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GLOBAL INSIGHTS: NAVIGATING UNIVERSALITY WITH UiTM PULAU PINANG



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MOU SIGNING CEREMONY AND ACADEMIC & RESEARCH COLLABORATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA AND MANGAYARKARASI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MADURAI TAMILNADU, INDIA

***Nor Aziyah Bakhari, Marina Mokhtar and Suhaiza Hasan**



MoU signing ceremony - Rector and Deputy Rectors of UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch with MCE delegates.

Mangayarkarasi College of Engineering (MCE) in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, is under the patronage of **Mangayarkarasi Education Trust**, which has been in the field of education for the past seventy-five years in Madurai, the cultural capital of Tamil Nadu. This institution focuses on education in the fields of science, engineering, and technology and has nearly 15,000 students and 650 staff members dedicated to promoting quality education with a traditional touch that emphasises humanitarian service and the promotion of human values.

On Thursday, 15 February 2024, a delegation from **Mangayarkarasi College of Engineering** visited UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch for the signing of a successful Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), followed by an academic visit and discussions on research collaborations and student and staff mobility. The delegation was led by Professor Dr. J. Karthikeyan, the Principal and Head of

the institution, accompanied by Mr. B. Vadivel, Assistant Professor and Head of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and Mr. S. Senthil Srinivasan, Assistant Professor and Head of Computer Science Engineering.

Implementing this academic visit and research partnership is one of the steps to enhance UiTM's worldwide recognition and initiate international collaboration to meet industry needs in the international arena. Therefore, this programme's implementation is critical as a foundation for international mobility and collaborative academic and research collaborations, particularly between students and UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch faculty. This partnership is a significant step for us as we carry forward the tradition of moving forward and going international, in line with the mission and aspiration of UiTM.



Group photo sessions with the initiators and committee members.

The main objective of the MoU between UiTM and **Mangayarkarasi College of Engineering** is to promote international cooperation in academic, cultural, intellectual discussions, teaching, and learning. Additionally, the MoU involves the development of human capital that will benefit both institutions.

The MoU will emphasize the following areas:

- Institutional exchanges between faculty and staff from each partner institution.
- Acceptance of undergraduate and graduate students from each partner institution for the duration of study and/or research.
- Exchange of information pertaining to developments in teaching, student development, and research at both institutions.

- Mutually promoting information and activities of partner universities within the MoU on their respective university websites.
- Cooperation in any other area as agreed to by the parties from time to time.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Dato' Ir. Dr. Haji Ahmad Rashidy Razali, Rector of Universiti Teknologi MARA Pulau Pinang Branch, and Professor Dr. J. Karthikeyan, in the presence of witnesses Mr. B. Vadivel, Mr. S. Senthil Srinivasan, Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Siti Noraini Sulaiman, Deputy Rector (Academic Affairs) of UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Norlaili Mohd Noor. The ceremony was also attended by the OIA coordinators; Dr. Nor Khadijah, the initiators, AP Dr. Nor Aziyah Bakhari, AP Ir. Dr. Nor Azlan, ChM Marina Mokhtar, Dr. Muzafa Jumadali, and Mr. Sharaf Ahmad, as well as academicians from the Department of Applied Sciences and Schools of Electrical Engineering, UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch.



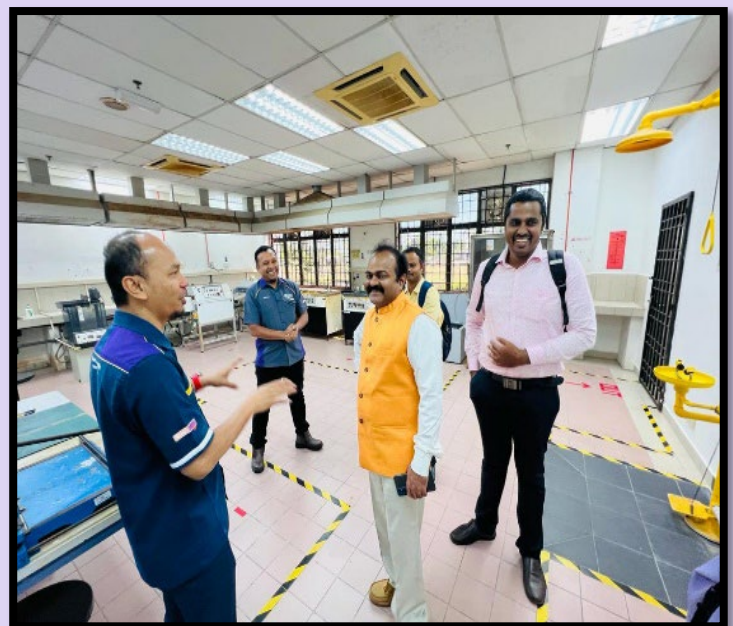
Pre-ceremony tea break.



Discussion and Explanation of Research Findings

After the MoU signing and photography session, the delegation was taken on a tour of several laboratories in Perdana Block, including the RF Shield Laboratory, High Voltage Engineering Laboratory, PCB Workshop, and EMZI-UiTM Nanoparticles, Colloids & Interface Industrial Research Laboratory.

Hopefully, this programme will pioneer global mobility for both students and **UiTM CPP** staff, which aligns with **Universiti Teknologi MARA's** vision of becoming a Globally Renowned University by 2025. This vision encapsulates a commitment to continuous improvement, innovation, and a global mindset. By aligning its academic pursuits with the challenges and opportunities of the international landscape, UiTM aspires to make a lasting impact on the global academic community and contribute to societal progress worldwide.



Exploring various laboratories in Perdana Block

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