institution, (3) technicians, (4) high educational institution, (5) training [13]. Of the five qualifications, the graduates from vocational high schools occupy the highest position of 53% or 21.3 million workers. However, there is a challenge to enhance the relevance of the vocational curriculum with industrial needs because many graduates find it difficult to meet the work competencies in the industries [14], [15].

In the manufacturing industry, CAD has been used as one of the tools for manufacturing drawing. The manufacturing drawings with CAD complete CNC and CAM machining cycles. This cycle is connecting the production steps into three steps, drawing, programming, machine operation. The companies from the metal processing industry will find it difficult to compete in the job market without CAD applications for designing process [16]–[18]. These difficulties can be solved through mental rotation training and flow experience to enhance drawing skills. The mental rotation involves the ability of 2D and 3D drawing quickly and accurately. The flow experience is a study to test students’ creativity in drawing [19], [20]. In fact, the schools only provide basic materials because that makes students' mastery in basic engineering drawings still low.

The combination of CNC and CAM is needed to make complex workpieces. The CAM programs the workpiece through a multi-axis work principle that moves the tool paths based on the feed path and avoids collisions between the nozzle and the workpiece [21]–[24]. The complex workpieces are operated via modern 5 axis based-CNC. The CNC requires programming in producing the final product through rapid prototyping, additive manufacturing, and laser displacement. The rapid prototyping is to create complex workpiece features, while additive manufacturing is a technology that adds materials consecutively, and prototype printing is to realize in 3D. The laser displacement is a sensor to obtain the accuracy of contour parameters in the CNC machine tool [25]–[27]. However, most schools are only facilitated with 2-3 axis CNC with simple Job-sheets. As a result, the graduates of vocational high schools seem to face difficulties to work on complex workpieces in the industry.

The graduates of vocational high school encounter obstacles within the industrial work competency. The constraints are usually caused by the basic level of CAD competence and the simple experience of CNC and CAM activity. It urges to enhance the link and match between the competency of vocational high school and the industry by applying the competencies based on the real tasks. This task focuses on skill development in order to equip students with knowledge and skills for future work [28]–[30].

This study reveals the link and match between industry and vocational schools competencies by describing (1) the work process analysis of the production stage in the industry, (2) the required competency and skills of CAD/ CAM and CNC in the industry, (3) the implementation of the basic competency of...
CAD/ CAM and CNC in vocational high schools, (4) the link and match between the competency of vocational high schools students and the industry on CAD/ CAM and CNC

METHOD

The study employed a descriptive-qualitative method. The research subjects consisted of 8 people from Mega Andalan Kalasan Ltd (MAK) and 5 from vocational high school. Three people had their respective jobs as CAD drafter, CAM programmer, and CNC operator, while five people were the teachers of CAD, CAM, and CNC, in State Vocational High School 2 Depok, State Vocational High School 2 Pengasih, State Vocational High School 2 Yogyakarta, SMKN 3 Yogyakarta, Vocational High School 1 Piri. The data collection techniques were observation and interviews. The research instruments were interview and observation guidelines. The data were the working framework of Mega Andalan Kalasan Ltd. Meanwhile, the rating scale was implemented to describe the implementation of basic competencies in vocational schools.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Mega Andalan Kalasan Ltd (MAK) is a company that manufactures medical tools. Based on the interviews with three workers consisting of CAD drafter, CAM programmer, and CNC operator, each worker performed 4 work processes that can be seen in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Analysis of the Working Process

Figure 1 presents several components of medical equipment, such as bearings, shafts, meshing, constraints, etc. Those components are made through drawing, programming, and machining techniques. Referring to the Indonesian National Work Competency Standards, the competencies that must be mastered by the workforce are CAD drafter, CAM programmer, and CNC operators.
The order of the work process among CAD drafters consisted of accepting orders, sketching drawings, managing layouts, and 3D drawing. In the stage of accepting orders, it contained 2 competencies, namely (1) reading drawings dimensions, tolerances, and work marks, (2) drawing and editing. For sketching drawing, it involved 4 competencies, i.e. (1) 2D coordinate system, (2) modifying, (3) drawing etiquette, (4) 2D dimension command. In the case of managing layouts, it had 2 competencies, i.e. (1) drawing precision, (2) viewport/ layout order. Meanwhile, in the drawing 3D complex, it involved 5 competencies, namely (1) 3D modeling, (2) 3D solid and surface commands, (3) 3D solid editing, (4) 3D coordinate system, (5) complex 3D.

CAM Programmers performed their work process sequences consisting of selecting machining parameters, choosing toolpath types, simulating programs, and loading postprocessors. In the stage of choosing machining parameters, it consisted of 4 competencies, namely (1) lathe parameter, (2) milling machine parameters, (3) basic CAM lathe, (4) basic CAM milling. For selecting toolpath types, it had 11 competencies, namely (1) contour command, (2) drill order, (3) facing and pocketing command, (4) roughing and finishing command, (5) facing lathe command, (6) lathe drilling command, (7) outer diameter roughing command, (8) outer diameter grooving command, (9) inner diameter roughing command, (10) inner diameter grooving command, (11) external and inner turning thread command. In the case of simulating the program, it involved 4 competencies, namely (1) CAM milling simulation, (2) evaluation of G milling code, (3) CAM lathe simulation, (4) evaluation of G lathe code. Meanwhile, in the loading postprocessor, it contained 6 competencies, namely (1) G code modification command, (2) G code to milling transfer, (3) milling machine operation, (4) G lathe code modification command, (5) G lathe code modification, (6) lathe operation.

The CNC Operators performed their work process sequences consisting of setting up CNC machines and operating CNC machines. In the stage of setting the CNC machine, it contained setting the zero point of the gripping tool, editing the program code, setting the offset tool, setting the control panel system. Furthermore, in the setting of the zero point gripping tools, it was divided into 3 competencies, namely (1) the gripping equipment, (2) the absolute method, (3) the incremental method. For the activity of editing program code, it had 2 competencies, namely (1) writing G and M codes, (2) operating cycles. The tool offset referred to shifting the cutting tool from the machine zero points to the workpiece zero. Meanwhile, regulating the control panel system consisted of 2 competencies, namely (1) the lathe part, (2) the milling machine part.

To operate CNC machines, it was started by entering the program code, installing cutting tools, selecting the operating mode, until checking the final product. In the entering program code, it required 2 competencies, namely (1) lathe programming, and (2) CNC milling programming. In installing cutting tools, it had 2 competencies, namely (1) cutting tools and CNC lathe parameters, (2) cutting tools and milling machine parameters. For selecting the operation mode, it had 2 competencies, i.e. (1) JOG, HND, INC operating procedures on CNC lathe, (3) JOG, HND, INC CNC milling operating procedures. Meanwhile, in checking the final product, it involved 2 competencies, (1) evaluation of CNC lathe work results and (2) CNC milling work results.

All rounded workers will show great performance in their work. The competencies that have been mastered by workers can support them to complete the work process. Therefore, the lack of competencies among workers can causes difficulties in doing the work process.

The observation results consisted of 4 competencies, (1) setting CNC machine, (2) operating CNC machine, (3) drawing 2D and
3D CAD objects, and (4) CAM programming. Each competency produced knowledge and skills that can be displayed in Figure 2.

![Figure 2. The Competency of CAD/CAM and CNC](image)

The results in Figure 1 show four main competencies. Firstly, the competency in setting CNC machines that performed the knowledge and the skill competencies of 36.5% and 26.7%, respectively. Secondly, the competency to operate the CNC machine had the knowledge and the skill competencies of 25.4% and 23.3%, respectively. Thirdly, the knowledge competency of drawing 2D and 3D CAD systems was lower with 19% and 23.3% for skill competency, respectively. Finally, the CAM program competency also had 19% of the knowledge competency and 26.7% skills competency.

The knowledge and skill competencies were distinguished at the difficulty level in carrying out the work process. Based on interviews, it was revealed that CAD Drafters performed the most difficult work process that required complex knowledge and skills and CAM programmers also had the same difficulty level. On the other hand, the CNC Operators performed the most work processes, so it requires simple knowledge and skills.

The results of competency implementation were divided into 2 basic competencies, namely manufacturing engineering drawings (CAD) with 13 indicator items, namely (1) giving size, tolerance, marking and reading projection drawings, (2) basic drawing and editing, (3) UCS 2D CAD commands, (4) modify commands, (5) image tags, (6) editing commands, (7) drawing area, (8) image output evaluation, (9) 3D CAD modeling commands, (10) UCS commands 3D CAD (11) complex solid 3D and surface commands, (12) complex CAD solid editing commands, (13) complex 3D drawing commands.


The data analysis used the rating scale as the measuring instrument. The instructions on the rating scale for obtaining data accuracy in the form of 4 interval scales namely very good, good, moderate, poor [30]. The measurement procedure was divided into 3 parts, including the acquisition scores, the highest scores, and the final results. The acquisition score was the total number of each item, the High scores employed the formula of (highest score for each item) × (number of items) × (number of
respondents) that resulted in 740. Meanwhile, the final result was using the formula of (highest score/score) × 4. The implementation results of the basic competencies of CAD / CAM and CNC can be seen in Table 2.

Table 2. The Implementation of CAD/CAM dan CNC

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To clarify the link and match between the graduates of vocational high schools and the industrial needs, it was done in two different places, namely industry, and schools. Based on the observation and interview results, the industry produced 13 CAD competencies and 40 CNC/CAM competencies, while the vocational schools had 13 CAD competencies and 37 CNC/CAM competencies. The data analysis used descriptive that was symbolized in 3 forms in which the set of A consisted the number of competencies in the industry, the set of B was the number of competencies in vocational high schools, the set of (A∩B) was the intersection of the number of competencies between industry and vocational high schools that were aligned. The total number of competencies was the set of S that can be seen in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

![Figure 2. The CAD competency](image)

![Figure 3. The CNC and CAM Competency](image)

The link and match of competencies between vocational high schools and the industrial needs consisting of manufacturing drawing competency (CAD) and CNC and CAM machining competencies. The CAD competencies that were aligned (A∩B) between industry and vocational high schools contained 11 competencies, namely (1) giving size, tolerance, working marks and reading projection drawings, (2) basic drawing and editing commands, (3) UCS CAD 2D commands, (4) modifying, (5) image etiquette, (6) editing, (7) 3D CAD modeling, (8) UCS CAD 3D (9) solid 3D surface and complex, (10) solid editing CAD complex, (11) complex 3D drawing.

The CNC and CAM competencies that were found in the industry but did not exist in the schools consisted of 5 competencies, namely (1) positioning the zero point of the incremental method, (2) positioning the zero point of the absolute method, (3) managing the gripping equipment, (4) using cycle operations based on the workflow, (5) shifting the machine's zero cut point to the workpiece zero. On the other hand, the competency that was found in vocational high school but it did not exist in the industry was evaluating the lathe and milling procedures. It indicated the gap between industry and school since the competency of vocational graduates was in order to meet the working competency standards in the industry. The lack of competencies that have not been mastered by the workforce resulted in difficulties to complete the work process.

**CONCLUSION**

There are four main points as the results of this study. Firstly, the work process maps the competencies that must be mastered by the workforce, namely CAD drafter, CAM programmer, and CNC operators. The CAD drafter performs their duties involving 2D and 3D CAD objects. The sequences of the work process that must be done are accepting orders, sketching drawings, layouts, drawing complex 3D. The work process sequences that must be done CAM Programmers are to choose machining parameters, choose the type of toolpath, simulate the program, and load the postprocessor. Meanwhile, for CNC Operators, they have to set and operate CNC machines by setting the zero point of the choking tools, editing the program code, setting the offset tool, setting the control panel system, entering the program code, installing the cutting tool, choosing the operating mode, checking the final product. The industry requires four competencies, i.e. setting machines, operating CNC machines, drawing CAD, and programming CAM. Each competency has an important role, which is connected with the work process. The vocational high schools meet the implementation of basic competencies that can be categorized as “Good”. There are two competencies that have been fulfilled the link and match between vocational schools and industry, namely manufacturing drawing competency (CAD) and CNC and CAM machining competencies. The aligned competencies of CAD were 11, the industry had 2, and vocational high schools gained 2. Meanwhile, the aligned competencies of CNC and CAM were 35, the industry had 6, and vocational high schools gained 2. If there are competencies that have not been mastered by the workforce, they will find it difficult to complete the work process.

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