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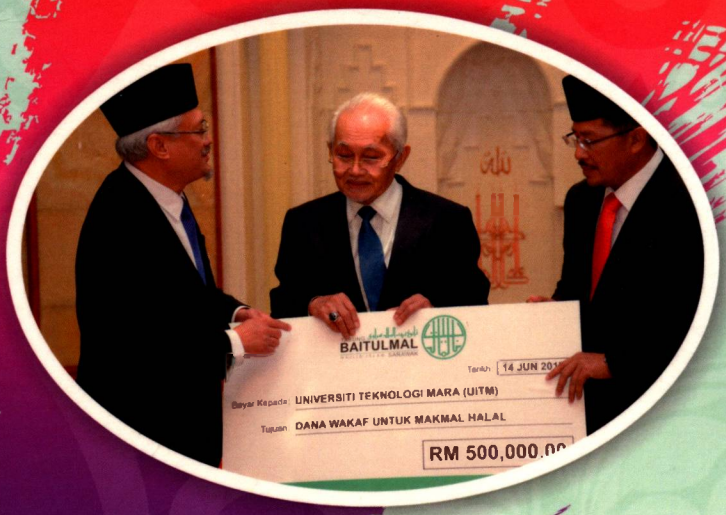

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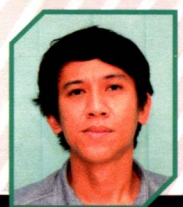

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UiTM SARAWAK LADIES' VOLLEYBALL TEAM AT KARISTA 2017

By: Sandra Sim Phek Lin

UiTM Sarawak Ladies' Staff Volleyball team participated in KARiSTA 2017 (UiTM Inter-campus Sports' Competition) that was held at UiTM Shah Alam from 29 April until 6 May 2017. The team members are grateful to the Rector of UiTM Sarawak (Professor Dato Dr. Jamil bin Hj. Hamali), KEKITA (Organizing committee: President: Dr. Kamarudin Jaraee, Head of Contingent: Ahmad Faizan bin Affandi, Sports' Committee member: Mohd. Farid Assamani bin Mohamed Zainon and Secretary: Zainon bt. Hj. Bibi) and PEWANI for their support in giving the UiTM Sarawak Ladies' Staff volleyball players the opportunity to participate in KARiSTA 2017. Special thanks are also accorded to Embam Daud for being a great fan of the ladies' volleyball team as well as for his motivational words and presence in cheering for the team throughout the matches.

The eight volleyball players selected to represent Sarawak team for KARiSTA 2017 comprised Associate Professor Dr. Sandra Sim Phek Lin (Team Manager cum Captain), Zainon bt. Hj Bibi, Haritini bt Mahidin, Rasmini bt. Kasmin, Napsiah bt Putit, Asfalaila bt. Ibrahim, Suhaida bt. Halamy and Nur Azzyati Nasrin Joanas Abdullah. Despite the busy work schedule of most players and the pouring rain during most of the afternoons, the volleyball players made steadfast sacrifices to train under drizzles at the open volleyball court at UiTM Sarawak. Indoor volleyball court was also rented for practice during night time. In preparation for KARiSTA, they also had friendly matches with UiTM Sarawak students' volleyball team and also with outside teams.

During KARiSTA 2017, Sarawak volleyball team topped the Group A matches, beating Perlis (3:1) and Kedah (2:0). In the quarter final match, Sarawak players powered their way to beat Selangor in straight sets (2:0) to book their semi-final berth. In the semi-final match, Shah Alam players had to sweat out to win against Sarawak with a score of 2:0. The Shah Alam team had the added advantage of playing at night on their home ground. Nevertheless, the Sarawak Ladies' Staff Volleyball team secured the third place with a bronze medal. Despite the defeat in the semi-final, many officials and spectators applauded the efforts, determination and good performance displayed by the Sarawak players.

Sarawak team in action against Perlis

Sarawak Ladies' Volleyball Team with their bronze medal

Sarawak and Selangor teams after the match

Diploma of Aquaculture - Inaugural Intake

By: Margaret Chan Kit Yok

Universiti Teknologi MARA, Mukah Campus enlisted its inaugural intake of students comprising 15 students for the Diploma of Aquaculture in the June 2017 semester. The infrastructure under the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology was completed in 2015 under the private financial initiative concept. The 10 ponds, reservoir, hatchery and aquaculture centre have been designed as the nerve centre for transferring knowledge in both technical and management skills for both upstream and downstream aquaculture industry. By the end of 2016, the acquisition of equipment and instruments was almost completed.

The programme has been developed to meet the challenges of human resource capacity in line with the Economic Transformation Programme under Agriculture, one of the 12 National Key Economic Areas (NKEA). Out of the 16 Entry Points Projects (EPP), three specifically focus on the aquaculture industry: EPP 3: Mini-Estate Farming for Seaweed; EPP 4: Integrated Cage Farming and EPP 6: Replicating Integrated Zone for Aquaculture Model (IZAQs) to tap the market for premium shrimps. In addition, the third National Agriculture Policy (NAP3) has been directed towards "private sector participation in commercial fishing, aquaculture through large-scale open marine-cage culture as well as feed and fry production".

The pioneer batch of Diploma of Aquaculture students

Mukah campus situated at the centre of the Sarawak Corridor Renewable Energy (SCORE) augers well in the region as the programme aims to educate and train future graduates to become partners in the development of large-scale aquaculture in Tanjung Manis Halal Hub, which will specialise in fish like garoupa, barramundi and tilapia and high-value seafood such as spiny lobsters, prawns and crabs.

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