

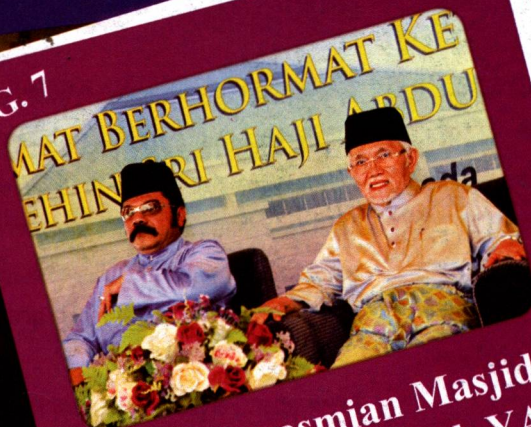
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Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali
Campus Director

Message from the Campus Director, **UiTM Sarawak**

Let me begin by congratulating everyone at UiTM Sarawak for all the excellent work you have been doing. I am proud to see the remarkably good performance of our students. 18 of our students received the Anugerah Naib Canselor and another 530 students qualified for the Anugerah Dekan. I thank all these students for taking the challenge and also our lecturers who have helped to make this possible.

I am also happy to note the increased involvement of both the academic and support staff in various academic and non-academic activities. Also, Syabas to all the lecturers who were promoted to DM52. I am certain that the promotions will serve to inspire those concerned as well as other lecturers to get more actively involved in research activities and to present and publish more papers and articles as a regular routine. Thank you also for helping UiTM Sarawak win several invention awards at the IID '08 & ITEX '09... and for the achievement in the Intercampus Sports Tournament '09 in Terengganu; I myself together with Dr Firdaus, Shafiq and Narudin managed to come second in the shooting competition!

To the batch of new students, please do your best to maximize the great opportunity that you have seized. Remember that you will become part of the all important human capital that is so essential for the continued progress of the state of Sarawak and also the nation as a whole. For instance, you will become a skilled asset that we must tap in order to ensure the success of the SCORE program in the State. So please work hard and enjoy every minute of your lives at UiTM Sarawak. Study hard but also get actively involved in many of the out-of-classroom activities that are regularly organized for you. We want to help you become well-rounded individuals who will be able to live your professional, social and personal lives effectively and happily.

As for the staff, please continue to take heed at all times the vision and policies of Tan Sri Dato' Seri Vice Chancellor to make UiTM a success story. Also do your part in any way you can both within the campus and outside to help realize the Prime Minister's vision of '1Malaysia'. I also hope to see a significant increase in research activities, publications and seminar presentations. And at the same time please get more actively involved in student activities. Research has shown that greater out-of-class faculty-student interaction has a strong positive impact on student satisfaction and success.

As for the support staff, I am fully aware of your own contributions to the success of the institution. Please continue with your good work, and promotions and awards will surely come your way. Get involved in the training programs available to you and keep adding value to your professional abilities and skills. Remember that you are an integral part of this campus and all our achievements.

To conclude this message, remember that every one of you is an equally important part of our whole system. No one is less important than anyone else. This is, in fact, the underlying philosophy of the 1Malaysia concept. So, let's together march forward as a team in our quest to help achieve excellence in all areas and at all times so as to make UiTM Sarawak and UiTM in general good, better and the best.

Remember: 'People first, performance now'. Thank you.

Dari Meja Editor



Aida Kipli

Dear all,

We're back! My greatest gratitude and appreciation to all my editorial team members for their effort and hard work in ensuring the latest edition of Info Kampus published with its latest design concepts. No doubt we are behind schedule, but we are happy to be able to publish every article submitted. Thank you to all the contributors. I believe the latest designs and layout of this Info Kampus are simply fabulous. It is great that we can present new ideas and concepts in every edition. The reports on activities conducted by both the staff and students of UiTM Sarawak showed that we were actively involved in various activities organised within or outside our campus. We invite more news on events and activities conducted for the next publication. We welcome any comments from the readers to further improve our Info Kampus. Enjoy reading and may you life be blessed.

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UiTM Sarawak Conference 2008 was a Success

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As Malaysia joins the rest of the world in moving towards a knowledge-based economy, its main responsibility lies in the development of human capital to produce an adequate supply of intellectual and skilled workforce. UiTM as an institution of higher learning has an important role to play in providing the professional manpower to meet the human resource needs of the country. This was emphasised by YB Datin Fatimah Abdullah, Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Department during the launching of the UiTM Sarawak Conference at the university campus in Kota Samarahan on 2 December 2008.



YB Datin Fatimah Abdullah was presented with the Conference Proceedings "Advancing Towards International Standing" by PM Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali after launching the UiTM Sarawak Conference 2008, as PM Dr. Fatimah Bujang looked on.

Themed "Advancing towards International Standing", the two-day conference was attended by around 260 lecturers and heads of sections and units from the University branch campuses. There were 32 papers from both academic and non-academic tracks presented during the Conference. According to organising chairman Dr. Song Saw Imm, the main objective of the Conference was to discuss issues related to the development of the university and to determine the strategies needed for the university to achieve world class excellence.

UiTM Sarawak Director, Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali, reiterated that the Conference served as a platform to study problems and issues faced by the different departments in UiTM Sarawak. "Identifying the problems faced by each and every department will enable us to find solutions and discover strategies to help us solve the different problems encountered," he said.

A number of resolutions pertaining to Staff Development, Student Development, Institutional Development, Maintenance and Facility Enhancement were drawn up and presented during the second day.

Ten of the papers presented during the Conference were recommended for publication in the Special Issue of Jurnal Akademik - UiTM Sarawak Academic Journal:

1. Administrative Information System (AIS) of the Quality Management Unit of UiTM Sarawak
2. Nurturing a Writing Culture in UiTM Sarawak
3. Lecturers' and Students' Perceptions on the Teaching and Learning of Calculus: A Case Study of UiTM Sarawak 2008
4. Accountancy as the Next Academic Pursuit: Diploma in Accountancy (DIA) Sarawak Students' Perception
5. A Study to Assess Students' Perception of the Campus Climate in UiTM Sarawak
6. Internet Usage Among the Administrative Staff of UiTM Sarawak
7. Service Quality Determinants and Customer Satisfaction: A Pilot Study on Students' Perspective towards the Service Provided by Front Line Personnel (support staff group 2) of UiTM Sarawak Samarahan
8. Examination Invigilation System - An Online Approach
9. Gangguan Seksual: Satu Tinjauan Perspektif di Kalangan Pelajar dan Staf UiTM Sarawak (UiTMS)



The Conference concluded with the presentation of awards to three categories - Best Published Paper, Best Presentation (Academic Track) and Best Presentation for the Non-Academic track. Co-writers Nor Hazizah bt Julaihi, Tang Howe Eng and Voon Li Li won the Best Published Paper award whilst Lee Beng Yong and Adeline Engkamat won the Best Presentation award for the Academic and Non-Academic tracks respectively.

Professor Dr. Mohamad Kamal Haji Harun, Deputy Vice Chancellor of UiTM Malaysia, officiated the closing ceremony and congratulated UiTM Sarawak for taking the initiative to organise the Conference in line with the University's aspiration to attain world-class status. He added that UiTM has always encouraged research among its academic staff and that UiTM has obtained various awards locally and internationally in researches and innovations and this is proof of its world-class standards.

Participants are engrossed with the presentation of papers during the UiTM Sarawak Conference 2008 that was held at Dewan Jubli, Samarahan Campus.

Yayasan Sarawak **World Style English Debate Challenge Trophy 2008**

One of the highlights of UiTM Sarawak activities this semester was the jointly organised "Yayasan Sarawak World Style English Debate Challenge Trophy 2008" by UiTM and Yayasan Sarawak. The preliminary rounds were held at UiTM Sarawak from 20 to 21 August 2008 and the final was held on 26 August 2008 at Auditorium Tun Ahmad Zaidi Aduce, Institut Perguruan Bt. Lintang.

Ten universities from both private and public institutions of higher learning throughout Sarawak participated in the World Style Debate while twenty-two representatives from the universities contested in the public speaking competition, which were held concurrently.

With the objective of nurturing young people to converse confidently and effectively in the English Language as well as generating critical and creative thinking, it is hope that undergraduates who acquire these vitally important skills will sail through their studies without any difficulty.

The excitement started when the motion 'The use of food as biofuel should not be allowed in this government' was released to the four finalists i.e. UiTM Sarawak, Institut Perguruan Bt. Lintang, Swinburne Institute of Technology and University Malaysia Sarawak. All teams put up a good fight to outwit each other. However, it was Institut Perguruan Bt. Lintang represented by Yee Tsemin, Felicity Su Wong Ching Ching and Nurul Izyani Yaacob, which took the Challenge Trophy plus RM4000.00. The first runner-up was Swinburne Institute of Technology, which received RM3000.00 while the second runner-up was UNIMAS 2, which received RM2000.00. The third runner-up was UiTM 1, receiving RM1000.00. Certificates were also awarded to all the winners.



Meanwhile, in the public speaking category, Unegbu Todnukwu O from INTI College and Stephen Obed Swai from Swinburne Institute of Technology battled to become the champion and the first runner-up respectively. They received RM200.00 and RM100.00 each. The second runner-up was Paul Racha of UiTM who received RM50.00.

When asked to comment on the debate, Trainer and Chief Adjudicator, Mr. Muhammad Abdul Latif from the International Islamic University described the debaters as having displayed good understanding of the motion. He also stated that they were able to express their thoughts well.

UiTM would like to express our gratitude to YB Dato Sri Haji Adenan bin Haji Satem, Chairman of Yayasan Sarawak for his presence and thought-provoking speech. Although YB Dato Sri Haji Adenan deliberated on a serious matter, he had entranced the crowd with his great sense of humour as he reminded the undergraduates to not only strive to be fluent speakers of English but also try to add humour and wit to spice up presentation so as to be considered linguistically competent and successful speakers. UiTM would also like to express our gratitude to YB Datin Hajah Fatimah Abdullah for gracing the occasion and giving away the prizes to the winners.

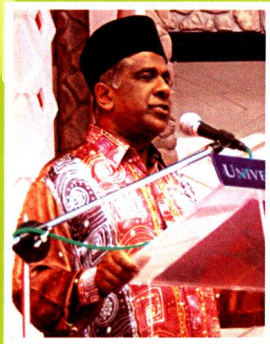
By Azlina Ghazali and Siniter Saba



SEMINAR PEMBANGUNAN WAKAF

Ustaz Mohd Khusyairie Marzuki

Pusat Penyelidikan dan Pengembangan Islam Borneo telah menganjurkan Seminar Pembangunan Wakaf pada 19 Januari 2009 di Dewan Jubli. Majlis Perasmian seminar ini telah disempurnakan oleh Menteri Muda di Pejabat Ketua Menteri (Hal Ehwal Islam) YB Datuk Ir Hj Daud Abdul Rahman.



Dalam teks ucapannya, beliau berkata : " Wakaf merupakan salah satu elemen penting yang membarisi tonggak sektor kebajikan. Malah wakaf berperanan mengurangkan beban kerajaan dalam melaksanakan pelbagai pembangunan bagi memenuhi keperluan rakyat ".

Selain itu, beliau berkata: "Konsep wakaf telah diperluaskan dengan skop melalui pelaburan harta wakaf dalam sistem kewangan Islam. Pada masa sekarang, umat Islam telah mempunyai kesedaran untuk berwakaf kerana mereka memahami konsep wakaf yang boleh menguntungkan ".

Seminar ini diadakan adalah bertujuan untuk memberikan pendedahan kepada warga kampus tentang falsafah dan pemahaman wakaf dalam konteks faedah serta ganjaran di dunia dan di akhirat di samping medan perkongsian ilmu, idea dan manfaat bagi mengambil peluang untuk pembangunan wakaf di UiTM Sarawak.

PROGRAM AQIDAH TERAS KEKUATAN UMMAH

Ustaz Mohd Khusyairie Marzuki

Unit Agama dengan kerjasama barisan pensyarah CITU UiTM Sarawak telah menganjurkan Program Aqidah Teras Kekuatan Ummah. Program yang bermula pada 27 Oktober 2008, bertempat di Surau Utama UiTM Sarawak menawarkan Bengkel Solat dan Kursus Pengurusan Jenazah yang telah dihadiri seramai 50 orang staf UiTM Sarawak.

Program Akidah Teras Kekuatan Ummah ini diadakan bertujuan untuk mempertingkatkan pengetahuan dan pemahaman dalam ibadah solat dan pengurusan jenazah. Selain itu, ianya juga bertujuan untuk memperhalusi tentang ibadat solat dan hukum hakam yang berkaitan dengannya.

Pihak CITU UiTM Sarawak ingin mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih kepada semua kakitangan UiTM Sarawak yang telah menunjukkan komitmen dan minat yang sangat tinggi dengan memberikan kerjasama sepenuhnya, di mana sambutan yang diterima sangat menggalakkan. Maklum balas yang diterima dari peserta sangat positif dan mereka meminta untuk diadakan program sebegini setiap tahun.



SEMINAR SERANTAU PERKEMBANGAN ISLAM BORNEO 2009

Ustaz Mohd Khusyairie Marzuki

Setelah Seminar Serantau Perkembangan Islam Borneo pertama kalinya diadakan di UiTM Sarawak pada 27-28 Februari 2008 yang lalu telah berjaya dianjurkan, maka pada tahun ini UiTM Sabah menyahut seruan menjadi tuan rumah, menganjurkan Seminar Serantau Perkembangan Islam Borneo ke 2 di Kompleks Pentadbiran Persekutuan di Kota Kinabalu.

Seminar anjuran bersama UiTM Sabah dan UiTM Sarawak ini berlangsung pada 4 & 5 Mac 2009. Seminar ini telah dirasmikan pada 4 Mac 2009 oleh Pembantu Menteri Kewangan Sabah, Datuk ~~Abu~~ Bakar Tiitingan yang mewakili Ketua Menteri Sabah, Datuk Seri Haji Musa Aman. Majlis perasmian ini turut dihadiri oleh Pengarah Kampus UiTM Sabah dan UiTM Sarawak serta Pengarah JAKIM Sabah.

Teks ucapan Ketua Menteri Sabah, dibacakan oleh Pembantu Menteri Kewangan Sabah. Antara dalam teks ucapannya, beliau berkata "Kajian lebih menyeluruh kepada aspek sosio ekonomi masyarakat Islam di Borneo perlu dipergiatkan dan tidak hanya tertumpu kepada aspek dokumentasi akademik semata-mata".

Seminar yang dirancang untuk diadakan setiap tahun ini akan menjelajah ke seluruh pelusuk Kepulauan Borneo. Setelah diadakan di Sarawak pada tahun lepas, dan di Sabah pada tahun ini, pihak penganjur bercadang untuk mengadakan seminar ke 3 pada tahun depan di Pontianak Indonesia. Kita mendoakan segala usaha murni ini dapat memberikan manfaat yang besar kepada umat Islam.

MAJLIS PERASMIAN MASJID UiTM SARAWAK

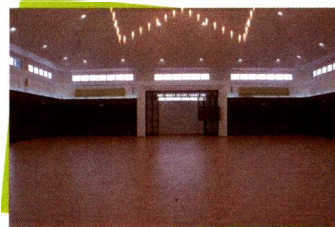
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Tanggal 20 Februari 2009, mencatat satu lagi hari bersejarah buat UiTM Sarawak kerana mercu tanda baru telah tersergam indah di kampus Samarahan. Majlis Perasmian Masjid Baru

UiTM Sarawak telah disempurnakan oleh Ketua Menteri Sarawak, YAB Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Sempena majlis perasmian ini, beliau telah mengumumkan nama Masjid Al - Qarawiyyin UiTM Sarawak. Dalam ucapannya, beliau menegaskan :



"Bahawa Masjid merupakan salah satu institusi yang sangat penting dalam tamadun Islam. Masjid bukan sekadar pusat ibadah khusus, tetapi sebenarnya peranan masjid adalah lebih luas".

Sejajar dengan pembinaan masjid ini, diharapkan dapat berperanan luas bukan sahaja sebagai tempat ibadat, malah harus juga dijadikan sebagai pusat kajian, rujukan dan percambahan ilmu pengetahuan dan tempat menjalankan aktiviti yang berkaitan dengan perkembangan dan kemajuan ummah dengan Penubuhan Pusat Penyelidikan dan Pengembangan Islam Borneo di UiTM Sarawak.



Angkasawan negara kunjungi gerai pameran UiTM Sarawak



KENANGAN... Datuk Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor yang ditemani Datuk Daud Abdul Rahman (empat dari kanan), Haji Fadilah Yusuf (tiga dari kanan) dan Sharifah Hasidah Syed Aman Ghazali (kiri sekali) bergambar kenang-kenangan bersama Penyelaras Misi Akademik UiTM Sarawak, Puan Hasmah Mohiden (dua dari kiri) dan petugas-petugas lain semasa mengunjungi gerai pameran UiTM Sarawak sempena Seminar Pendidikan dan Kerjaya Petra Jaya 2009 yang diadakan di Pustaka Negeri pada 18-19 April 2009.

Angkasawan negara, Datuk Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor meluangkan masa sejenak mengunjungi gerai pameran Angkasawan negara, Datuk Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor telah sudi meluangkan masa beliau untuk mengunjungi gerai pameran Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak bersempena dengan Seminar Pendidikan dan Kerjaya Petra Jaya 2009 yang diadakan di Pustaka Negeri pada 18-19 April 2009.

Beliau turut oleh ditemani Menteri Muda Pembangunan Perindustrian, Datuk Daud Abdul Rahman, Timbalan Menteri Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi yang juga Ahli Parliman Petra Jaya, Haji Fadilah Yusuf serta Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Samariang, Sharifah Hasidah Syed Aman Ghazali. Seminar anjuran Biro Pendidikan Petra Jaya dengan kerjasama Pusat Khidmat Ahli Parlimen Petra Jaya diadakan selama dua hari ini juga turut dihadiri oleh jawatankuasa Persatuan Ibu Bapa dan Guru (PIBG) serta pelajar-pelajar yang bakal menduduki peperiksaan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) pada tahun ini.

Beliau yang juga dikenali sebagai Dr. SMS (Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor) diundang khas oleh pihak penganjur untuk berkongsi pengalaman bersama-sama para pelajar, ibu bapa dan guru-guru sekolah di sekitar kawasan Petra Jaya sebelum, semasa dan selepas dipilih menjadi angkasawan dan semasa berada di Stesen Angkasa Antarabangsa (ISS).

Kehadiran beliau ternyata menjadi tarikan apabila sering menjadi tumpuan lensa kamera sama ada untuk merakamkan wajahnya atau bergambar bersama-samanya sebagai tanda kenang-kenangan. Semasa sesi berkongsi pengalaman, beliau turut menyentuh mengenai latihan yang terpaksa dilalui sebelum bergelar angkasawan pertama negara. Menurutnya, keyakinan yang tinggi kepada diri sendiri menjadi pendorong utama sehingga dia berjaya mengharungi kesemua latihan tersebut. Pada masa yang sama, beliau turut menyangkal dakwaan sesetengah pihak bahawa program angkasawan adalah suatu pembaziran wang rakyat dan tidak memberi manfaat kepada rakyat Malaysia.

Menurutnya, banyak manfaat serta faedah yang diperolehi rakyat dan negara khususnya daripada program tersebut kerana secara tidak langsung membuktikan bahawa rakyat Malaysia juga boleh sampai ke angkasa lepas.

Malah beliau menyatakan, menerusi sesi berkongsi pengalaman bersama para pelajar di seluruh negara, ia sedikit sebanyak telah menarik minat mereka untuk menceburi bidang aeroangkasa yang sememangnya banyak dimonopoli oleh negara-negara maju.

"Kebanyakan pelajar yang ditemui menyatakan mereka mahu menjadi angkasawan seperti saya. Saya percaya perkara sebegini bukan mudah kerana sebelum ini, perkataan angkasawan itu sendiri begitu asing bagi mereka.

"Bagaimanapun, sekarang mereka semakin meminati matapelajaran Sains dan Matematik yang sememangnya sangat penting dan berkait rapat dengan bidang aeroangkasa. Bidang aeroangkasa yang mempunyai cabang pekerjaan yang begitu luas seperti menjadi jurutera, pereka dan sebagainya,"

MEMORANDUM

OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN **UiTM SARAWAK** AND MALAYSIA AIRPORTS BHD



The signing ceremony (from left) Napisah, Azmi, Aris, Jamil, Fatimah and Lotfi

A Memorandum of Agreement between Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak (UiTMS) and Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB) was held on the 1st July 2008 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kuching. This memorandum was signed for the 30 MAHB executives who are currently undergoing the program of Executive Diploma in Management which was tailored-made for MAHB executives starting January 2008. This program comprises 9 modules which are to be completed in one year. The program will be another value-added knowledge and skill for the executives of MAHB as to prepare them to be future leaders that are well equipped with management skills trained by experienced and qualified lecturers from UiTMS. It signifies that MAHB trusted and accredited UiTMS as one of the leading institutions of higher learning.

MAHB was represented in the signing ceremony by Datuk Azmi Murad, the Senior General Manager (Operation) and Hjh Napisah Ahmad, the Senior Manager (Human Resource Development) while Associate Professor Dr. Fatimah Hj Bujang, the Deputy Director (Academic Affairs) and En. Ahmad Lotfi Hj Ariffin, the Deputy Registrar represented UiTMS. The signing ceremony was witnessed by the MAHB Chairman, Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Aris Othman and the UiTMS Director, Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali.

PASCA PILIHAN RAYA KE 12

Perubahan dan Hala Tuju Politik Malaysia: Perspektif Sarawak dan Sabah



UiTM Sarawak has successfully organized the "Pasca Pilihan Raya ke 12" political forum on 29th August, 2008. It was held in conjunction with the Merdeka month celebration with the theme "Changes and Directions of Malaysian Politics: Sarawak and Sabah Perspectives".



The event was made successful by the joint effort of the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies (FSPPP) and the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) programs. The forum was held at the newly completed premise of Islamic Information Center at Jalan Ong Tiang Swee, Kuching. It was attended by more than 300 people including some members of the State Legislative Assembly, members of some major political parties, heads of government departments, lecturers, staff and students.

The event was official launched by the Director of UiTM Sarawak Campus, Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali.

Amongst the panel speakers were YB Tuan Hj Bolhassan B Hj Di, the Assistant Minister of Information Technology and Assistant Minister of Infrastructure Development and Communication. Other speakers were UiTM Sabah Campus Director, Associate Professor Dr Worran Hj Kabul, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) Head of Politics and International Relation Department Dr Neilson Ilan Mersat, and UiTM Sarawak lecturer Encik Abg Yusuf Abg Spawi. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman Deen took the stage as chairman.

Looking into the current political development, the theme of the forum was very timely. The issues, amongst others were complexities related to racial politics, openness of current leadership, young voters trend, service and development delivery, media delivery and issues of the just-concluded Permatang Pauh by-election.



The Assistant Minister, YB Tuan Hj Bolhassan Hj Di has reaffirmed that elected representatives must always be near to the people if they want to stay in power. He himself, for one is always advocating to the principles of maintaining relevancy and connectivity. He said that "the elected representatives must be visible and audible to the people they lead". He also stressed that "promises must be fulfilled with urgency to maintain that kind of connectivity with the people". He further stressed that complacency kills.

The Assistant Minister could not make believe that the political tsunami that has hard hit the West Malaysian counterpart will hit Sarawak or Sabah. He said that the last general parliamentary election's result showed that the people in these two states were still attached to the Barisan Nasional government. He pointed out, "The BN win also showed that the people in Sarawak still trusted the BN to deliver development projects, especially in the rural areas. The people of Sarawak still want BN to continue ruling them...unlike the majority of the people in Selangor, Perak, Penang, and Kedah which has fallen into the hands of Pakatan Rakyat alliance".

On the current issues of the social contract and the rights of the Malays, YB Tuan Hj Bolhassan said that the issues should not to be debated anymore as it has been properly enshrined in the Federal Constitution. It was also related to citizenship issue prior to the proclamation of Independence in 1957 in the then Malay States of Malaya. To do so today would endanger the stable government and disrupt the racial harmony and unity which Malaysian had been enjoying all these while. Citizens will not want to see the infamous May 13, 1969 riot to happen again.

The Assistant Minister insisted that the "people who want to open up the social contract are only asking for trouble. I rather keep it, maintain it and everybody will be happy".

Dr. Neilson Ilan Mersat of UNIMAS talks about democratization and the power and influence of the young voters in paving for the future political development in Malaysia. He believes that is normal for any country to experience such stage of democracy when citizens have been provided with an openness to express their rights and freedom. To keep abreast with the power and influence of young voters, Dr. Neilson has said that politicians must now start to address the complex and sophisticated issues among young urban elites through internet accessibility.

On multiracialism, Dr Neilson said that contrary to West Malaysia, this is not an issue in Sarawak as the latter has always been politically and socially multi-racial from day one.

Responding to questions from the floor, Dr. Neilson also stressed that the Malaysian former premier, like Singapore Lee Kuan Yew was less open to liberal democracy, and in fact saw it as a trading-off point between freedom and development.

Associate Professor, Dr. Worran Hj Kabul of UiTM Sabah has the same opinion that, like Sarawak, the people in Sabah needs physical development, and all these while has been very open to multiracialism. The issue of crossing over of politicians from one party to another is not new phenomena in Sabah.

Abg Yusuf Abg Spawi stressed the importance of grassroot supporters in the rural setting. Although this group is fragile and subject to influences of the middle class, who normally has post-secondary education, they normally are the eyes and ears of the ruling government. Their involvement and contribution to secure the polls for the ruling government is undeniably important, and will always be relevant in rural politics.



By: Hj Saudi B Hj Narani

LAWATAN SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI KE UiTM SARAWAK



TERIMALAH...Prof. Madya Dr. Hajah Fatimah Bujang menyampaikan cenderahati kepada Datuk Amar Wilson Baya Dandot selepas mendengar taklimat semasa melakukan lawatan kerja ke Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak di Kampus Samarahan semalam.

SAMARAHAN, Khamis – Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak, Kampus Samarahan menerima kunjungan tetamu istimewa apabila Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Y.B Datuk Amar Wilson Baya Dandot dan rombongan melawat universiti pertama di Sarawak.

Beliau dan rombongan yang dalam rangka lawatan kerja ke Bahagian Samarahan selepas mempengerusikan Mesyuarat Pegawai Daerah di Dewan Suarah Kota Samarahan.

Hadir sama rombongan beliau adalah Timbalan Setiausaha Kewangan Negeri, Datu Liaw Soon Eng, Timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri (Bahagian Pentadbiran, Keselamatan dan Hal Ehwal Korporat), Pengarah Unit Pengurusan Sumber Manusia, Tuan Haji Sarudu Haji Hoklai yang mewakili Timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri (Bahagian Pengurusan Sumber Manusia), Datu Abdul Ghafur Shariff, Pengarah Unit Keselamatan, Jabatan Ketua Menteri, Datuk Dr. Yusof Nook, Residen Kota Samarahan, Dr. Haji Sulaiman Haji Husaini serta Pegawai-pegawai Daerah dari seluruh negeri Sarawak dan pegawai-pegawai dari Pejabat Ketua Menteri.

Kehadiran beliau dan rombongan ke UiTM Sarawak disambut oleh Timbalan Pengarah Hal Ehwal Akademik, Prof. Madya Dr. Hajah Fatimah Bujang yang mewakili Pengarah Kampus, Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali. Beliau seterusnya menyampaikan taklimat kepada rombongan tersebut yang mencakupi aspek mengenai kursus-kursus yang

ditawarkan, kapasiti sumber manusia, kemasukan dan enrolmen pelajar. Lawatan ke UiTM Sarawak itu merupakan julung kalinya semenjak beliau dilantik sebagai Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri.

Selain UiTM Sarawak, beliau dan rombongan turut membuat lawatan ke beberapa institusi pengajian tinggi lain seperti Institut Perguruan Tun Abdul Razak (IPTAR), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Institut Latihan Perindustrian (ILP), Kota Samarahan dan International College of Advanced Technology Sarawak (ICATS).



The event would have been more meaningful if the organizing committee include educational activities such as inviting students from various schools in Kabong and organizing a public speaking competition, et cetera instead of a

UiTM Sarawak ACADEMIC MISSIONS TO BINTULU AND KABONG

UiTM Sarawak Academic Missions to Bintulu and Kabong districts were held from 21 October to 27 October 2008. A team of lecturers was sent to these districts for both events. The warm response from students and teachers of various schools in Bintulu were very encouraging and heart-warming. There were more than twenty Public and Private Universities and relevant Government Agencies participated in the exhibition. The event was well organized. The team then, moved ahead to the next academic mission in Kabong after they left Bintulu.

The next day, there was a big crowd from various villages and longhouses coming to the event. There were more than thirty Government Departments and Agencies took part in the exhibition including both Public and Private Universities.

During the event, it was observed that a very few people visited the exhibition booths. There were no visitors from various schools in Kabong visiting the academic booths.

dancing competition. The team left Kabong and went to Sarikei before heading to Kuching on the next day after both missions in Bintulu and Kabong were accomplished.

MAJLIS PERASMIAN MINGGU MESRA PERINGKAT UiTM SARAWAK MERIAH



Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali, Pengarah Kampus memukul gong semasa merasmikan Minggu Mesra Siswa Sesi Julai - Disember 2008.

Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak telah mengadakan Majlis Perasmian Minggu Mesra Siswa Sesi Julai- Disember 2008 pada 1 Julai 2008 bertempat di Dewan Jubli dan disempurnakan oleh Pengarah Kampus, Profesor Madya Dr Jamil Haji Hamali. Majlis perasmian ringkas itu telah dihadiri oleh seramai kira-kira 878 pelajar baru yang telah melapor diri ke UiTM Sarawak di dalam pelbagai jurusan dan program. Turut hadir pada majlis tersebut ialah Timbalan Pengarah Hal Ehwal Akademik, Prof. Madya Dr Fatimah Bujang serta kira-kira 200 orang pensyarah.

Program MMS yang diadakan selama selama 5 hari itu yang bermula 30 Jun 2008 dan berakhir pada 4 Julai 2008 memuatkan pelbagai aktiviti, latihan dalam kumpulan (LDK) serta taklimat-taklimat penting khusus untuk pelajar-pelajar baru. Antara lain objektif program ini diadakan adalah untuk membantu siswa siswi baru menyesuaikan diri dengan suasana kehidupan di kampus UiTM selain menyemarakkan kemesraan di kalangan mereka. Melalui program MMS juga ia diharapkan dapat menyuburkan minat para siswa siswi supaya berusaha bersungguh-sungguh dalam mencari dan menimba ilmu diperingkat yang lebih tinggi. Di dalam program ini juga siswa siswi baru didedahkan dengan Akta 174 serta peraturan-peraturan Universiti Teknologi MARA yang perlu mereka patuhi sepanjang menuntut di UiTM.

UiTM-My JICA *friendship* Matching Program

by Ranees Atlas.



Participants with JICA members at Selera Warisan Bakery

Kuching, Sarawak, 30 August 2008 – A friendship matching between Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak (UiTMS) and Malaysian Japan International Cooperation Agency (myJICA) Sarawak Chapter was held on Saturday at the Dewan Jubilee, UiTM Sarawak in Kota Samarahan. The ceremony was officially held to acknowledge the friendly ties between the two organizations for future cooperation.

The event commences with tree planting ceremony to symbolize the international relations between UiTM Sarawak and myJICA, followed by talks by various representatives including myJICA, JICA, Pemadam Sarawak and MARDI. To further commemorate the event, a Japanese learning center has been opened in the university's library to promote Japanese culture to UiTM students.

In the afternoon, a food exchange session was held in Resipi Warisan Bakery at Kampung Gita to demonstrate Kek Lapis Sarawak and Sushi making. The cooperation is a value-added advantage for both UiTM and JICA as it bridges the gap between both countries and opens various doors of opportunities for UiTM citizens in going global.

UiTM was represented by the Campus Assistant Director of Students Affairs (HEP), Mr. Abdul Jalil Lob, while myJICA was represented by Senior JICA Volunteer, Mr. Kazuhiko Morioka and President of myJICA Alumni Sarawak Chapter, Mr. Abang Ahmad Zulkipli b. Abang Mohd Nerawi. The ceremony was witnessed by fifty attendees including lecturers, staffs and students of UiTM Sarawak.



Mr. Abdul Jalil Lob presents souvenir to Mr. Abang Ahmad Zulkipli b. Abang Mohd Nerawi, (middle), President, myJICA Alumni (Sarawak Chapter) Looks on Mr. Chua Hun In, Senior Researcher from MARDI (right).

Pertandingan Golf antara UiTM Sarawak, UNIMAS & Yayasan Sarawak



KENANGAN...Peserta kejohanan Golf Integrasi Ilmu Sarawak 2009 (GIIS) bergambar kenang-kenangan sebelum kejohanan dimulakan yang diadakan di Sarawak Club Golf and Resort, Samarahan baru-baru ini.

Prof. Mohd. Shafiq Abdullah muncul juara kejohanan Golf Integrasi Ilmu Sarawak 2009 (GIIS) yang diadakan di Sarawak Club Golf and Resort, Samarahan baru-baru ini. Prof. Mohd. Shafiq yang mewakili Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) berjaya membuat 69 pukulan keseluruhan mengatasi wakil Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak, Dr. Firdaus Abdullah yang turut membuat 69 pukulan untuk menduduki tempat kedua. Tempat ketiga menjadi milik satu-satunya pemain wanita dalam kejohanan tersebut, Dr. Delsye Teo yang mewakili UNIMAS apabila membuat 70 pukulan.

Bagi kategori pasukan, Yayasan Sarawak mengungguli kejohanan tersebut apabila muncul juara keseluruhan. Pasukan Yayasan Sarawak yang dibarisi Datuk Morshidi Ghani, Datu Haji Razak Tready, Datu Haji Abdul Rashid Aziz, Datu Dr. Hatta Haji Solhee, Datu Haji Sapuan Anu, Datu Haji Hamzah Abdul Rahman, Mohd Abu Bakar Marzuki, Bakri Zaini, Samat Junai, Bong Hatta Marzuki, Haji Soedirman Aini dan Hussain Taiban berjaya membuat pukulan terendah.

Pasukan UNIMAS pula diletakkan kedua menerusi gandingan Tan Sri Haji Hamid Bugo, Prof. Dr. Peter Songan, Prof. Tin Win, Prof. Mohd Shafiq Abdullah, Prof. Lau Seng, Prof. Wan Sulaiman, Prof. Mustafa Abdul Rahman, Prof. Madya Khairul Aidil, Dr. Delsye Teo, Sukiman Aini, Abang Azahari Osman dan Haji Safri Sharkawi.

Manakala UiTM Sarawak yang membariskan pasukannya yang terdiri daripada Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali, Prof. Madya Dr. Worran Kabul, Prof. Madya Wajidi Kerni, Prof. Madya Dr. Mohd Rashidee Alwi, Dr. Firdaus Abdullah, Mohd Sani Abdul Razak, Hyginus Kevin, Ali Kimik, Ahid Bohri, William Duncan, William Juah dan Ishak Johdi di tempat ketiga.

Kejohanan tahunan yang membabitkan tiga pasukan iaitu UiTM Sarawak, UNIMAS dan Yayasan Sarawak yang bertujuan untuk mengeratkan lagi silaturahim di kalangan pasukan yang bertanding terutama ahli akademik dan alumni. Ia dianjurkan bersama oleh ketiga-tiga pasukan menerusi gandingan Prof. Lau Seng yang mewakili UNIMAS, Dr. Firdaus Abdullah (UiTM Sarawak) dan Encik Samat Junai (Yayasan Sarawak).

Sementara itu, Prof. Lau Seng berkata, pihaknya bercadang untuk mengembangkan lagi kejohanan tersebut pada masa akan datang kepada semua Institusi Pengajian Tinggi (IPT) yang terdapat di Sarawak dan juga di Borneo.

"Kita akan cuba mengembangkan lagi kejohanan ini dengan membuka penyertaan kepada semua IPT yang ada di Sarawak dan pada masa yang sama cuba membawa penyertaan daripada seluruh kepulauan Borneo," ujarnya.

Disediakan oleh :
Azlina Binti Bujang

Bil Senarai Penerima
Insentif Kecemerlangan
PEWANI UPSR & PMR

1. Puan Sharifah Suzana Wan Shukran
(Daniel Amer Bin. Jamil)
2. Puan Hajah Oriah Hj Akir
(Ahmad Asyraf Bin Senian)
3. Puan Sabariah Mohd Apandi
(Mohammad Zaid Zamhari)
4. Puan Annie Wong
(Samuel Sii Siaw Yik)
5. Puan Ling Siew Eng
(Alden lai Zhi Zhen)
(Sherlyn Lai Hui Ern)
(Alson Lai Zhi Jie)
6. Puan Hajjah Sabli
(Safuiddin b Suut)
7. Puan Fatimah Owhi
(Abdul Aziz B. Abdul Khalid)
8. Puan Dayang Norsalam
(Hana Munirah Binti Baba)
9. Puan Zalila @ Azalailah Hj. Kasim
(Mohammad Afif Azman)

Tahniah Dan Syabas
Dari pada Pihak PEWANI

Garden Dinner PEWANI 2009



Sesi Bergambar kenangan bersama Rombongan
PEWANI UiTM Sabah

Majlis Makan Malam PEWANI 2009 telah dianjurkan pada 8 Mac 2009 bertempat di Dormani Hotel, Kuching. Majlis yang berkonsepkan dekorasi dalam taman ini telah di hadiri oleh 80 orang ahli PEWANI serta turut dimeriahkan dengan kehadiran rombongan PEWANI UiTM Sabah. Pelbagai acara disusun bagi meraikan semua ahli seperti persembahan pelajar, sesi karaoke, permainan individu dan juga kumpulan. Sesi Penyerahan insentif kecemerlangan UPSR dan PMR juga telah diadakan untuk anak - anak ahli PEWANI.

Seramai 11 orang anak - anak ahli PEWANI yang menerima insentif pada malam tersebut. Kemuncak acara semua tetamu dipersembahkan dengan tayangan slide yang memaparkan rentetan aktiviti PEWANI sepanjang tahun 2008. Majlis ini juga turut dimeriahkan dengan kehadiran Timbalan Pengarah HEA UiTM Sarawak Prof. Madya Dr Hj Fatimah Bujang dan Timbalan Pengarah HEA UiTM Sabah merangkap Pengerusi PEWANI SABAH, Prof. Madya Hj Rosdiana Hj Sukardi.



Lawatan Akademik Pelajar Semester 01 Diploma Ukur Bahan

Disediakan oleh : Myzatul Aishah Kamarazaly

Lawatan akademik ke tapak-tapak pembinaan merupakan agenda tradisi dan wajib bagi semua pelajar-pelajar Diploma Ukur Bahan, Fakulti Senibina, Perancangan dan Ukur pada setiap semester. Seramai 17 orang pelajar Semester 01 fakulti ini telah membuat lawatan ke tapak pembinaan di sekitar kawasan UiTM Sarawak pada 3hb April 2009 yang merangkumi kawasan pembinaan blok akademik baru, makmal sains, bengkel Kejuruteraan Ladang, Pejabat Pentadbiran baru, Pusat Pelajar dan Infrastruktur. Projek pembinaan yang menelan kos sebanyak RM73.8 juta ini dijangka siap dalam masa 24 bulan.

Lawatan tapak ini diketuai oleh Encik Sufian selaku Pengurus Projek dan Encik Lee, seorang Jurutera serta Encik Lukmanulhakim Adhar, Jurutera Bahagian Pembangunan dan Fasilitas, UiTM Sarawak. Rombongan pelajar ini diiringi oleh Cik Myzatul Aishah Kamarazaly selaku pensyarah pengiring.

Objektif utama lawatan tapak ini diadakan adalah untuk memberi pendedahan kepada para pelajar berhubung teknologi pembinaan yang digunakan bagi projek ini. Selaras dengan skop kod kursus QSD312 Construction Technology I, penjelasan terperinci serta pendedahan yang diberikan oleh Encik Sufian, Encik Lee dan Encik Lukmanulhakim adalah lebih menjurus kepada elemen-elemen seperti pembersihan tapak, kaedah-kaedah penggalian, konkrit, tetulang, dinding bata, hadkor dan lapisan kalis lembap, kaedah pembinaan substruktur asas pad serta jenis-jenis jentera yang digunakan di tapak pembinaan ini.

Lawatan selama hampir dua jam ini telah berjaya mencapai objektifnya. Para pelajar telah menghadihkan sebuah cenderamata kepada Encik Sufian dan Encik Lee sebagai tanda penghargaan serta terima kasih di atas kesudian berkongsi ilmu dengan mereka.

Ceria Raya 2008 Anjuran Bersama PEWANI & KEKITA

Disediakan oleh : Azlina Binti Bujang

Persatuan Kelab Kebajikan dan Sukan UiTM Sarawak (KEKITA) dengan kerjasama Persatuan Wanita UiTM Sarawak (PEWANI) telah meneruskan kesinambungan tradisi dalam bersama - sama merayakan dan merasai kemeriahan sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri bagi tahun 2008 dengan menganjurkan bersama satu Majlis Ramah Tamah Aidilfitri peringkat UiTM 2008 yang bertemakan Ceria Raya 2008.

Bertujuan untuk meningkatkan semangat perpaduan dan mengeratkan hubungan silaturrahim sesama kakitangan UiTM bagi mewujudkan suasana muhibah untuk beramah mesra sesama kakitangan tanpa mengira jawatan, bangsa dan agama mewujudkan suasana yang meriah disepanjang majlis berlangsung. Dianggarkan seramai lebih dari 300 orang kakitangan turut sama dan majlis ini telah diserikan lagi dengan kehadiran yang berbahagia Pengarah Kampus Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Hj Hamali.

Kutipan Derma Kilat Untuk Adik Amirul Dami

Disediakan oleh : Azlina Binti Bujang

Dalam kesibukan menjalankan beberapa aktiviti yang lain, pihak PEWANI juga tidak lupa membantu insan - insan yang memerlukan. PEWANI dengan kerjasama seluruh warga kampus UiTM Samarahan telah mengadakan kutipan derma kilat bagi membantu adik Amirul Ashraf Dami yang mengalami ketumbuhan di kepala dan beberapa kecacatan lain semenjak dilahirkan. Sumber kewangan yang dikumpulkan digunakan untuk menampung kos pembedahan beliau di Hospital Umum Sarawak.

Dengan ini, pihak PEWANI ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada seluruh warga kampus di atas sumbangan derma yang dihulurkan. Sumbangan derma telah disampaikan kepada ahli keluarga beliau bertempat di wad kanak - kanak Hospital Umum Sarawak pada 12 Disember 2008. Sumbangan telah disampaikan sendiri oleh pengerusi PEWANI, Puan Sharifah Suzana Wan Shukran.

Sumbangan telah disampaikan sendiri oleh pengerusi PEWANI, Puan Sharifah Suzana Wan Shukran yang disertai juga beberapa orang ahli PEWANI.



Penyerahan Sumbangan Derma



Adik Amirul Dami sebelum pembedahan dilakukan

Lawatan ke Planetarium Sempena Cuti Sekolah Anjuran PEWANI UiTM dan Pusat Tusyen Teratai Bestari

Disediakan oleh : Azlina Binti Bujang

Setiap kali tibanya musim cuti sekolah pihak PEWANI akan mengadakan beberapa aktiviti untuk anak - anak ahli seperti program lawatan ke beberapa tempat yang boleh membantu dalam menambahkan pengetahuan dan membina kemahiran berfikir.

Bersempena dengan musim cuti sekolah yang lalu, pihak PEWANI dan Pusat Tusyen Teratai Bestari telah mengadakan satu sesi lawatan ke Planetarium Sultan Iskandar yang bertempat di Dewan Suarrah Kuching pada 22 November 2008 (Sabtu). Seramai 70 orang ahli dan anak - anak ahli bersama - sama 20 kanak - kanak dari Pusat Tusyen Teratai Bestari telah turut serta dalam lawatan tersebut.

Rombongan lawatan diketuai oleh Puan Sharifah Suzana Wan Shukran selaku pengerusi PEWANI, lawatan ini adalah bertujuan untuk menambahkan pengetahuan tentang alam semesta dikalangan anak - anak ahli PEWANI disamping memberikan pendedahan awal perkembangan teknologi sains yang digunakan dalam bidang penyelidikan angkasa.

Planetarium ini telah dibuka dengan rasminya pada 19 Januari 1989. Pada ketika itu ianya merupakan planetarium pertama yang terdapat di Malaysia. Seperti planetarium lain ia dilengkapi dengan kombinasi audio, video, grafik yang canggih yang boleh membuatkan kita seolah - olah berada di angkasa lepas.

Semasa lawatan itu juga, pihak PEWANI melakukan beberapa aktiviti dalam satu setengah jam untuk melengkapkan lagi lawatan seperti :

- " Membuat carta bintang
- " Demo penjelajahan angkasa lepas yang dilakukan oleh Astronomi.
- " Simulasi 3D journey penjelajahan angkasa lepas menggunakan MirrorDome
- " Teknik - teknik untuk mengenalpasti buruj bintang

Diharapkan aktiviti seumpama ini akan dapat dilaksanakan lagi pada masa yang akan datang.



Ahli PEWANI dan Keluarga yang turut serta bagi Program Lawatan ke Planetarium

Lawatan ke Wad Kanak - Kanak Hospital Umum Sarawak dan Penyerahan Sumbangan Kempen Drop A Toy PEWANI

Disediakan oleh : Azlina Binti Bujang

Lawatan ke Wad kanak - kanak dan penyerahan sumbangan Kempen Drop A Toy telah diadakan pada 10 Oktober 2008 bertempat di wad kanak - kanak Hospital Umum Sarawak. Seramai 15 orang ahli PEWANI termasuk Ahli Jawatan Kuasa hadir bersama Pengerusi Puan Sharifah Suzana Wan Shukran pada sesi lawatan tersebut.

Sebanyak 200 unit barang - barang permainan pelbagai jenis telah dikumpulkan dan diagihkan kepada 40 orang kanak - kanak yang ditempatkan di 3 buah wad yang berasingan dan sebahagian lagi diletakkan di dalam bilik permainan yang telah disediakan oleh pihak Hospital. Terima kasih kepada semua warga UiTM Sarawak yang menyumbangkan barang permainan.



Sebahagian daripada sumbangan ikhlas warga UiTM Sarawak



Pengerusi PEWANI menyampaikan sumbangan kepada salah seorang pesakit



Sebahagian daripada Ahli PEWANI & AJK yang turut serta

Majlis Berbuka Puasa Pelajar Yatim UiTM Sarawak Anjuran Bersama PEWANI dan HEP

Disediakan oleh : Azlina Binti Bujang

Dalam kemeriahan menyambut musim perayaan Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Persatuan wanita UiTM Sarawak (PEWANI) dengan kerjasama Hal Ehwal Pelajar (HEP) telah menganjurkan Majlis Berbuka Puasa bersama pelajar yatim UiTM serta ibu - ibu tunggal dikalangan ahli PEWANI. Majlis Berbuka puasa ini telah diadakan di Hotel Penview Inn pada 22 September 2008 dan seramai 70 orang pelajar yatim telah diraikan. Selain dari aktiviti penyerahan sumbangan duit raya kepada pelajar dan ibu tunggal majlis pada malam itu juga diselitkan dengan pelancaran kempen Drop A Toy.

Melalui kempen ini semua warga UiTM digalakkan untuk menyumbang barang mainan untuk didermakan kepada wad kanak-kanak Hospital Umum Sarawak. Majlis pada malam itu juga dimeriahkan dengan kehadiran Timbalan Pengarah HEA, Prof Madya Dr. Fatimah Bujang, Timbalan Pengarah Hal Ehwal Pelajar, Abdul Jalil Lob serta tetamu jemputan yang lain.



Penyerahan Duit Raya PEWANI kepada Pelajar Yatim UiTM Sarawak yang disampaikan oleh Prof. Madya Dr. Fatimah Bujang.



Pelancaran kempen Drop A Toy oleh Pengerusi PEWANI dan Timbalan Pengarah HEA serta Timbalan Pengarah HEP

SUKAN STAF 2009

Kontijen Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak membuktikan keunggulannya apabila berjaya menduduki tempat ketiga keseluruhan Karnival Sukan Staf Antara Kampus UiTM ke-XII yang berlangsung di UiTM Terengganu pada 18-23 Mei 2009. Kejayaan ini merupakan pencapaian terbaik UiTM Sarawak sekali gus sebagai pembakar semangat atleatnya untuk bersaing dalam Kejohanan Sukan Borneo 2009 yang bakal diadakan di negara Brunei Darussalam pada 29 Jun hingga 5 Julai 2009.

Kontijen UiTM Sarawak yang mempertaruhkan 70 atlet terdiri dari 44 atlet lelaki dan 26 atlet wanita menyertai 14 acara termasuk bola sepak pantai, bola sepak veteran, bola tampar wanita, bola keranjang lelaki, ping-pong, karom, tenis, hoki, futsal (lelaki dan wanita), badminton, bola jaring, sepak takraw, petanque dan tenpin boling (lelaki dan wanita). Kontijen Sarawak berjaya membawa pulang 5 pingat emas, 2 perak dan 3 gangsa.

UiTM Terengganu mengungguli kejohanan kali ini dengan menjuarai keseluruhan Karnival Sukan Staf Antara Kampus UiTM ke-XII dengan mengutip 17 pingat emas, 13 perak dan 6 gangsa dengan 36 kutipan pingat diikuti UiTM Malaysia (Shah Alam) di tempat kedua dengan 5 pingat emas, 4 perak dan 5 gangsa.

Pingat emas UiTM Sarawak disumbangkan menerusi pasukan bola keranjang lelaki (3 sebelah), ping-pong perempuan (perseorangan dan beregu), futsal (lelaki) dan boling (wanita). Lebih manis lagi kontijen Sarawak turut diumumkan sebagai pemenang pertandingan perbarisan.

Bagi acara ping-pong berkumpulan pula, kontijen Sarawak berjaya mendapat pingat perak.

Pasukan futsal lelaki turut mempamerkan aksi bertenaga untuk merangkul emas apabila menewaskan Johor dalam perlawanan akhir futsal. Penyerang utama UiTM Sarawak, Mohd Khairulazlin Sahari muncul wira dengan jaringan hatrik untuk membantu kontijen Sarawak muncul juara dengan jaringan 5-1.

Bagaimanapun, pasukan futsal wanita pula gagal kalah tipis 2-1 menerusi sepakan penalti kepada pasukan Terengganu dalam perlawanan akhir. Pasukan Sarawak berjaya mendahului 1-0 menerusi jaringan pemain lincahnya, Theresa Ahing namun gagal mengekalkan keputusan tersebut apabila pasukan Terengganu berjaya menyamakan kedudukan sehingga mengheret ke penentuan sepakan penalti.

Pasukan tenpin boling wanita UiTM Sarawak turut cemerlang apabila memunggut emas dalam acara beregu wanita menerusi gandingan Siti Huzaimah Sahari dan Affidah Morni yang berjaya membuat 1,765 jatuhan pin.

Sementara itu, Timbalan Ketua Kontijen UiTM Sarawak, Encik Mohd. Shafiq Abdullah yang mewakili Ketua Kontijen yang juga Pengarah Kampus UiTM Sarawak, Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali memberitahu, beliau berpuas hati dengan pencapaian keseluruhan kontijen Sarawak yang menyertai karnival sukan kali ini.

Menurutnya, pencapaian kali ini merupakan yang terbaik pernah dicapai oleh Sarawak sepanjang menyertai Karnival Sukan Staf Antara Kampus UiTM.

"Saya percaya pencapaian memberangsangkan ini adalah hasil kerjasama dan semangat juang tinggi yang dipamerkan oleh semua atlet yang mengambil bahagian dalam karnival kali ini," katanya semasa majlis barbeque yang melibatkan kontijen UiTM Sarawak di UiTM Terengganu kampus Dungun baru-baru ini.

Beliau juga berharap semua atlet akan terus melakukan persediaan rapi khususnya dalam saingan menghadapi Kejohanan Sukan Borneo 2009.



Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali menyampaikan cenderahati daripada kontijen UiTM Sarawak kepada Tan Sri Dato' Seri Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Abu Shah, Naib Canselor UiTM



SEMANGAT...Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali yang turut memberi semangat dan perangsang kepada atlet UiTM Sarawak bergambar kenangan bersama atlet selepas majlis perasmian.



Kontijen UiTM



BERGAYA...Aksi pasukan menembak UiTM Sarawak yang diketuai Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali bersama Dr. Firdaus Abdullah, Mohd. Shafiq Abdullah dan Narudin Pawi yang berjaya mendapat tempat kedua.



EMAS PERTAMA...Pasukan bola keranjang lelaki



EMAS DAN PERAK...Pasukan futsal lelaki dan wanita UiTM



Pasukan ping-pong UiTM Sarawak berjaya mengutip 2 pingat emas dan 1 perak

LAWATAN PENANDA ARASAN DAN SAMBIL BELAJAR PELAJAR KELAB KEBUDAYAAN UiTM KOTA SAMARAHAN KE UNIVERSITI DAN PUSAT KEBUDAYAAN JAKARTA, INDONESIA.



Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali bersama Puan Atikawati Ahmad Razali dan Encik Haziz Wahab bergambar kenang-kenangan bersama Encik Dr Junaidi Bakar selaku Menteri Bahagian Pendidikan Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Jakarta.

Rombongan lawatan penandaarasan dan sambil belajar ke Universiti-Universiti dan Pusat Kebudayaan Jakarta merakamkan gambar kenangan di hadapan monumen budaya semasa melawat Taman Miniature (Taman Budaya) Jakarta.

Pada 5 - 10 Mac 2009 yang lepas, Bahagian Hal Ehwal Pelajar (HEP) UiTM Kota Samarahan telah menganjurkan satu lawatan penanda arasan dan sambil belajar ke Universiti-Universiti dan Pusat Kebudayaan Jakarta khusus untuk pelajar-pelajar Kelab Kebudayaan Rumpun Seni UiTM Kota Samarahan. Antara lokasi lawatan ialah seperti ke Kedutaan Malaysia di Indonesia, Institut Kesenian Jakarta (IKJ), Taman Miniature (Taman Budaya) Jakarta, Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB) dan Pusat Saung Angklung Bandung. Lawatan ini disertai oleh seramai 20 orang mahasiswa-mahasiswi yang juga merupakan ahli-ahli Kelab Kebudayaan Rumpun Seni UiTM Samarahan dan 4 orang pegawai UiTM Sarawak. Rombongan ini diketuai oleh Pengarah Kampus, Prof Madya Dr Jamil Hj Hamali.

Antara tujuan lawatan itu diadakan adalah untuk memberi pendedahan kepada pelajar tentang budaya serta memberi peluang kepada mereka mempelajari seni gerak setempat, menerapkan nilai-nilai kesenian dan kebudayaan di kalangan pelajar, memupuk persefahaman sihat di kalangan pelajar UiTM bersama rakan mereka di Institut Pengajian Tinggi Jakarta, Indonesia, mewujudkan jaringan kerjasama Program Pengantarabangsaaan, mempromosikan nama UiTM Malaysia ke negara jiran serta untuk mempromosikan Sarawak dan Malaysia amnya sebagai destinasi pelancongan.

Sepanjang lawatan tersebut, para pelajar telah dibawa ke Pejabat Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Jakarta dan kedatangan kami disambut mesra oleh pegawai Kedutaan Malaysia, Encik Elyas Jafary yang juga selaku Menteri Bahagian Pendidikan Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Jakarta. Menurut Encik Elyas Bahagian Pendidikan Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Jakarta bertanggungjawab mengatur dan mengurus keperluan dan kebajikan pelajar Malaysia di Indonesia yang jumlahnya adalah seramai lebih kurang 5,000 pelajar dari pelbagai jurusan dan bidang. Kebanyakan pelajar yang menuntut di Indonesia merupakan pelajar cemerlang bidang perubahan

tajaan Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam Malaysia dan selebihnya adalah atas pembiayaan sendiri. Kemudiannya, para pelajar dibawa ke Institut Kesenian Jakarta (IKJ) dan pelajar kita berkesempatan mempersembahkan tarian mereka di sana.

Keesokan harinya, para pelajar telah dibawa melawat Taman Budaya Jakarta (Taman Miniature Jakarta) di mana taman ini menempatkan pameran adat resam, kebudayaan, kesenian serta contoh-contoh rumah bagi 30 wilayah yang terdapat di Indonesia. Semasa lawatan di wilayah Bali, pelajar-pelajar UiTM Sarawak telah berkesempatan untuk mengadakan bengkel tarian singkat bersama kumpulan tarian dari Bali yang diketuai oleh I Wayan Suarka daripada Sanggar Tari Bali Dwipayana. Dalam tempoh sejam itu saja, beberapa gerak tari asli Bali telah ditunjukkan dan dipelajari oleh mereka dan Bapa Wayan Suarka serta para penarinya ternyata gembira kerana para pelajar kita begitu cepat menguasai langkah gerak tari Bali yang agak rumit untuk dikuasai pada masa yang singkat.

Pada hari ketiga lawatan, para pelajar dibawa ke Bandung yang memakan masa 3jam perjalanan dari Jakarta menggunakan bas persiaran. mereka dibawa melawat Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB). Semasa lawatan tersebut, para pelajar UiTM juga tidak ketinggalan untuk mengadakan sesi soal jawab dengan wakil kampus tersebut mengenai aktiviti-aktiviti kebudayaan yang telah dan akan diadakan disana. Rombongan kami juga dimaklumkan bahawa kesemua aktiviti pelajar dijalankan sendiri oleh persatuan mahasiswa dan dipantau secara terus oleh beberapa kakitangan Universiti. Rombongan berpeluang untuk mengambil foto-foto di persekitaran kampus ITB yang menampilkan ciri bangunan serta lanskap, notis-notis pentadbiran yang boleh digunakan di kampus kita.

Pada sebelah tengahari, lawatan diakhiri dengan menonton permainan Angklung di Pusat Saung Angklung. Persembahan tarian dan nyanyian turut dipersembahkan sebagai pengisian persembahan pada petang tersebut dan ia begitu mengasyikan kerana rata-rata yang membuat persembahan di

kalangan kanak-kanak semuda 2 tahun hingga remaja. Apa yang menarik ialah penganturan persembahan yang boleh dilihat pada peringkat antarabangsa oleh kira-kira 50 orang pelajar itu hanya dikendalikan sendiri oleh remaja-remaja berkenaan tanpa pembabit orang dewasa. Program selama 3 jam ini merupakan satu lagi program yang begitu menarik dan bermanfaat kerana selain dapat menonton, kami juga diberi peluang untuk sama-sama bermain angklung dan mengenali jenis-jenis bunyian yang dihasilkan oleh pelbagai jenis angklung.

Ingin dinyatakan di sini bahawa, lawatan selama lima hari ke Jakarta dan Bandung telah be meninggalkan banyak kenangan manis yang sukar dilupakan. Banyak perkara dan maklumat serta pengalaman semasa berada di Indonesia terutama di Institut Kesenian Jakarta, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Pusat Saung Angklung yang boleh dipelajari dan di adaptasi serta diterima pakai untuk penambahbaikan pembangunan serta pengurusan UiTM Sarawak secara umumnya. Umpamanya poster gergasi yang terdapat Institut Teknologi Bandung boleh digunakan di kampus apabila semasa sambutan festival, pertandingan, perayaan dan sebagainya. Malah sepanjang laluan ke blok pentadbiran boleh dipasang dengan poster besar sudah mampu menampilkan keceriaan, kesibukan kampus dalam persiapan meraikan sesuatu aktiviti dan keramaian. Penggunaan kayu buluh untuk kerangka poster besar tersebut merupakan salah satu inovasi yang 'cost effective' dan sesuai jika dilaksanakan di UiTM Sarawak, kampus Samarahan. Keindahan landscape yang ditampilkan oleh kebanyakan institusi pengajian tinggi di Bandung masih mengesalkan ciri-ciri kehijauan di sekitar kampus untuk nampak lebih ceria dan segar. Konsep inilah yang akan digunakan oleh UiTM Samarahan dalam usaha menghidupkan kawasan sekitar kampusnya.

LAPORAN RETREAT JAWATANKUASA PENGURUSAN REKOD & FAIL PERIBADI

Hajah Khadijah Hj Khalid, PM Pauline Achan dan Suriani Jack

Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Rekod & Fail Peribadi Pelajar (JK Rek) UiTM Sarawak Kampus Samarahan telah menjalankan program Retreat mereka pada 6 Mac 2009 (Jumaat) di Hotel Grand Continental, Kuching. JK Rek yang diketuai oleh Penyelaras iaitu Puan Hj. Khadijah Hj Khalid merupakan salah satu daripada Jawatankuasa Kualiti di bawah Unit Pengurusan Kualiti UiTM Sarawak. Jawatankuasa ini dianggotai oleh 21 orang Ahli Jawatankuasa (AJK) adalah terdiri daripada para pensyarah dari pelbagai bidang dan beberapa Fakulti di UiTM Sarawak. Para AJK adalah gandingan yang baru dan lama namun unik, kesemua AJK adalah di kalangan pensyarah wanita.

Majlis perasmian yang sederhana telah disempurnakan oleh Yang Berbahagia Prof Madya Dr. Hajah Fatimah Bujang, Timbalan Pengarah HEA. Turut hadir memberikan sokongan adalah Prof Madya Pauline Achan selaku Ketua Unit Pengurusan Kualiti UiTM Sarawak.

Program Retreat JK Rek. yang telah diadakan ini adalah bertujuan untuk :

- Menentukan KPI bagi JK Rek. UiTM Sarawak Kampus Kota Samarahan.
- Menyusun dan mengemaskini aktiviti-aktiviti JK Rek. UiTM Sarawak Kampus Kota Samarahan sepanjang 2009.
- Mengeratkan hubungan silaturrahim di kalangan AJK.



Sebagai mukaddimah, para peserta yang kesemuanya merupakan AJK telah didedahkan kepada konsep Key Performance Indicator (KPI) di mana Penyelaras JK Pengurusan Kualiti UiTM Sarawak iaitu Dr Kuldeep Singh telah dijemput untuk menyampaikan pembentangan beliau yang bertajuk Key Performance Indicator (KPI): Measurement & Management. Program seterusnya disusuli dengan perbincangan di kalangan AJK dalam bengkel Penyediaan KPI bagi JK Rek.

Memandangkan program ini adalah merupakan satu bengkel kerja, maka semua AJK terlebih dahulu telah diberikan tugas-tugas meneliti aktiviti-aktiviti JK dan mereka seterusnya diamanahkan untuk membentangkan kertas-kertas kerja masing-masing. Semua AJK telah memberikan kerjasama dengan memberi maklumbalas dalam mengemaskini aktiviti-aktiviti yang telah dirancang sepanjang tahun 2009 seperti penganjuran Lawatan Penilaian Rekod & Fail Peribadi Pelajar, Lawatan Penandaarasan, serta Bengkel Pengurusan Rekod.

Melihat kepada kerjasama serta komitmen yang telah ditunjukkan oleh semua AJK, Penyelaras JK amat yakin bahawa JK Pengurusan Rekod & Fail Peribadi Pelajar UiTM Sarawak Kampus Kota Samarahan akan dapat membantu dalam memantapkan lagi penyelarasan sistem pengurusan rekod & fail peribadi pelajar di UiTM Sarawak.



Malam Jasamu Dikenang

Disediakan oleh: Norhayati Umar

Majlis Malam Jasamu Dikenang diadakan di Hotel Harbour View pada 19 Mei 2008 jam 7.30 malam. Ianya bertujuan mengenang jasa dan memberi penghargaan kepada pegawai-pegawai UiTM Sarawak yang akan bersara dan berpindah ke kampus induk atau cawangan. Turut hadir pada majlis malam tersebut adalah Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali, Pengarah Kampus, Prof. Madya Dr. Hajah Fatimah Bujang, Timbalan Pengarah HEA dan Ketua Bahagian / Program / Unit.

Seramai 6 orang pegawai yang telah/akan bersara dan 2 orang pegawai yang akan berpindah kampus adalah seperti berikut :

1. Pn. Hajah Mazli Shahurain (Bersara)
2. En. Sebri Bujang (Bersara)
3. Pn. Mary Gunjew Nee Gaik (Bersara)
4. En. Mohd Shah Mahat (Bersara)
5. En. Hamdan Razak (Bersara)
6. Pn. Julia Zen (Bersara Pilihan)
7. Prof. Madya Haji Shafi Mohamed (Berpindah Kampus)
8. En. Husrul Nizam Husin (Berpindah Kampus)



Pengarah Kampus UiTM Sarawak, Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Hj Hamali menyampai hadiah kenangan kepada Hajah Mazli Shahurain.

Semoga pegawai-pegawai ini akan sentiasa mengenang sejarah manis sepanjang perkhidmatan di UiTM Sarawak dan diharapkan majlis sebegini akan terus diadakan sebagai pendorong semangat untuk lebih cemerlang dalam kerjaya masing-masing.

52 orang pelajar anak BERNAS hadiri bengkel motivasi



TERIMALAH...Encik Bahari Aluwan menyampaikan cenderahati daripada BERNAS kepada Dr. Firdaus Abdullah sambil disaksikan Encik Ismail Yusuf (kiri sekali) semasa majlis penutupan bengkel motivasi pelajar anjuran Kelab BERNAS di Auditorium 1, Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak.

SAMARAHAN, Selasa – Seramai 52 orang pelajar yang bakal menduduki Ujian Penilaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR), Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) dan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) telah mengikuti bengkel motivasi pelajar anjuran Kelab BERNAS di Auditorium 1, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak baru-baru ini.

Kesemua pelajar terbabit yang merupakan anak-anak kakitangan BERNAS telah dipilih mengikuti bengkel motivasi selama empat hari itu dengan berkonsepkan kerohanian.

Bengkel yang merupakan kali keempat dianjurkan bertujuan membangkitkan kesedaran di kalangan anak-anak kakitangan BERNAS dalam usaha melahirkan pelajar-pelajar yang cemerlang bukan sahaja dalam bidang akademik tetapi pada masa yang sama mempunyai aspek moral dan nilai murni yang tinggi.

Sehubungan itu, sepanjang bengkel ini berlangsung, kesemua aktiviti ceramah telah dikendalikan oleh penceramah dan fasilitator berwibawa daripada Persatuan Fitrah Perkasa.

Para pelajar turut didedah dan dibekalkan dengan penerangan serta tips-tips berguna untuk menghadapi peperiksaan. Selain itu, mereka juga diterap dengan aspek kepimpinan dan semangat kerja berpasukan yang sememangnya penting untuk melahirkan pelajar yang cemerlang.

Upacara penutupan bengkel disempurnakan oleh Pengurus Besar Kanan Bahagian Modal Insan BERNAS merangkap Presiden Kelab BERNAS, Encik Bahari Aluwan. Hadir sama adalah Dr. Firdaus Abdullah, Ketua Unit Komunikasi Korporat dan Perhubungan Antarabangsa yang mewakili Pengarah UiTM Sarawak, Yang Dipertua Kelab BERNAS Sarawak, Encik Ismail Yusuf, barisan penceramah serta ibu bapa para pelajar.

Dalam upacara penutupan itu, dua pelajar terbaik telah dipilih di kalangan para peserta iaitu, Mohd Nor Amin Ismail dan Ami Amirah Ismail.

Lawatan UiTM Sabah

SAMARAHAN, Selasa – Seramai 10 orang kakitangan Universiti Teknologi MARA Sabah (UiTM Sabah) mengadakan lawatan penandaarasan ke UiTM Sarawak pada 26 Mei 2009. Lawatan tersebut diketuai oleh Timbalan Pengarah Hal Ehwal Pelajar (HEP) UiTM Sabah, Awang Bakar Awang Tatam manakala Ketua Unit Komunikasi Korporat dan Perhubungan Antarabangsa, Dr. Firdaus Abdullah yang mewakili Pengarah Kampus, Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali memberi taklimat ringkas mengenai perkembangan kampus UiTM Sarawak kepada rombongan.

Menurut Awang Bakar, lawatan penandaarasan itu tujuan untuk melihat sendiri perkara-perkara terbaik yang telah dilaksanakan di UiTM Sarawak dan boleh dibawa balik serta diamalkan di UiTM Sabah.

"Jika 10-15 tahun dulu, UiTM Sarawak yang datang ke Sabah untuk melihat dan belajar sesuatu dari kita di Sabah. Tapi sekarang, kita pula yang datang ke sini untuk belajar sesuatu dengan Sarawak," katanya dalam ucapan balas sempena lawatan penandaarasan UiTM Sabah ke UiTM Sarawak yang diadakan di Bilik Mesyuarat Utama UiTM Sarawak di sini hari ini.

Beliau berharap, menerusi lawatan tersebut, dapat memberi sesuatu yang lebih bermakna kepada ahli rombongan yang terlibat dalam lawatan itu.

Rombongan UiTM Sabah turut di bawa melawat ke kawasan persekitaran UiTM Sarawak seperti bahagian perpustakaan, bahagian pentadbiran, kewangan, unit komunikasi korporat dan perhubungan antarabangsa dan unit keselamatan.



TERIMALAH...Awang Bakar Awang Tatam (kiri) menyerahkan cenderahati kepada Dr. Firdaus Abdullah selepas sesi taklimat sempena lawatan penandaarasan UiTM Sabah ke UiTM Sarawak yang diadakan di Bilik Mesyuarat Utama UiTM Sarawak.



KENANGAN...Rombongan UiTM Sabah yang diketuai oleh Awang Bakar Awang Tatam (depan dua dari kanan) merakamkan gambar kenang-kenangan bersama kakitan UiTM Sarawak yang diketuai oleh Dr. Firdaus Abdullah (depan tiga dari kanan).

KURSUS PEMANDU CEMERLANG

Disediakan oleh: Fazilawati Othman



Dari barisan kiri En. Ahmad Lotfi dan barisan tengah Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali bersama para peserta yang menjalani Kursus Pemandu Cemerlang di Kampus Kota Samarahan, UiTM Sarawak

Kursus Pemandu Cemerlang telah diadakan pada 12 hingga 15 Mei 2008 yang lepas bertempat di Kampus Kota Samarahan, UiTM Sarawak. Kursus ini telah jayanya dirasmikan oleh Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Hj Hamali, selaku Pengarah Kampus UiTM Sarawak.

Objektif kursus ini diadakan adalah untuk memberi pendedahan dan pemahaman tentang ciri-ciri bagaimana menjadi seorang pemandu cemerlang serta kaedah untuk mempertingkatkan perkhidmatan pemandu.

Kursus ini telah disertai seramai 50 orang peserta daripada Unit Kenderaan UiTM Shah Alam. Program ini telah dijalankan selama 4 hari berturut-turut yang telah dianjurkan oleh Pengurusan Hal Ehwal Pelajar UiTM Shah Alam. Semoga kursus ini menjadi satu motivasi atau inspirasi kepada para pemandu untuk meningkatkan prestasi kerjaya mereka.

Bengkel edUtorium: Parametric and Non Parametric Statistical Test in Research

Disediakan oleh: Lau Ung Hua



Para peserta memberi perhatian penuh berkenaan penggunaan STestMAP

Buat julung julung kalinya, kumpulan penyelidik STestMAP telah berjaya menjalinkan kerjasama dengan Nanyang Technological University (NTU) di Singapura untuk mengadakan Bengkel edUtorium: Parametric and Non Parametric Statistical Test in Research sebagai salah satu daripada bengkel latihan staff NTU. Bengkel ini telah diadakan selama dua hari pada 27-28 November 2008 dan telah dihadiri oleh seramai 37 ahli akademik dan para penyelidik NTU.



Cik Lau Ung Hua mengendalikan salah satu sesi dalam bengkel.

Bengkel ini telah dikendalikan oleh kumpulan penyelidik yang terdiri daripada En. Foo Kien Kheng, Cik Lau Ung Hua dan Dr. Tang Howe Eng. Dalam bengkel ini, para peserta telah didedahkan dengan pelbagai ujian-ujian parameterik dan bukan parameterik dalam pengujian hipotesis dan pemilihan ujian-ujian menggunakan pakej STestMAP yang dihasilkan oleh kumpulan STestMAP.

Selain itu, beberapa isu berkenaan miskonsepsi dalam pengujian hipotesis turut diperbincangkan.



Kumpulan penyelidik yang terdiri daripada En Foo Kien Kheng (Ahli Penyelidik), Dr Tang Howe Eng (Ketua Penyelidik) dan Cik Lau Ung Hua (Timbalan Ketua Penyelidik)

Memandangkan peserta-peserta bengkel ini sebahagian besarnya terdiri daripada kumpulan Profesor, Professor Madya dan Doktor Falsafah, ia telah membawa kepada satu sesi perbincangan yang bernas berkenaan topik yang diutarakan, di samping menghasilkan jalinan perkongsian maklumat (engaged dissemination) yang bermakna bagi kedua-dua pihak. Susulan daripada bengkel ini, peluang kolaborasi terbuka antara penyelidik UiTM dengan NTU dalam bidang statistik gunaan, selaras dengan hala tuju UiTM ke arah pengantarabangsaan.

6th IID 2009

INVENTION, INNOVATION, DESIGN
An R&D Competition

From Research & Innovation to Wealth

13 - 15 January 2009
Dewan Sri Budiman & Annexe

UiTM Sarawak Celebrates Success AT THE INVENTION, INNOVATION AND DESIGN COMPETITION IID 2009

Written by Dr Chong Fen Nee

The 21 teams sent by UiTM Sarawak to the Invention, Innovation and Design 2009 which was held at the Dewan Sri Budiman and Annexe, UiTM Malaysia from 13th – 15th January, 2009 won 11 golds, five silvers and five bronzes. UiTM Sarawak also won two special awards – Best Poster by Mr. Mohd Najib Bin Mat Nor and a third place in Best Innovators of The Year by Mr. Juferi Bin Idris.

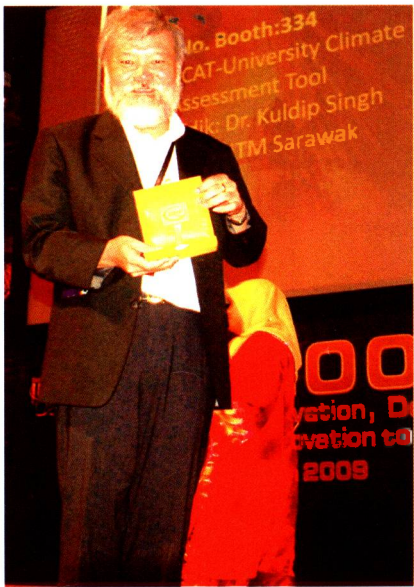


The IID competition is an annual event organised to provide a platform for its lecturers and postgraduate students to exhibit and compete their innovation, invention as well as design works. Those who have won will be sent to compete at the international level. This is the 6th IID organised by UiTM Malaysia with the theme “From Research and Innovation to Wealth”. A total of 407 entries were accepted under three categories – invention, innovation and design. Panel of judges were experts from the various faculties in UiTM Malaysia as well as the industries and other universities. The list of invention, innovation and designs of the UiTM Sarawak are as follows:

Name of the invention/innovation/design	Medals
Sar-Alam Biosolid Compost	Gold
A Computer –Adaptive Subjective Assessment Software for Learning Mathematics	Gold
Eziron Shirt Folder Board	Gold
Infinite Series: Three Dimensional Artwork Based on Islamic Aesthetic Value	Gold
Ipomoea Aquatica	Gold
FagroF	Gold
Sago Kraft Paper	Gold
Webserv Scale	Gold
U-Cat - University Climate Assessment Tool	Gold
E-Inves	Gold
Smart Fluid Dispenser	Gold
Squeeble	Silver
ABG: Accounting Balance Game	Silver
Potential of Local Made Yeast Cake in Bio- Ethanol Production Form Blended Feedstock	Silver
PROVEC	Silver
Smart Air-Con Controller	Silver
X-Lock II	Bronze



This excellent achievement would not be possible without the hard work from the participants, the IID 2009 committee as well as the support from the Campus Director, Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali.



TAKLIMAT ZAKAT PENDAPATAN

Ustaz Mohd Khusyairie Marzuki

Unit Agama dengan kerjasama pihak KEKITA UiTM Sarawak telah menganjurkan Hari Aktiviti sempena bulan Ramadhan mengenai Taklimat Zakat Pendapatan di Bilik Sarjana UiTM Sarawak pada 12 September 2009. Taklimat tersebut disampaikan oleh Ketua Unit Zakat CITU UiTM Shah Alam, Ustaz Nazruddin Hashim.

Tujuan taklimat ini diadakan adalah untuk memberikan maklumat kepada semua staf Muslim tentang kewajipan umat Islam untuk mengeluarkan zakat pendapatan dan tanggungjawab membantu mereka yang berhak untuk menerima sumbangan zakat.

Diharapkan dengan adanya taklimat ini akan memberikan manfaat yang besar kepada semua staf UiTM Sarawak. Bagi mereka yang mempunyai keinginan, masih belum terlambat untuk menunaikan tanggungjawab masing-masing mengeluarkan zakat pendapatan. Borang kebenaran potongan gaji boleh di dapati di Unit Agama dan sila hubungi Pegawai Penasihat Agama UiTM Sarawak:

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KURSUS KEFAHAMAN ISLAM (KKI)

Ustaz Mohd Khusyairie Marzuki



Memandangkan hasrat tinggi Perdana Menteri yang ingin melihat agar lahirnya generasi mahasiswa dan mahasiswi yang Cemerlang, Gemilang dan Terbilang, melalui program pembangunan Modal Insan dan pendekatan Gagasan Islam Hadhari di seluruh institusi pengajian tinggi, maka pihak UiTM Sarawak yang terdiri daripada kakitangan Unit Agama CITU UiTM

Sarawak menganjurkan Kursus Kefahaman Islam (KKI) yang dirasmikan oleh Pengarah Kampus pada 17 Januari 2009 di Auditorium 2 UiTM Sarawak.

UiTM Sarawak mewajibkan kepada semua pelajar kemasukan baru bagi setiap semester untuk menghadiri dengan jayanya dengan beberapa pengisian yang telah disediakan oleh Unit Agama CITU UiTM Sarawak. Jesteru, di antara pendekatan untuk merealisasikan hasrat tinggi kerajaan, maka Kursus Kefahaman Islam ini diadakan pada setiap semester.



Kursus yang bermatlamatkan sesuatu yang lebih besar ini antara lain ialah untuk memberi kefahaman yang jelas kepada pelajar baru mengenai tanggungjawab atau peranan sebagai seorang pelajar Muslim, tuntutan sebenar dalam Islam, cara hidup Islam sepertimana yang telah dianjurkan oleh Junjungan Besar Nabi Muhammad S.A.W yang kita kasihi. Selain itu, tujuan utama kursus ini ialah agar para pelajar baru dapat mengetahui tujuan, matlamat dan cara hidup Islam yang diredhai oleh Allah SWT.



UiTM Sarawak mengadakan Program Masyarakat Penyayang bersama Rumah Kebajikan Kanak- kanak Batu 12 Kuching Sarawak

Oktober 2008 - Fakulti Perakaunan Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak telah menjemput beberapa wakil dan kanak-kanak dari Rumah Kebajikan Kanak-kanak Batu 12 semasa program penutupan aktiviti persatuan pelajar mereka. Pihak fakulti amat berasa bangga kerana Prof. Madya Dr Jamil Hj Hamali, Pengarah kampus turut hadir untuk menyampaikan sumbangan berupa alat tulis kepada Puan Razemah Azool, wakil pengurusan Rumah Kebajikan berkenaan.

Program Masyarakat Penyayang ini merupakan program tahunan bagi Fakulti Perakaunan semenjak 2007. Pengarah kampus UiTM Sarawak telah menyatakan keperluan pelajar UiTM untuk melibatkan diri mereka dalam program-program berbentuk khidmat masyarakat dan aktiviti pelajar yang lain sama ada dianjurkan oleh pihak Hal Ehwal Pelajar, Hal Ehwal Akademik dan universiti bagi melahirkan graduan model UiTM yang berkualiti dan bersahsiah baik. Malah beliau juga diberikan penghormatan untuk menyampaikan hadiah kepada pemenang-pemenang dari Pertandingan Pengucapan Awam, Pertandingan Pembinaan Ihsaniah dan Pertandingan ABG Prinsip Perakaunan.

DEBAT KEMERDEKAAN ALA PARLIMEN 2008 KATEGORI BAHASA MELAYU UiTM SARAWAK

Kelab Debat Bahasa Melayu di bawah Akademi Pengajian Bahasa UiTM Sarawak telah menganjurkan Pertandingan Debat Kemerdekaan bermula pada 12 September hingga 13 September 2008 bertempat di blok D (Peringkat Saringan dan Separuh Akhir) dan Dewan Kuliah 1 (Peringkat Akhir) yang dirasmikan oleh Pengarah Kampus UiTM Sarawak, Yang Berbahagia Profesor Madya Dr. Jamil bin Haji Hamali. Semua pelajar daripada pelbagai Fakulti telah mengambil bahagian dalam pertandingan ini dengan menghantar pasukan handalan masing-masing. Pertandingan ini adalah bertujuan mencungkil bakat pelajar kita dalam arena perdebatan serta memberi peluang kepada mereka untuk menunjukkan bakat serta menggalakkan persaingan yang sihat antara pelajar kita selain meningkatkan semangat patriotisme melalui penggunaan Bahasa Melayu di kalangan mereka. Seramai sepuluh pasukan yang bertanding adalah berdasarkan usul-usul daripada Pertandingan Debat Kemerdekaan 2008 untuk Institusi Pengajian Tinggi.

Pada peringkat Saringan, ia diadakan di Blok D dan sebanyak sepuluh pasukan telah bertanding pada 12 September 2008 dari 2.30 petang hingga 6.15 petang. Pertandingan pada peringkat saringan dibuat menggunakan kaedah kalah mati. Lima pasukan telah menang dan tiga lagi pasukan telah dipilih oleh para hakim berdasarkan pengiraan margin terbaik untuk bertanding pada peringkat suku akhir. Empat pasukan telah layak ke pertandingan peringkat Separuh Akhir yang ditangguhkan pula pada keesokan harinya, 13 September 2008 bermula 9.00 pagi di Blok yang sama. Pada peringkat Akhir pula yang berlangsung di Dewan Kuliah 1, pasukan 16 September (Kerajaan) yang diwakili oleh Jenny, Remmy dan Mohd Syafiee telah berdebat dengan pasukan Identiti Malaysia (Pembangkang) yang diwakili oleh Syaifulrizza, Syed Alwi dan Siti Shaheera. Dalam peringkat ini, keputusan lebih memihak kepada 16 September yang mana usul mereka telah diterima dan Pendebat Terbaik adalah Mohd Syafiee Hamdin. Keputusan Tempat ketiga dimenangi oleh pasukan Maharajalela manakala Tempat ke-empat pula ialah pasukan Tun Mahathir. Syabas dan setinggi tahniah kami ucapkan di atas kemenangan pasukan-pasukan yang bertanding dalam platform perdebatan kali ini.

Konvensyen Akhir KIK Pelajar Peringkat UiTM 2008/2009

Oleh: Mohd Zafian Bin Mohd Zawawi



Gambarajah 1: INFORMS, daripada Kolej Seri Gading UiTM Sarawak memenangi Piala Pusingan Majlis Pengetua, Johan Konvensyen Akhir KIK Pelajar 2008/2009 Peringkat UiTM, Wang Tunai RM2000, Piala Irian & Sijil Penyertaan yang disampaikan oleh PM Dr. Rosmin Talib dan diiringi oleh En. Ibrahim Bin Othman, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa KIK Pelajar 2008/2009.

Konvensyen Akhir KIK Pelajar Peringkat UiTM yang bertemakan "Kreatif, Inovatif Universiti Aktif" telah dijalankan bertempat di Dewan Seminar Melati Perak, Kolej Melati UiTM Malaysia. Ia merupakan konvensyen yang ke-2 selepas konvensyen Pertama juga dijalankan di Shah Alam pada 2007. Dipetik daripada ucapan Yang Berbahagia Datuk Seri Professor Dr. Ibrahim Abu Shah, Konvensyen Akhir KIK pelajar ini sejajar dengan matlamat universiti untuk bersama-sama dengan agensi lain melibatkan diri secara aktif di dalam era globalisasi yang tanpa batasan ini. Tambahan pula ianya diadakan untuk mencungkil bakat-bakat baru di kalangan para pelajar yang kelak akan menjadi kumpulan pelapis kecemerlangan dan kegemilangan universiti dan negara secara berterusan. Justeru itu usaha ini juga akan dapat merealisasikan matlamat kerajaan di dalam Rancangan Malaysia ke-9, iaitu ke arah mewujudkan "Pembangunan Modal Insan" yang cemerlang serta seimbang.

Seramai 11 kumpulan KIK Pelajar Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) yang diwakili oleh kampus Shah Alam dan Kampus-kampus Cawangan telah berjaya membuat persembahan yang berlangsung selama 2 hari bermula pada 17-18 Januari 2008.

Bil	Kolej/ Cawangan	Nama Kumpulan	Tajuk Projek
1	Kolej Anggerik, UiTM Malaysia	Great Teenagers Innovative (GTI)	Proses Daftar Masuk di Kolej Anggerik yang Lambat
2	Kolej Perindu & Kenanga, UiTM Malaysia	Perindu Kenanga Research Team (PKRT)	Pelajar Kolej Perindu/Kenanga Tidak Mengenal Pegawai
3	Kolej Meranti, UiTM Malaysia	Meranti Millenium	Pembangunan Pelajar (PPP) Mereka Baju di ampaian Kerap Jatuh Daripada Ampaian di kolej Meranti
4	Kolej Seroja, UiTM Malaysia	Seroja Viva Storm	Penggunaan yang Kurang oleh Pengguna terhadap Gimnasium di Kolej Seroja
5	Kolej Delima, UiTM Malaysia	Ideas	Masalah Baju Basah Akibat Hujan Tiruan
6	Kolej Melati, UiTM Malaysia	6 Sense	Ampaian yang Tidak Mencukupi di Kolej Melati
7	Kolej Mahsuri, UiTM Kedah	Resolusi	Masalah kecurian di Kolej Mahsuri
8	UiTM Sabah	Refflesia	Easy Registration Room System (EZ-R2 system)
9	Kolej Beringin, UiTM Perlis	Grand Beringin	Lampu Korridor yang Jarang ditutup
10	UiTM Perak	Diamond	Kekurangan Tingkap Berhabuk
11	Kolej Seri Gading, UiTM Sarawak	INFORMS	Penutup Tong Sampah yang Sering Tercabut, Rosak & Hilang.

Jadual 1: Kumpulan-kumpulan yang Menyertai Konvensyen KIK Pelajar 2008/2009

Konvensyen ini diadili oleh 3 orang panel hakim yang arif lagi bijaksana iaitu saudara En. Mohd Ehsan Amin, Penolong Pendaftar Kanan Unit Pengurusan Kualiti, UiTM Malaysia; Dr. Haji. Mustafa Hashim, Pengurus Perbadanan Produktiviti Malaysia (MPC), dan En. Kamaruzzaman Kasim, Pengurus Unit Konvensyen Produktiviti Malaysia (MPC). Setiap kumpulan akan diadili mengikut kriteria berikut:

- Pengenalan Kumpulan
- Pemilihan Projek & Definisi
- Analisis Peluang Penambahbaikan
- Perlaksanaan Cadangan Kreatif & Inovatif
- Pemantauan dan Piawaian
- Pencapaian dan Pembelaan
- Persembahan.

Konvensyen Akhir KIK Pelajar Peringkat UiTM 2008/2009 ini juga telah menyediakan pelbagai anugerah dan pengiktirafan kepada kumpulan-kumpulan dan individu yang berjaya. Di antara anugerah dan pengiktirafan yang dimenangi oleh kumpulan KIK pelajar adalah seperti yang ditunjukkan dalam jadual 2.

Bil	Anugerah / Pengiktirafan	Kumpulan / Kolej / Cawangan
1.	Piala Pusingan Majlis Pengetua Johan Konvensyen Akhir KIK Pelajar 2008/2009 Peringkat UiTM, Wang Tunai RM2000, Piala Irian & Sijil Penyertaan	INFORMS, Kolej Seri Gading, UiTM Sarawak
2.	Naib Johan Konvensyen Akhir KIK Pelajar 2008/2009 Peringkat UiTM, Wang Tunai RM1500, Piala Irian & Sijil Penyertaan	INFORMS, Kolej Seri Gading, UiTM Sarawak
3.	Tempat Ke-3 Konvensyen Akhir KIK Pelajar 2008/2009 Peringkat UiTM, Wang Tunai RM1000, Piala Irian & Sijil Penyertaan	Great Teenagers Innovative (GTI)/ Kolej Anggerik, UiTM Malaysia
4.		IDEAS, Kolej Delima, UiTM Malaysia
5.	Hadiah Pembentang Terbaik	Saudari Atikah, Kumpulan Diamond, UiTM Perak
6.	Persembahan Kumpulan Terbaik	Kumpulan Diamond, UiTM Perak
7.	Logo Terbaik	Great Teenagers Innovative (GTI)/ Kolej Anggerik, UiTM Malaysia
8.	Fasilitator Terbaik Kumpulan KIK Pelajar 2008/2009	Mohd Zafian Bin Mohd Zawawi, Kumpulan INFORMS/Kolej Seri Gading/ UiTM Sarawak

Jadual 2: Anugerah dan Pengiktirafan yang dimenangi oleh kumpulan KIK Pelajar pada Konvensyen Akhir KIK pelajar Peringkat UiTM 2008/2009

My Teacher, My Friend

By Yuthandy



Numerous studies have been carried out to examine the impact of out-of-class faculty interaction with students on student satisfaction and success in higher education. One such study was recently carried out by Ibtesan Halawah at Ajman University in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. Her report entitled 'The Impact Of Student-Faculty Informal Interpersonal Relationships On Intellectual And Personal Development' was published in the College Student Journal, Sep 2006, Vol 40, Issue 3

The following are some extracts from this article.

* 'Most experts in higher education agree that students' informal interactions with faculty members have a positive relationship to personal growth as well as academic achievement. Successful students consistently rated teachers as friends, helpers, and assistants. Informal interaction of college students and faculty affects students' academic achievement, satisfaction with college, and intellectual and personal development (Lamport, 1993).'

* 'According to Hopkins (1993) successful students consistently rated their teachers first as friends, second as helpers, and third as teachers. He concluded that the students who primarily saw their teacher as friends made the greatest overall progress and displayed a strong level of commitment of course work.'

* 'Flannelly (1990) concluded from his study that students' scores on academic quality of effort scales vary directly with the degree of faculty contact. He found that high levels of student-faculty contact coincide with high student scores on quality of effort measures. The students who reported higher levels of faculty contact also reported

exerting more effort in their studies and greater use of educational resources.'

* 'According to Aluko (1994) teaching goes beyond transmitting knowledge to students. Faculty members, therefore, must help to develop their students emotionally. It is important that faculty members interact with their students, not only in the classroom but outside the classroom as well.'

* 'Students who were defined as successful by both college standards and self-report tended to report good relationships with faculty. In contrast, students lacking either college-defined or self-reported success reported few friendships positive for growth and lack of a strong relationship with at least one faculty member. It was concluded that success or failure was, in large part, based on the interactions between faculty and students (Peglow and Walleri, 1990).'

* 'It is widely held that, as far as the educational activities of universities are concerned, close personal relationships between staff and students play a major part in fostering the intellectual development of students and help to make the teaching activities of academics more satisfying and rewarding. As noted by Endo and Harpel (1981) faculty-student interactions have an important impact on student outcomes. In addition, Iverson, Pascarella, and Terenzini (1984) concluded from their study that the frequency of informal faculty-student contact focusing on academic topics has a significant positive influence on students in higher education.

(Full text of this article is available on the Proquest online database)

Hari Aktiviti 2008

(Wan Samiati Andriana W Mohamd Daud)

Hari Aktiviti bertemakan GET FIT TO BE CREATIVE anjuran bersama Fakulti Sains Sukan dan Rekreasi dan Fakulti Seni Lukis dan Seni Reka telah berlangsung pada 25 Julai 2008 di Dewan Jubli Universiti Teknologi Mara Sarawak. Seramai 100 orang kakitangan UiTM Sarawak mengambil bahagian dalam aktiviti ini.

Acara dimulakan dengan senamrobik dan senaman poco-poco serta diikuti dengan acara explorace yang mana dibahagikan kepada 6 checkpoint. Setiap kumpulan dikehendaki untuk menyelesaikan aktiviti di setiap checkpoint bagi mendapat bahan-bahan yang akan digunakan di checkpoint yang terakhir di mana setiap kumpulan dimestikan menghasilkan pakaian beragam lelaki dan wanita untuk tujuan peragaan.

Hari Aktiviti ini dianjurkan adalah bertujuan untuk memupuk semangat ukhwah dan kerjasama yang tinggi di kalangan kakitangan UiTM Sarawak selain menguji ketahanan mental serta fizikal kakitangan di samping menimba pengalaman baru. Hadiah telah disampaikan oleh En. Jalil Lop, Timbalan Pengarah Hal Ehwal Pelajar



SEMINAR KERJAYA DPIM

Pada 22 Mac yang lalu, pihak Diploma Pengurusan Ladang telah mengadakan satu seminar kerjaya yang melibatkan seramai 44 orang para pelajar dari bahagian 5 dan bahagian 6. Seminar ini diadakan di Auditorium 1 dan disertai juga oleh tiga orang pensyarah iaitu Puan Hasmah bt Mohidin, Puan Azlina bt Ghazali serta Puan Lily Motem.

Tujuan seminar ini diadakan adalah untuk membantu para pelajar dalam menyediakan resume dengan baik dan berkualiti, untuk mendengar dan memahami mengenai sumber manusia dan organisasi sebuah jabatan, dapat menyedari kepentingan bahasa Inggeris sebagai bahasa pertuturan dalam organisasi pekerjaan serta dapat mengetahui persediaan apabila menghadiri temuduga nanti. Tambahan pula, para pelajar dapat membuat persediaan dalam menempuhi alam pekerjaan untuk masa hadapan. Seminar ini juga dapat membantu para pelajar dalam meningkatkan keyakinan diri mereka untuk bekerja dengan penuh semangat dan berkualiti sekaligus membimbing mereka untuk mengharungi segala bentuk cabaran apabila menempuh alam pekerjaan nanti. Tidak kurang juga, para pelajar dapat pelbagai nasihat serta khidmat kaunseling mengenai alam pekerjaan kelak.

Antara aspek yang diberi penekanan adalah seperti slot kerjaya yang disampaikan oleh Puan Azlian Ghazali dengan menekankan keperluan bahasa Inggeris dalam kerjaya di pengurusan Perladangan dan lain-lain sektor pertanian dan penyelidikan. Penulisan resume turut dititikberatkan dengan penceramah bimbingan oleh Puan Lily Metom serta seminar diakhiri dengan slot temuduga dan mencari peluang pekerjaan melalui data internet dan jaringan industri yang disampaikan oleh Puan Hasmah Mohidin.

Memang tidak dinafikan yang seminar ini telah berjaya memberi input yang begitu berkesan kepada para pelajar untuk mendapatkan pekerjaan serta menjadi pekerja yang berkualiti serta cemerlang pada masa akan datang.

Lawatan Profesor Edie Rasmussen, Profesor Dan Pengarah Universiti British Columbia



Pada 13 Mac 2009 yang lalu, Fakulti Pengurusan Maklumat, UiTM Sarawak dengan kerjasama Persatuan Pengurusan Maklumat (INFORMS) telah mengadakan satu perjumpaan khas bersempena lawatan sulung akademik Profesor Edie Rasmussen daripada Universiti British Columbia, Kanada selaku Audit Luaran ke universiti ini. Perjumpaan khas ini adalah untuk memberi peluang kepada Profesor Edie Rasmussen berkongsi pengalaman, pengetahuan dan kemahiran beliau dalam bidang yang diceburi kepada para pensyarah dan para pelajar Fakulti Pengurusan Maklumat. Selain itu, Profesor Edie Rasmussen turut diiringi oleh pensyarah dan ahli jawatankuasa INFORMS melawat ke Perpustakaan dan Galeri Korporat.

Profesor Edie Rasmussen merupakan seorang Pensyarah dari Universiti British Columbia yang mengkhusus dalam bidang sains Pengurusan maklumat. Lawatan akademik beliau ke UiTM Sarawak ini merupakan lawatannya yang pertama dan beliau berasa gembira dengan sambutan yang diterima. Malah, perjumpaan ini telah mendapat kerjasama yang menggalakkan daripada para pensyarah, ahli jawatankuasa INFORMS dan 40 orang pelajar yang telah menerima Anugerah Dekan pada Oktober 2008 yang lepas serta pihak yang terlibat.

Hasil daripada lawatan tersebut, para pensyarah dan para pelajar telah mendapat ilmu pengetahuan yang bermanfaat. Diharapkan pengetahuan yang diperolehi sepanjang perjumpaan tersebut dapat dimanfaatkan untuk meningkatkan kualiti pengajaran dan pembelajaran amnya.

SEMINAR ON PROTOCOL & EFFECTIVE MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Prepared by: Prof. Madya Pauline Achan

The Diploma in Office Management and Technology students from the Faculty of Office Management & Technology, UiTM Sarawak organized a Seminar on Protocol & Effective Master of Ceremonies on 14 March 2009 (Saturday) at the Harbour View Hotel, Kuching. The seminar was organized by the semester 4 students, in fulfillment for the completion of their Organizing Events course. It was officiated by the Deputy Campus Director for Student Affairs, Associate Professor Dr. Hj. Fatimah Bujang.

The Course Lecturer/Advisor, Associate Professor Pauline Achan said that this course is very useful as students are not only trained to master the basics but lessons are also learned first-hand as they progress through the various stages of organizing an event. Those are lessons that no book can ever so eloquently describe for them to experience.

The seminar was attended by 100 students from the various faculties in UiTM Sarawak. The topics chosen are very relevant as students need to acquire other knowledge and skills apart from what is taught in the classrooms. Administrative office personnel are often required to organize events for their organization, as such it is pertinent that the would-be graduates from the Faculty of Office Management & Technology be aware of the correct protocol since any event will not be successfully organized if the correct protocol is not adhered to, whilst at the same time painting a negative picture of the organizers. Equally important is the role of the Master of Ceremonies as he or she plays a very critical role in ensuring the event runs smoothly, lively or dull.

In its efforts to produce highly employable graduates, The Faculty of Office Management & Technology is offering several courses that can help beef up the students' soft skills in order to enhance their marketability as well as job sustenance.

Written by Silverina Anabelle Kibat

The "Germany Faces Malaysia"

Exhibition was held in Kuching from the 22nd until 24th May 2009. Even though the final examinations were close, Puan Noor Shima Antony, Head of program and students of the Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management were excited about the exhibition.

On the first day, the 2nd and 4th semester students went to the Sarawak Museum to attend the "100 Best Posters" Exhibition and Workshop. The workshop was organised in conjunction with an exhibit of 100 acclaimed posters from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and other European countries. While at the workshop, it took awhile for the student to assimilate the topic since the speaker touched on techniques use by the professional painters, and countless unfamiliar terms with tourism students.

On the second day, the students and lecturers, looked forward to attend the *Food Fest* at the Hilton Hotel. Unfortunately, due to miscommunication it turned out that the 'Food Fest' was really a 'Food Tasting'.

On the last day of the festival, was the German Film Fest held in UNIMAS. We saw the last movie titled *One Day in Europe*. The film highlighted four strangers in Europe, who, were facing difficult, varied situations in just one day. The movie, in one and a half hour, took us across a few countries around Europe with diverse cultures and exposed us to a variety of European languages such as German, Russian and French. The *Germany Faces Malaysia* Festival was educational as well as fun.

*The participants were the 2nd, 4th and 6th semesters students of Diploma in Tourism. Accompanying lecturers; Miss Silverina Anabelle Kibat, Madam Johanna Adlin Ahmad and Miss Raneef Atlas.

Academic Visit to the Sarawak General Hospital

by Hanita Tambi



On the 6th of Mac 2009, students from the BBA (Finance) Club made an academic visit to the Sarawak General Hospital. We received a warm welcome from Miss Suzima Siping, Public Relation Officer and several staff nurses. The session began with a short briefing from Miss Suzima and ended with the token of appreciation giving session.

We were taken to the respective wards which included the Children's Oncology ward, Children's Medical ward, Children's Orthopaedic ward and Radiotherapy Unit.

Through their observations students felt enlightened and felt compassion for the plight of the patients. They could empathized with the family of the patients and that fulfilled the objective of the visit which was mainly to see for ourselves the plight of the patients and their families. It was also to observe the management of the hospital. It was found that the management has managed the hospital environment well. The trip was very fruitful in a sense that it helped to inculcate the importance of health among the students. We were very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to visit the hospital. We thank the staff and management of the hospital for their hospitality.

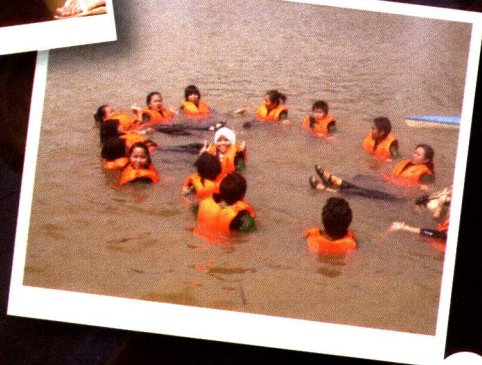


'Blood Saves Lives; Safe Blood Starts with Me'

With 318 pints of blood collections during 2007 blood donation campaign organized by Academic Bureau of KEKITA & Diploma in Nursing Program, UiTM Sarawak had won a Viagulam – Lazaramah Challenge Trophy for the new voluntary blood donors' recruitment campaign cum competition. This challenge trophy awarded to UiTM Sarawak in conjunction with 2008 Blood Donors Awards Presentation ceremony organized by The Malaysian Red Crescent Society, Kuching Chapter held in Auditorium Majlis Bandaraya Kuching Selatan on 19th July 2008. UiTM Sarawak was represented by Dr. Kamarudin Bin Jara'ee, UiTM Sarawak's Medical Officer to receive the trophy from Y.B. Dr. Abang Haji Abdul Rauf Abang Haji Zain on behalf of Y.A.B. Datuk Amar Puan Sri Dr. Hajjah Laila Taib, Patron of the Malaysian Red Crescent Society, Kuching Chapter. This trophy is a form of motivational award to encourage UiTM Sarawak to continuously involve and conduct such campaign in order to compete for the Cho Bok Challenge Trophy for Higher Learning Institutions / Schools. In additions, an Academic Staff of UiTM Sarawak, Mr. Awang Rozaimie Bin Awang Shuib had received a Voluntary Blood Donors Awards Certificate for his 40th blood donations at the ceremony. With slogan 'Blood Saves Lives; Safe Blood Starts with Me', perhaps blood donation campaign cultivate a culture in UiTM Sarawak as part of its community service activity.



Kayak Clinic
& Mini Expedition
at Kuching Waterfront



A Day at Kayak Clinic & Mini Expedition at Kuching Waterfront

On 11th October 2008, the 3rd semester students of Diploma in Tourism Management had successfully completed the Basic Kayak Clinic and mini expeditions from the Waterfront to Bintawa Bridge, Kuching. The clinic was conducted as part of the student's learning session for the course Tour Guiding Skills (HTT 257); a subject that exposes the students on the interpersonal and practical skills of being a tour guide.

The program started at 10.30am with a warm-up exercise. After getting their muscle's ready, the activities continued with briefings by the President of Sarawak Canoe Society, Encik Majais Bujang. The students learnt various aspects of managing kayak such as ways to handle the kayak while on land, techniques such as to how enter the kayak, ways to paddle; and safety aspects of kayak such as what to do when the kayak capsizes.

At 2pm, the students entered the murky Sarawak River to complete the Water Confident session, a common program conducted especially for any kayak expeditions. It enables the participants to gain their confidence to be in the water with the aid of their life jacket. It teaches the students to be calm should any emergency occur during the expeditions, thus help to avoid panic.

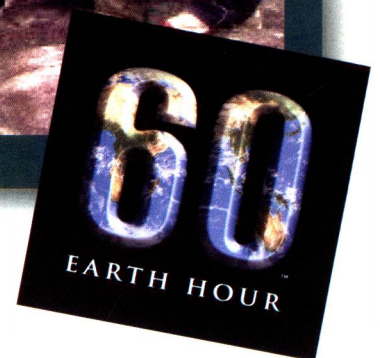
After much anticipation, the students and their kayak partners finally boarded their kayaks. By 3pm, all fifteen kayaks belonging to Diploma in Tourism Management, three instructors, and a speed boat left the Waterfront for a lifetime expedition. Each journey was different for the students, some of the students paddled too fast, some were too slow, some could not kayak in a straight line hence they headed for the tree instead. There was even a pair of kayakers using a leaked kayak thus one could only see their body but not their submerged kayak. However, the drama was only temporary and all kayakers happily smiled when they managed to meet up under the Bintawa Bridge. After getting enough rest, the students continued their journey back to the Waterfront and the expedition finally ends at 6pm.

The Basic Kayak Clinic was chosen to be part of Tour Guiding Skills course due to the growing interests of kayak tour in Sarawak and the benefits gained by the students in obtaining practical skills. Kayaking is a great way for students to learn positive values such as the importance of teamwork, enhancing the students' problem solving and communication skills, safety management and most importantly, having a positive attitude towards life. These aspects are important values which could be applied not only in tour guiding careers, but other careers as well.

**The Basic Kayak Clinic was assisted by Sarawak Canoe Society and a project supervised by lecturer Johanna Adlin Ahmad.*

EARTH HOUR

AT BAKO NATIONAL PARK BY JOHANNA ADLIN AHMAD



On the 28th & 29th March 2009, 26 students from Diploma in Tourism Management and three lecturers, Johanna Adlin Ahmad, Silverina Kibat and Ranee Atlas, went for an educational trip at Bako National Park. The trip was organized as a part of Tour-Guiding Skills (HTT 257) course. The students were required to observe, analyze and do discussion sessions with national park guide.

The visitation at the national park was managed by the Park Guide, Mr. Auby Elias. On the first day, the students were given a tour to see the exotic lime stone formations around the park. Later, there was a briefing by Encik Auby regarding the history and information on Bako National Park. The activities continued with a discussion and story-telling session with the park guide regarding the roles and functions of a tour guide. Some of the topics discussed were the responsibilities of a tour guide towards the tourists, the importance of customer service, risk management and even of survival tips in the forest.

At 8.00 pm, the world celebrated the "Earth Hour" by switching off the lights around major cities for one hour. In response, the Bako National Park was also plunged into darkness. The students experienced *staying-in-the-dark* at the park.

In the pitch black of the night, the students sat quietly in a circle at in the outdoor while the park guide directed the students on how to spot constellation of stars in the sky such as Ursa Minor, Ursa Major and Orion. The night's activities concluded with a night-walk session to spot firefly, in the forest.

In the morning of the final day, the students were given educational tour on the types of medicinal trees found in the vicinity. It was followed by jungle trekking activities at the nearby hills where the students were able to witness the flora and fauna available at Bako National Park including the proboscis

monkey, plants such as the *Kacip Fatimah* and *nepenthes*, the seven types of forest and others. The students and lecturers returned to UiTM in the afternoon.

The trip to Bako National Park provided a great opportunity for the students to learn more about tour guiding from experienced tour guides. The trip also exposed them to the wonderful treasures of Sarawak—the rainforest. It is hoped that, in addition, they have learnt the importance of being responsible towards preservation and conservation of natural heritage—as it is the only way that our natural forest can be sustained for our future generations...

LAWATAN KE SIBU

oleh: Leftenan Kolonel Saiful Anwar

Satu lawatan sambil belajar oleh FSPPP-AM 110 (PAD 260) ke Batalion Ke 3 Rejimen Renjer Diraja, Kem Oya, Sibu telah dilakukan pada 20 Mac hingga 22 Mac 09. Rombongan lawatan tersebut terdiri dari 16 siswa dan 26 siswi telah diketuai oleh Leftenan Kolonel Saiful Anwar Md Ali (Bersara), pensyarah kanan fakulti berkenaan. Rombongan tersebut telah disambut dengan penuh mesra oleh Leftenan Kolonel Wan Azni selaku Pegawai Memerintah batalion tersebut dan para pegawai di pasukan berkenaan.

Sepanjang lawatan tersebut, para siswa dan siswi telah didedahkan dengan perkara yang berkaitan dengan pelaksanaan pengurusan pejabat dan organisasi di pasukan tersebut. Pasukan tersebut turut mempamerkan persembahan daripada Platun Tambor dan Serunai, Tarian Perang Batalion dan pameran senjata kecil dan berat. Lawatan ke Kampung Survival telah memberi penjelasan tentang kehidupan tentera semasa beroperasi di dalam hutan tebal.

Pertandingan bola jaring dan bola tampar di antara para siswa dan siswi dengan pasukan 3 RRD juga telah diadakan bagi merapatkan lagi silaturrahim. Sebagai Majlis Penutup dan meraikan para siswa dan siswi,, pihak 3 RRD telah menganjurkan Majlis Barbecue pada sebelah malam dengan diiringi oleh Kugiran 'The Red Hackle'. Lawatan tersebut telah memberi manfaat dan pengalaman yang baru kepada para siswa dan siswi fakulti tersebut.



Pameran Diploma FSSR



Pengarah Museum merasmikan pembukaan pameran diploma FSSR.



Pelawat-pelawat sedang memerhatikan hasil kerja pelajar

Pameran diploma bagi pelajar semesta akhir adalah julung-julung kali diadakan di UiTM Sarawak pada 21 November 2008 di Dewan Jubli dan dirasmikan oleh YB Dato' Hj Sanib Haji Said, Pengarah Museum Negeri Sarawak.

Pameran Diploma FSSR ini mempamerkan hasil-hasil karya 22 orang pereka muda yang merupakan kumpulan pertama pelajar fakulti ini yang akan menamatkan pengajian mereka.

Antara objektif pameran ini diadakan adalah untuk memberi pendedahan yang secukupnya kepada para pelajar dalam usaha untuk menyediakan mereka untuk melangkah ke persada seni tanah air serta kerjaya mereka. Pameran ini juga bertujuan untuk meningkatkan keyakinan pelajar di samping mewujudkan jaringan dengan pihak industri dan memperkasakan Fakulti Seni Lukis dan Seni Reka UiTM Sarawak.

PROJEK MURAL FSSR, UiTM SARAWAK 2008



Imej mural akhir kumpulan ADD2A1



Imej mural akhir kumpulan ADD2A2

Projek Mural FSSR, UiTM Sarawak 2008 yang bertemakan Retro dan berkonsepkan pendidikan telah bermula dari 22 September 2008 hingga 24 Oktober 2008 yang melibatkan seramai 37 orang pelajar semester 02 Fakulti Seni Lukis dan Seni Reka.

Objektif utama projek ini diadakan adalah untuk menyemarakkan keyakinan diri dalam penghasilan karya seni secara berkumpulan di kawasan terbuka atau awam serta memberi pendedahan kepada pelajar FSSR terutama dari kalangan pelajar semester 02 untuk mengaplikasikan projek warna yang terkandung di dalam Komunikasi Tampak.

Para pelajar telah memberi komitmen yang tinggi dalam menyiapkan projek mural yang diadakan di Fakulti Seni Lukis dan Seni Reka, UiTM Sarawak. Semangat kerja berpasukan serta berbekalkan idea yang kreatif, akhirnya melahirkan sebuah karya seni yang amat membanggakan.

Kawasan persekitaran laluan antara Block J ke Block I akan lebih menarik dan ceria dengan dihiasi karya kreatif mural yang mampu meningkatkan imej seni universiti ini setaraf dengan seni universiti lain.



LAPORAN Ekspo Selangkah KE UiTM 2009

Ekspo Selangkah Ke-UiTM 2009 (ESKU) anjuran Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak Kampus Samarahan pada 14 Mac 2009 hingga 15 Mac 2009 telah mendapat sambutan hangat apabila lebih 4,000 pengunjung hadir sepanjang dua hari penganjuran ekspo tersebut berlangsung. Selain penganjuran di Dewan Jubli UiTM Sarawak Kampus Samarahan, ekspo yang sama turut dianjurkan serentak di UiTM Sarawak Kampus Mukah, Mega Hotel dan Pustaka Miri, Hotel Parkcity Everly Bintulu dan Ruang Legar Perpustakaan Sri Aman.

Ekspo yang masuk tahun kedua penganjurannya itu mendapat respon yang cukup menggalakkan khususnya pelajar lepasan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia.

Berkonsepkan *One Stop Center*, ESKU menyediakan pelbagai kemudahan kepada pengunjung di bawah satu bumbung, mula dikunjungi pengunjung seawal jam 8.15 pagi. 30 ruang pameran daripada setiap fakulti mengambil bahagian dalam ESKU yang memberi pelbagai maklumat dan informasi kepada para penganjung mengenai kursus-kursus yang ditawarkan. Fakulti Teknologi Kreatif dan Artistik dan Fakulti Pengajian Komunikasi dan Media dari UiTM Shah Alam serta Kolej SATT turut mengambil bahagian.

Kaunter Bank Simpanan Nasional juga disediakan bertujuan untuk memudahkan bakal pelajar membeli nombor pin bagi permohonan menerusi sistem *online*.



Objektif utama penganjuran Ekspo Selangkah Ke UiTM 2009 adalah :-

- 1 Memberi maklumat dan khidmat nasihat mengenai program-program yang ditawarkan di UiTM.
- 2 Memberi penerangan dan penjelasan mengenai prosedur dan syarat-syarat kemasukan ke UiTM.
- 3 Memberi khidmat nasihat dan bantuan dalam proses permohonan kemasukan ke UiTM
- 4 Mengenalpasti program-program yang ditawarkan di peringkat sijil, diploma, sarjana muda, sarjana dan doktor falsafah di UiTM.



Para pengunjung turut dihiburkan dengan pelbagai persembahan seperti persembahan kesenian, demonstrasi Silat Cekak Hanafi, nyanyian, debat, *live band*, poco-poco dan sebagainya.

Bagi memeriahkan lagi EKSU kali ini, pertandingan ruang pameran terbaik turut diadakan. Pertandingan yang dihakimi oleh pihak berkecuali itu memberi ruang kepada setiap fakulti untuk menunjukkan bakat serta kreativiti mereka dalam menghias dan mencantikkan ruang pameran masing-masing. Fakulti Sains Gunaan menjuarai pertandingan ini diikuti Fakulti Seni Bina Perancangan dan Ukur di tempat kedua sementara Fakulti Seni Lukis dan Seni Reka di tempat ketiga.

Penganjuran ESKU sememangnya salah satu strategi yang berkesan untuk mencapai sasaran pelajar seramai 200,000 pelajar menjelang tahun 2015. Berdasarkan kehadiran pengunjung yang ramai, UiTM sebagai sebuah universiti awam terbesar di Malaysia, menawarkan yuran pengajian termurah tetap menjadi pilihan utama pelajar untuk melanjutkan pelajaran.

UiTM Sarawak excelled at the Conference on Scientific and Social Research 2008/2009 (CSSR08'09)

by Prof. Madya Dr. Margaret Chan

The Conference on Scientific and Social Research 2008/2009 (CSSR08'09), a major event on the Universiti Teknologi MARA calendar was held on the 14 - 15 March 2009 at A'Famosa Resort, Malacca. This was a platform for all researchers of the university to present their findings of their completed research projects using grants awarded by Fundamental Research Science Grants, eScience, eIRPA, 'Dana Kecemerlangan', Contract Research Grants and others. In line with the theme of the Conference: "Quality Research Creates Quality Publications", two reputable keynote speakers, Professor Dr. Binshan Lin, BellSouth Corporation Professor in Business Administration from Louisiana State University, USA and Professor Dr. Hj. Kamaruzaman Jusoff from Universiti Putra Malaysia addressed issues pertaining to publishing research papers shedding light on strategies in producing research papers for journals of high impact.

A total of 291 papers were presented in the conference during the two-day conference of which 31 papers came from UiTM Sarawak. Six awards were received by UiTM Sarawak as listed:

Project with Commercial Potential (UiTM-Industrial Linkage and Centre Award)

- Uses of Sago Kraft Paper

by Wan Samiati Andriana bt W Mohamad Daud, by Prof. Madya Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok, Norazlin Abdullah and Safrina Muhammad Azmi

Best Papers in the Business Management Cluster

- Critical Success Factors of Expatriation by Malaysian International Corporations

by Senian Malie, Awang Rozaimie Awang Shuib and Isma izza Mohd Esa

- Measuring and Managing Franchisee Satisfaction: A Study of Academic Franchising

by Dr. Firdaus Abdullah, Prof. Madya Dr. Rashidee Alwi, Dr. Voon Boo Hoo and Prof. Maya Dr. Nagarajah Lee

Best Paper in the Science and Technology Cluster

- Growth Response of *Canna orientalis* to Biosolid Compost

by Prof. Madya Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok, Prof. Madya Ong Mooi Lian, Khong Heng Yen, Hasmah Mohidin and Zayn Al-abideen Bin Gregory

Best Presenter in the Social Science and Humanity Cluster

- Prof. Madya Dr. Simon Faizal Hakim delivering his paper on A Corpus-Based Archive of Learner English in Sabah/Sarawak (Cales Phase 2)

Best Papers in the Business Management Cluster

- Senian Malie delivering his paper on Critical Success Factors of Expatriation by Malaysian International Corporations



Photo (from left):
Wan Samiati Andriana, Prof. Madya Dr. Margaret, Dr. Firdaus Abdullah, and Associate Professor Dr. Rosita



Associate Professor Dr. Simon Faizal Hakim received the award for his presentation. The presentation was based on his research on English language errors made by students in four higher education institutions in Sarawak and Sabah

MAJLIS ANUGERAH NAIB CANSELOR & ANUGERAH DEKAN

Majlis tersebut telah diadakan pada 19 Februari 2009 di Hotel Riverside Majestic, Kuching. Majlis Penyampaian Sijil Anugerah Pelajar Cemerlang ini diserikan lagi dengan kehadiran tetamu kehormat iaitu Yang Berbahagia Dato' Seri Prof. Ibrahim Abu Shah, Naib Canselor Universiti Teknologi MARA dan sekaligus merasmikan majlis pada malam itu. Antara yang turut hadir untuk penganugerahan tersebut adalah Pengarah Kampus, Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali, Timbalan Pengarah Hal Ehwal Akademik, Prof. Madya Dr. Hjh. Fatimah bt Bujang, Timbalan Pengarah Hal Ehwal Pelajar dan Alumni, Encik Abdul Jalil bin Lob, Timbalan Pengarah Penyelidikan dan Jaringan Industri yang baru, Prof. Madya Dr. Rosita Suhaimi, ketua-ketua bahagian, ketua-ketua program, pegawai-pegawai dan staf-staf Hal Ehwal Akademik serta pihak media. Seramai 15 orang pelajar telah mendapat Anugerah Naib Canselor pada Peperiksaan Oktober 2008. Namun 5 orang sahaja yang hadir pada majlis tersebut.



Headmaster Students (PKPGB) of UiTM Sarawak Visiting MAMPU

Kuching: A group of 34 headmaster students Program Khas Pensiswazahan Guru Besar (PKPGB) today visited MAMPU Sarawak office at Bangunan Sultan Iskandar. The students are actually half of the third intake group (total 68 admitted in November 2007) of headmasters from several primary schools in Sarawak, and are currently studying a course called Quality Management as part of the requirement of the program for the degree of Bachelor of Education (Hons.) in Educational Management at University Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak. Quality Management is one of the courses in fourth phase of the total 12 phases program, and the visit is actually to expose them to quality initiatives practiced in the public sector. The Coordinator of PKPGB at UiTM Sarawak, Associate Professor Wajidi Hj. Kerni said that PKPGB is a special program introduced in year 2005 by Ministry of Education with the cooperation of most Malaysian public universities in offering Bachelor in Education degree program to the currently serving headmasters, so as to upgrade the quality of primary school education in the country. He thanked and appreciated the Director of UiTM Sarawak, Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali for his far sightedness in bringing this program to Sarawak for making the primary school headmasters to become more professional in educational management and leadership.



The headmaster students at MAMPU office with Saudi (in black suit).

While at MAMPU office, the students were briefed on the roles of MAMPU in the public services and their various quality initiatives. The briefing on the modernization of public services and quality initiatives was delivered by the Puan Cornelia Wong Chui while Mr Lee Kok Seng delivered on the ICT applications.

The headmaster students were delighted with the briefing as they were exposed to the concepts, practices and seeing for themselves the living examples of quality programs practiced by MAMPU.

The students' representative, Yunus Padzil, who has expressed great satisfaction over the visit, believes that the information has benefited all the headmaster students who are mostly coming from the rural schools. He is keen to bring his team of teachers from SK Munggu Bringin, Sri Aman for a similar visit in the future.

UiTM Sarawak Caring Society Programme

with Rumah Kebajikan Kanak-kanak Batu 12 Kuching Sarawak

October 2008 - Faculty Accountancy of University Teknologi MARA Sarawak had invited representatives and some childrens from Rumah Kebajikan Kanak-kanak Batu 12 during their students' society closing ceremony. It was a great pleasure to have Prof. Madya Dr Jamil Hj Hamali the campus director to hand over the student's contribution in the form of stationeries to Puan Razemah Azool the representative for Rumah Kebajikan Kanak-kanak Batu 12 Kuching Sarawak during the occasion.



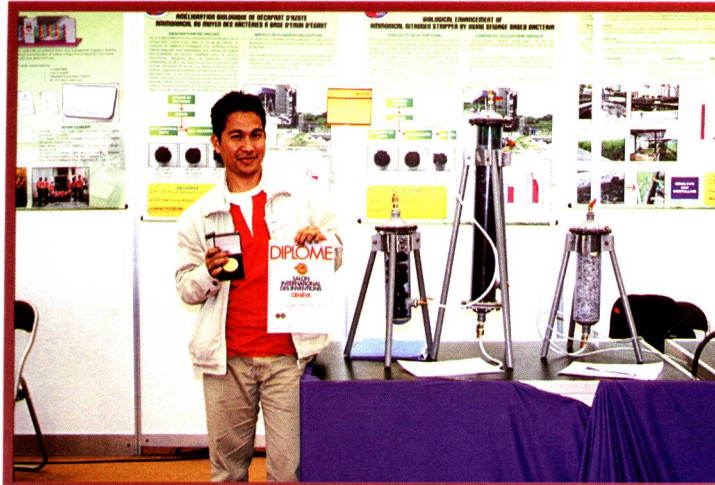
Prof. Madya Dr Jamil Hj Hamali the campus director to hand over the student's contribution to Puan Razemah Azool

This caring society programme had been an annual programme for the Faculty of Accountancy since year 2007. During the ceremony the campus director of UiTM Sarawak had highlighted the importance of student's involvement in community service and other student's activities as part of the university objective to produce UiTM graduate model which have value such as knowledgeable, skillful, creative, analytical,

independence, dynamic and possesses leadership and entrepreneurship personality.

During this ceremony, the campus director of UiTM Sarawak had also been given the honor to hand over the prizes to the winner of the public speaking competition, character building race and ABG principles of accounting tournament.

UiTM Sarawak at The International Level



AWARD	LEVEL	TEAM MEMBERS	EVENT	PLACE	RESEARCH TOPICS	DATE
SILVER MEDAL	JUFERI IDRIS PM DR AYUB MD SOM PROF DR KU HALIM KU HAMID	JUFERI IDRIS PM DR AYUB MD SOM PROF DR KU HALIM KU HAMID	11TH MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL SALON OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY- 'ACHIMEDES 2008'	MOSCOW, RUSSIA	DRAGON FRUIT AS A LOW COST PLANT BASED COAGULANT IN LATEX CONCENTRATE WASTE WATER TREATMENT	2-4 APRIL 2008
GOLD MEDAL	JUFERI IDRIS PM DR AYUB MD SOM PROF DR KU HALIM KU HAMID	JUFERI IDRIS MOHIBAH MUSA MOHD REZUAN MOHD RAZLAN PROF DR KU HALIM KU HAMID	THE BRITISH INVATION SHOW 2008	LONDON, BRITAIN	TREATMENT OF PALM OIL MILL EFFLUENT	15-17 OCTOBER 2008
GOLD MEDAL	JUFERI IDRIS PM DR AYUB MD SOM PROF DR KU HALIM KU HAMID	JUFERI IDRIS MOHIBAH MUSA PROF DR KU HALIM KU HAMID	THE 37TH INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF INVENTIONS, NEW TECHNIQUES AND PRODUCTS 2009	GENEVA, SWITZERLAND	PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZER FROM LEACHATE LANDFILL	1-6 APRIL 2009

SIIF2008



UiTM sent 13 teams to participate in the Seoul International Invention Fair 2008 (SIIF08) organized by the Korean Invention Promotion Association from 11 – 15 December 2008. The contingent brought back 2 gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze prizes. The team made up of Dr. Paul Lau Ngee Kiong and Lau Sie Hoe from UiTM Sarawak with their product "A computer-adaptive multiple-choice assessment for learning (CAAS)" managed to get a silver prize.

IENA 2008



The IENA 2008, exhibited on Oct 30 - 2 November 2008, was claimed as No.1 for worldwide contacts to licensees and users! The IENA in Nuremberg, Germany, for decades has been the most important international trade fair for 'Ideen-Erfindungen-Neuheiten' (Ideas-Inventions-Innovations), and it is the only exhibition which offers such a diversity of global contacts to licensees and users.

With approximately 800 inventions and product innovations from 34 countries and trade visitors from 40 countries, last year's international 'Ideas-Inventions-New Products' trade fair or IENA Nuremberg, has set a new record, once underlying more of its impressive lead among the world's exhibitions for inventors. This year is the 60th anniversary of IENA, the summit of innovation which invites researchers and entrepreneurs innovation subsisting on interaction and communication. The impressive range of products that applies to various categories are as such:

1. Environmental protection mechanical engineering technology
2. Construction industry
3. Electric power industry
4. Office equipment, advertisement, graphic professions
5. Leisure, hobby, sports
6. IT/electronics
7. Chemistry
8. Medical technology, medical care, cosmetics
9. Agriculture

Pn Hasmah Mohidin... International Exhibition



Sarawak Regatta FESTIVALS 2008

UiTM makes another mark at the Sarawak Regatta Competition

By Johanna Adlin Ahmad

UiTM Sarawak successfully participated in two categories of the Sarawak Regatta 2008 held at the Waterfront, Kuching on the 2nd and 3rd August. The two categories were the boat decoration competition and also the boat race competition. Our participants came from the Faculty of Art and Design, the Hotour Club of the Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management, and the Sports Unit from the Student's Affairs department.

The Faculty of Arts and Design made a big impression when its boat passed the Grand Stand with a giant head of the Hornbill bird adorning its bow, while the students matched the theme with their traditional costumes of Sarawak's cultures. Their effort enabled the faculty to win a cash prize of RM500 in the Boat Decoration Competition. UiTM is proud to have won this competition twice in a row. Apart from the boat race decorations, students from the faculty were stationed at various places in Kuching to take photograph of the event.





Colourful Hats Paraded The Sarawak Regatta



The Hotour Club sprung onto the Sarawak River with two beautifully decorated boats adorned with colourful flowers and other materials of apple green, orange, pink and yellow. The student showed their warrior spirit by painting their faces with colours of the national and Sarawak flags but with a soft touch of flowery hats.

The second day of the Sarawak Regatta was highly anticipated. It was the "core" event of the regatta sports in which the male members of the Hotour Club and the Sports Units showcased their sportsmanship. At noon, boats from these two faculties competed for the title. Although the participants tried their very best, as junior rowers, they could not compete with the more experienced professional teams. We congratulate them for participating and completing the race.

Apart from boat race competition, UiTM also took part in the Kayak race categories and were honoured to compete with renown kayakers...

Participating in the regatta was all about bringing UiTM's name and goodwill to the people of Sarawak. The event has given UiTM students yet another opportunity to boost their competitive spirit, and also to learn the importance of teamwork.



Interview with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Akil (Deputy Director of Student Affairs)

On behalf of Infokampus, let me congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Deputy Director of Student Affairs. What was your immediate reaction to this appointment?

Ha...ha...! I was actually taken aback when PM Dr Jamil informed me about this matter. I'm not sure exactly how I felt at that time, but as you know I have held this position before - about 12 years ago, to be precise. As such, it was more of a feeling of having to reconnect to my past experience. I realize that I have to reorganize my daily work routine to enable me to carry out the duties and responsibilities associated with this new position more systematically.

What in your opinion is the most important task that you need to attend to first?

My main concern is to create a more student-friendly atmosphere in the campus. I believe that with better rapport with the students, we will be able to more effectively monitor the problems faced by our students and to gauge their major concerns relating to various matters that affect their academic and personal lives. I am sure that this approach will lead to greater student satisfaction and consequently to higher achievements.

What aspects of HEP services need to be upgraded in order to enable you to achieve the objectives you just mentioned?

As I see it, we need to improve in several areas. I believe that HEP should play a supporting role

university. HEP should play a more holistic role in helping the university to achieve its immediate and long-term goals.

I am also of the opinion that the activities organized by HEP for the students should be reduced. We don't want students to be overburdened with compulsory activities. Why don't we adopt a student-centred approach in this matter and encourage student organizations to organize activities independently with some general guidance from HEP, of course. I think a liberal policy like this will result in creating greater enthusiasm and motivation among the students to participate in the activities.

The use of ICT for HEP administrative purposes should also be further enhanced. For example, reports can be sent via e-mail. We can also initiate a system of online forum sessions with heads of academic programs and administrative departments and units.

Another matter that needs attention is sports. As a full-fledged university, we need to see a higher standard of achievement in sports among our students. We need to provide more sports facilities and also to improve the existing ones so as to boost the involvement of students in sporting activities. I hope to see greater participation of our students in national and even in international meets

What about the MPP, the student representative council? It appears that it has not been able to carry out its role satisfactorily. What is your own view about this?

advice and guidance to this student body. In fact, I have just had a meeting with the members of this council. I find them highly responsible and full of good ideas. What they need is our constant support and assistance so as to enable them to carry out their responsibilities with greater enthusiasm and confidence. We also need to establish bilateral relations with them so as to help them remain active all the time and to develop strong leadership qualities.

Finally, Dr. Wan Akil, is there anything else you would like to say to our readers?

Yes, of course! I would like to emphasise that a harmonious and calm atmosphere is a fundamental prerequisite for the success of any organization. In this respect, every member of the organization, including the students, must always have access to appropriate avenues to express their ideas and communicate their problems to the management. I wish to say that I am prepared to listen to your views and comments. Please feel free to talk to me about any of your concerns so that together we can carry out our roles and responsibilities more effectively.

Translated by Yuthandy Maniam



Interview with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rosita

(Deputy Director of Research and Industrial Networking)

Prof. Rosita, on behalf of the Editorial Committee of Infokampus, let me firstly congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Deputy Director of Research and Industrial Networking. This is certainly a big responsibility. Perhaps you would like to let us know your immediate reaction to this appointment?

Well, I have been the Coordinator of the Research Management Unit for a few years now and before that I headed the Diploma in Business Management as well as the Bachelor's Degree in Business Management programs. As you are aware, the present position that I have been entrusted with has been newly created in view of our aspirations to evolve into a world class research-based university. I realize that the scope and responsibilities associated with this position are much more challenging than my previous positions, not to mention that they encompass the additional role of managing our facilities and development programs.

However, I will greet the many challenges that will come with this job as good learning opportunities and I hope to carry out the new responsibilities to the best of my abilities.

It seems that you will be handling three important portfolios in your new position, research, industrial networking and development. What are some of the changes that you would like to bring about to UiTM Sarawak?

I believe that the extent of commitment of our lecturers in research, innovation and publication ought to be much greater than it is now. There are even some of us who regard research and publication as something painfully burdensome. One of my main concerns will be to foster a greater sense of involvement among our academic staff in research and publication activities and at the same time to help bring about greater quality in the resulting products.

I hope to see more research projects that have the potential to benefit the society around us. Generally I think that members of the staff of UiTM Sarawak should make a concerted effort to create a more pleasant and cheerful working environment in our campus.

So what are your plans to achieve the goals you just mentioned?

I believe that at least 10% of all our research projects should have the potential of being translated into viable commercial products. To achieve this moderate target, among other things, we need to organize a series of seminars and workshops for the specific purpose of guiding and inspiring our lecturers to engage in higher quality research, research that will have greater educational, social, economic and even political impact. At the moment the returns we are reaping from the extensive investment that goes into research is far from satisfactory. Only a handful of our research products have been commercialized.

Looking at the ideas which you have just expressed, it seems to me that you will be making a valuable contribution to UiTM's efforts to achieve world class status. Don't you agree?

InsyaAllah. However, we cannot escape from the fact that to become a world class university, it is imperative that among other prerequisites, we build a strong foundation based on a culture of vibrant research scholarship in the campus. I believe that we have the resources and the will to achieve this goal, but it appears that we need to put in more efforts to create this research culture I mentioned. I am confident that with the current programs and those that will be implemented in the near future we will scale greater heights that will enable us to realize our ultimate goals for sure.

How will you manage your time for all the diverse responsibilities associated with these three important portfolios?

In carrying out my duties and responsibilities, I will give importance to each and every one, of course. However, tasks that need immediate attention will certainly have priority over those that can come later. The important thing is that I should not lose sight of the goals that I have planned to achieve.

Finally, Prof. Rosita, do you have any concluding remarks for our readers?

I wish to help create an active research culture here at UiTM Sarawak, one in which all our lecturers and even non-academic staff in the campus will be highly motivated to be engaged in research activities as regular routine. Research is an integral part of our career that leads to our individual professional development and more that, it has far reaching impact on the well-being of our society at large and on the growth and development of the economy.

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