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Research Workshop Programme 2004

Sandra Sim

The Unit of Research, Development and Commercialization (URDC, Cawangan Sarawak) is conducting a programme on Research Methodology which consists of a series of research methodology workshops. Thus far, two have been held (Part 1 - on 17 & 18 July 2004, and Part 2 - on 12 & 13 August 2004).

This series of workshops are managed by Prof. Madya Wee Chong Hui, Dr. Dayang Maryani Awang Hashim (Coordinator of URDC) and two committee members

(Miss Sandra Sim and Miss Angel Helen Puspan). Part 1 of the Research Workshop was conducted by Prof. Madya Dr. Jasmee Jaafar and Prof. Madya Ir Dr. Abdul Rahman Omar, who provided an overview of research and consultancy opportunities in UiTM. Through the guidance of the two facilitators, a few research proposals were initiated during the later part of the second day. Part 2 of the series was conducted by Prof. Madya Dr. Hajah Noraini Ismail who provided useful information on research design, data collection methods, sampling techniques and instrumentation. Dr. Noraini also gave constructive feedback to members of the various research groups to further refine their research proposals.

So far, the two workshops 2004 have been well received by participants even though they had to sacrifice their weekends and mid-semester break. Participants are looking forward to the forthcoming the third workshop on 'Data processing using SPSS' to be held on 4 & 5 Sept. 2004, and Part 4 on 'Report Writing' on 1 Dec. 2004. In addition, another workshop, on Qualitative Research will be conducted on 11 & 12 Sept. 2004; and one on 'Advanced Statistical Analysis' will be held on 2 Dec. 2004.

Majority of the participants had positive comments about the research workshops. Among their comments include:

"The workshops are very motivating.

They help me to understand more about research. I also get to know how to improve on my research proposal" (by Pn. Affidah Morni).

"The workshops are good. As I've never done research before, I get something useful out of the workshops. I've learnt about research design, the difference between quantitative and qualitative research, and sampling techniques " (Pn. Noraini Edris).

"Workshops of this nature should be continued. The learning process is enhanced through clear and precise explanation. It is a very interactive programme that provides answers to a lot of queries" (Pn. Anjta Hasli).

We hope that URDC Cawangan Sarawak will receive continuous support from IRDC Shah Alam in our efforts to create a active research environment within the UiTM community as a whole.



"Do Not Go On A Wildgoose Chase....."

Mariana Md Som

Dr Paul Lau 's advice " Do not go on a wildgoose chase" was an apt introduction to the motivational session of the Mathematics Clinic. It was referring to the common mistakes students make when trying to find solutions to mathematical problems. Often they engage meaningless was without understanding the problem clearly. According to him weak performance in the subject is attributed to lack of

mathematical skills, metacognitive skills and problem-solving skills.

OM114 is alarmed at the continuous low percentage of achievement in the MAT112 course. We are striving to improve the quality of student learning and achievement in this course. On 24 July 2004 the Education Bureau of OM114 with the cooperation of lecturers from the Department of Quantitative Sciences held a Mathematics Clinic for students of MAT112 with the aim of helping students improve their mathematical problem solving skills.

Dr. Paul Lau and Mr. Hwa explained specific mathematical problem solving strategies essential which could be used for obtaining solutions to mathematical problems. They illustrated the steps involved the process - understanding the problem,

develop a plan, carrying out the plan and looking back.

Later the students were divided in groups and given the opportunity to practice the problem-solving method on some task-specific mathematical problems. Dr Paul Lau, Mr Hwa , PM Puan Rasidah and Mr Kelvin Goh made certain that the students really understood the central ideas.

Apparently the tremendous interest shown by the lecturers of the Quantitative Sciences during the Mathematics Clinic has inspired the students. Last semester OM114 achieved 90% passing rate in MAT112. Can we hope for a 100% passing rate this semester? Yes, if they view mathematics as a process, guided by the problem solving method and pay heed to the advice "Do not go on a wildgoose chase...."

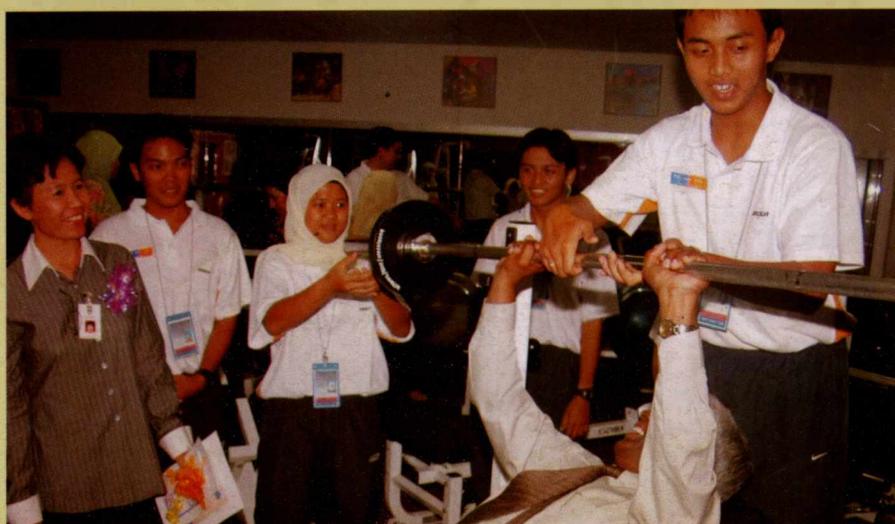
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" Berbekalkan ilmu, keazaman, ketaqwaan dan yakin segalanya boleh, kita akan lebih memahami erti kemerdekaan." Prof Madya Dr Abang Ridzuan