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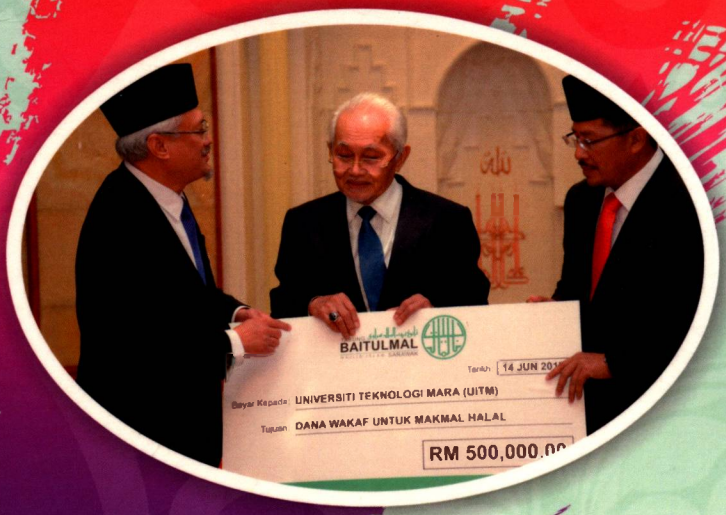

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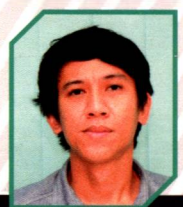

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OSYS CHARITY CONCERT

By: Habiel bin Zakariah & Raz Adibah binti Abdul Razak

Mr Habiel (from left), Raz Adibah, and Ms Gen at SCCS

After Osys Concert with Sccs team

On 20 April 2017, a Charity Concert Night, which was organized by the Office Systems Society members at *Dewan Kuliah 1 Universiti Teknologi Mara* Sarawak Samrahan 1 campus, attracted students from other courses to support cancer patients.

The project manager, Raz Adibah came up with the idea of a concert to raise funds for Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS). From the sale of 150 tickets, RM750 was raised.

In Sarawak, one child is diagnosed with cancer every five days and 50 children in the state are diagnosed with cancer ever year. The objectives of the concert were to highlight the types of cancer that largely affect children and survivorship issues and more importantly to help raise funds.

OSYS also had Charity Sales from 17 to 18 April 2017 and from 19 to 20 April 2017 at Youth Floor campus 1 and Youth Floor campus 2 respectively. During the four-day sales, they collected RM714. The charity sales were supported by students and lecturers.

On 20 April 2017 at 8:00p.m, Ms Genevieve Tan from SCCS and 6 cancer survivors attended the charity concert. Rafie and Norin shared their past experiences on their struggles with cancer and their recovery. Ms Gen also gave a talk on SCCS activities.

StepHolic and SoundHolic as special guests got the most fans. Performers from Office systems managements and other courses such as Wana, Hanis, Dzarul, Faiz, Goldenn band, and The Awkward Chemistry did their best. Students, who were provided with glow-sticks, enjoyed the two-hour concert.

On 26 April 2017, Raz the project manager, Mr Habiel as OSYS advisor and Yassir visited SCCS to hand over the funds collected at the Charity Concert. At the meeting, Ms Gen told them that she had an idea of having a GoBald event in UiTM. Ms Gen also gave them certificates of appreciation hoping that SCCS will be the beneficiary again in future.

Program Lawatan Akademik ke Zoo Negara dan Taman Rama-Rama, Kuala Lumpur

Oleh: Yahutazi bin Haji Chik dan Benedict Rivai Henry

Perkembangan minda seseorang berkait rapat dengan percambahan pengetahuan sama ada yang diperoleh secara formal ataupun tidak formal. Jauh perjalanan menjadikan pengetahuan pelajar luas dan berkembang. Lawatan akademik merupakan sebahagian daripada proses pembelajaran pelajar bagi meluaskan lagi pengetahuan mereka.

Justeru, seramai 21 orang pelajar semester empat (4) Diploma Pengurusan Ladang, Fakulti Perladangan & Agroteknologi, UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, Kampus Mukah serta seorang pegawai pengiring telah mengadakan lawatan akademik dari 21 hingga 24 April 2017 bagi melengkapkan proses pembelajaran untuk kod kursus AGR254 – Entomologi, di mana ilmu yang diperolehi dalam bilik kuliah dapat dipraktikkan di dalam dunia sebenar di samping memupuk kesedaran berkaitan kepentingan serangga terhadap aspek kehidupan manusia terutamanya aspek pertanian dan persekitaran melalui lawatan akademik di Taman Rama-Rama, Kuala Lumpur. Di samping itu, ianya juga memberikan pendedahan kepada pemeliharaan dan pemuliharaan hidupan yang semakin pupus disebabkan kemajuan dan kemodenan serta hambatan dari segi keperluan sektor perladangan negara terutamanya lawatan yang telah diadakan di Zoo Negara, Kuala Lumpur.

Di samping memupuk kesedaran tentang spesis terancam dan kepentingan serangga kepada kehidupan manusia, program lawatan akademik ini juga mengasah bakat kepimpinan pelajar dalam mengendalikan dan menguruskan sesuatu program kerana program lawatan ini telah dikendalikan sepenuhnya oleh pelajar-pelajar kumpulan AT1104C Diploma Pengurusan Ladang dengan bimbingan dan nasihat daripada pegawai pengiring. Sebagai tanda penghargaan dan terima kasih, pihak penganjur ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada Bahagian Hal Ehwal Akademik, UiTM Cawangan Sarawak di atas kelulusan pembiayaaan lawatan akademik ini melalui Tabung Pembangunan Akademik (TAPA). Di samplng itu juga, pihak penganjur juga ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Unit Kenderaan, Bahagian Hal Ehwal Pelajar, UiTM Shah Alam di atas kemudahan pengangkutan yang telah disediakan. Akhir sekali, terima kasih diucapkan kepada semua pelajar yang telah menyertai lawatan akademik ini kerana telah memberikan kerjasama dan disiplin yang sangat baik di sepanjang lawatan akademik diadakan. Semoga program lawatan akademik sebegini dapat diteruskan di masa-masa mendatang serta memberikan pengalaman yang berguna kepada pelajar.

The BHUTAN Diary – the Land of the Thunder Dragon

By: Margaret Chan Kit Yok

A working visit to Bhutan at the invitation of Samtse College of Education, Royal University of Bhutan from 18 to 25 April 2017 was undertaken by Professor Dato Dr. Jamil Hamali, Rector of UiTM Sarawak, Associate Professor Dr. Margaret Chan, the regional representative of the International Organisation for Science and Technology Education for South East Asia (IOSTE) and Associate Professor Dr. Ling Siew Eng, a member of IOSTE.

Bhutan is a small landlocked Himalayan country with fewer than one million inhabitants guided by the Gross National Happiness (GNH) which expresses a shift in consciousness regarding how Bhutanese strike a balance between material and non-material values, prioritizing the happiness and well-being of humans and all life. Arriving in spring, considered as the most beautiful time of the year, when the valleys are green with fresh vegetation and fruit trees blossoming amidst the mountainous landscape, it was indeed an unforgettable experience. Traditional architecture remains alive in Bhutan. The Bhutanese wear their national dress throughout the day. For men is the gho, a knee-length robe tied at the waist by a cloth belt known as kera. For the women, the kira is an ankle-length dress consisting of a rectangular piece of woven fabric, wrapped and folded around the body and is pinned at both shoulders usually with silver brooches and bound at the waist with a long belt. It is usually worn with a wonju (long-sleeved blouse) inside a short jacket or toego.

We departed Kuching on 17 April 2017 with an overnight stay in Singapore. The Drukair flight left at 6.30 am taking 6 hours to Paro with a transit at Kolkata, India on 18 April. A Khada or welcome scarf was presented by Assistant Professor Dr. Kinley, the liaison lecturer from Samtse Education College (SCE) to each of us upon our arrival at Paro International Airport. From Paro to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, there were some impatient moments as there were road blocks due to the arrival of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on her official visit to Bhutan. The usual two hours over 65 km took more than four hours. The security was tight in the capital. However, there was some consolation in being given a warm flag welcome by the school children lining along the road. Having settled the immigration permits in the late afternoon, it was an early night sleep for an early departure to Samtse.

On 19 April, we travelled from Thimphu to Samtse which took 12 hours covering 247 km. On arrival at Samtse Campus, there was another welcoming reception and presention of Khada before being shown to the Guest House. After that, we joined President Dorji Thinley, Deans, Centre Head and Programme Leaders for a reception dinner at the Guest house.

On 20 April, there were introductory meeting and discussion with presentations by the President and Dato Rector. Areas of opportunities for SCE such as participation at the first International Conference on Drones and International Conference on Traditional Knowledge, partnership in Biohead Netizen Project, faculty exchange and student exchange were highlighted while SCE President mentioned the possibility of a UiTM faculty in the development of Social Work programme. A discussion was also made regarding the MoU. This was later followed by a presentation of cultural items using traditional musical instruments by Mr. Johan Westman and his students at Lu-Rig Centre for Music Education and Research.

Professional Learning Series (PLs)
In the afternoon, Associate Professor Dr. Ling Siew Eng conducted PLs on Applied Statistics at the Heritage Centre for CIMITE, CISER, M. Ed Tutors, PgDE students, and interested faculty members from other centres. She presented an overview of Applied Statistics and its application in social science research.

On 21 April morning, two parallel workshops were organised. Associate Professor Dr. Ling Siew Eng conducted a workshop on mathematics education for the CIMITE faculty members and PgDE students whereas Associate Professor Dr. Margaret Chan conducted a workshop on innovation in science for CISER faculty members and B. Ed 2nd year secondary science 'B' students. In the afternoon, Dato Rector wowed his audience with his talk on "Creativity and Innovation: Do You Need Brain?".

Cultural Dance Competition
In the evening, there was a Cultural Show Competition among the students which was not actually part of the UiTM visit programme.

Photo session with one of the competing teams

Photo Session with the school teachers

Associate Professor Dr. Margaret with some of the school children

School Visit
A visit to Kisa primary school was organised by the college on 22 April. The principal, staff and students gave a traditional warm welcome. The school organised a reception, an assembly, refreshments, classroom teaching observation, interaction with students, cultural programme, a meeting with the staff and lunch. The Rector, on behalf of UiTM, presented gifts and cash to the school.

The closing potluck dinner with Bhutanese delicious food was given by SCE staff in the evening. Dato Rector, Associate Professor Dr. Margaret and Associate Professor Dr. Ling turned up in Bhutanese gho and kera.

At the dinner reception dressed in Bhutanese costumes

On 23 April early morning, it was time to leave Samtse for Thimphu. The journey back was more relaxed as we stopped to shop for sari in Jaigaon, India. We arrived at Thimphu rather late at night.

Visit to the office of the Vice Chancellor
A courtesy call to Dasho Nidup Dorji, the Vice Chancellor and Dr. Phanchung, the Director General of the Research Department of the Royal University of Bhutan in Thimpu was on 24 April morning. The Vice Chancellor was keen on the innovation and herbal production programme of UiTM. A brief discussion was also made on the MoU for collaboration with other RUB colleges.

Exchange of souvenirs between Dato Rector and the Vice Chancellor of the Royal University of Bhutan

Visit to the Centre for Bhutan Studies (CBS)
At 1:00 p.m., a visit was made to the Centre for Bhutan Studies (CBS) to meet Dr. Dorji Penjore, the Director of CBS. After a brief introduction from both sides, UiTM proposed to host the 8th International Conference of Happiness index in Kuching, Sarawak which was agreed on. After the visit, we set out for Paro.

Meeting at Paro Education College
In the evening, a dinner reception was hosted by Mr. Gyatsho Thubten, the Director and President of Paro Education College. The next morning, an invitation was extended to visit the college and more discussions with Dr. Sherab Kezang, Dean of Research and Industrial Linkages were held on collaboration.

Finally, we visited the National Museum in Paro and Taktsang Lhakhang famously known as Tiger's Nest before heading home on the next day.

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