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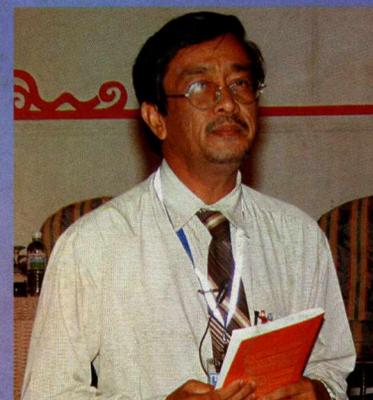
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Our Academic Conference 2004

Helen Pereira



With so much emphasis on research, there has been a sudden surge in the number of researches completed. What were the outcomes? What were the findings. How can important findings be disseminated to the academic community of UiTM Sarawak? In order to share the information, a platform needs to be made available. The Academic Conference held from June 14th & 15th 2004 was aimed at just that.

Two months of intense preparations brought about 200 lecturers of UiTM Sarawak to Santubong Resort for the second Academic Conference with the theme : Rethinking, Teaching, Learning



and Researching."

To officiate the occasion, was the Timbalan Naib Chancellor (TNC) of UiTM, Dato' Prof. Dr Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar. In his keynote address, he explained the latest developments in UiTM and outlined his vision, expectations and hope for the future of UiTM. Feedback from the lecturers indicated that a huge majority of the lecturers appreciated the keynote address.

The two-day conference saw papers presented by the various lecturers in various fields. The Organising Committee went to great lengths to ensure a pleasant and fruitful stay. After a long day of listening to paper presentations and participation in discussions, the evening allowed the lecturers a rare opportunity to let their hair down and joyfully participate in party games, quizzes, pool and karaoke. Many of them won some handsome prizes much to the envy of others.

It was an event to remember. There was a nod of approval from all around. Nevertheless, among some of the comments received were: the time for the conference was too short, better three days; future conferences should be held far from Kuching so that participants will give their full commitment; invite speakers who are 'Masters' in their field and allow for families to join some of the in-between programmes.



Reflections by Jalil Lob, the Organising Chairman

As it should be, academic conferences are built on noble and lofty objectives. One can only speculate and wonder as to whether the Academic Conference UiTM Sarawak 2004 realized its goals. Sometimes the meaning and purpose of the big picture could best be predicted by looking at the small images within it. During the event I observed several scenes that to my mind could promise a sparkling future for this campus. One was the telling image of visibly nervous lecturers making their maiden presentations on an academic subject before their more accomplished colleagues and came out triumphant.

This was no mean feat, as any experienced presenter who had gone through an ordeal as such would vouch for. It showed bundles of desire and courage on the part of the speakers as well as much graciousness and on the part of the audience to make such event possible. Another sight just as positive was the attitude of participants best manifested by the hearty laughter and childish antics that pervaded the ballroom during an evening of charades and other silly but fun activities. Surely the world of academia cannot be so calm and somber so as to totally preclude bedlam and humor in its daily activities. Being able to wallow in fun and humor in silly activities is as important as being able to enjoy the tedium of serious academic reading or researching. As the saying goes: all work and no play will make Jack and Jane dull lecturers working in a dull institution.

Then, there were the painted portraits, hung across the conference premises of camaraderie; depicted by participants musing over academic and non-academic issues in harmony amongst themselves during their private moments, illustrated by the warm smiles and meaningful exchanges as participants passed each other or while waiting in line for services, and demonstrated by their purposeful trots and slithers (I swear some did) from ballroom to ballroom with none of the grumbling and moaning despite obvious inconveniences caused to them by occasional ineptness of conference and hotel staff. Given the many impressive images, and if these pictures persist and continue building frame by frame over time, the saga of UiTM Samarahan will be a worthwhile movie to watch in the immediate future.

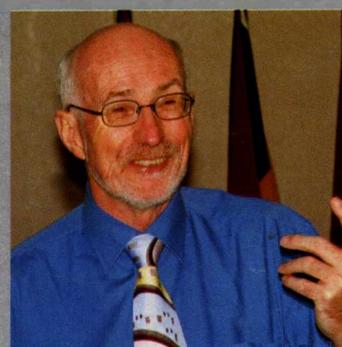
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