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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL VISIT AND TALK IN SONGKHLA, THAILAND



On 4 June 2025, the Faculty of Civil Engineering, UiTM Shah Alam, conducted an international educational visit and academic engagement in Songkhla, Thailand, involving a series of interconnected activities designed to enhance global exposure and cross-border academic collaboration. Led by Ts. Dr. Rozaina Ismail (lead advisor) and Dr. Norazlan Khalid (co-advisor), the programme involved five student participants and included three key components: an official visit to the Consulate of Malaysia in Songkhla, an academic talk, and an educational tour of the Civil Engineering Laboratory at Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya (RUTS).

The visit began with an official engagement at the Malaysian Consulate in Songkhla, where the delegation was warmly received by consular officials. The session provided valuable insights into the consulate's roles and services, emphasizing the importance of soft diplomacy, international relations, and Malaysia's diplomatic presence in the region. This visit set the tone for the programme by highlighting Malaysia's commitment to global engagement and support for its citizens abroad.

Following the consulate visit, the delegation proceeded to RUTS, where Ts. Dr. Rozaina Ismail delivered an academic talk titled "Seismicity in Malaysia: Current Trends & Research Perspectives in Earthquake Study." The session, attended by RUTS engineering staff, explored Malaysia's seismic characteristics, recent earthquake activity, and ongoing research efforts in earthquake engineering. The talk also emphasized the role of engineers in disaster risk reduction and encouraged collaborative research in geohazards and structural resilience, fostering meaningful academic exchange between UiTM and RUTS.

To further enhance the academic experience, the visit concluded with a tour of the Civil Engineering Laboratory at RUTS. During this session, students and staff from UiTM were introduced to advanced testing equipment and methodologies in structural, geotechnical, and materials engineering. The hands-on exposure provided practical learning opportunities and deepened the participants' understanding of engineering applications in a cross-cultural academic setting.

Overall, this international engagement successfully integrated diplomatic, academic, and technical components, offering a holistic learning experience that supports UiTM's mission of producing globally competent graduates and strengthening international partnerships in education and research.



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