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# Boosting Research Momentum: Thesis Boot Camp for DBA Students 2023

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The highly anticipated Thesis Boot Camp for DBA Students 2023 took place on the 10th and 11th of June organised by Centre of Graduate Studies (CGS), UiTM Cawangan Sarawak. This immersive event brought together twelve (12) Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) candidates to foster a conducive environment for research and progress in their doctoral journey, especially to prepare for their upcoming Defence of Research Proposal (DRP).

This program provided a unique platform for DBA students to delve into their research projects, offering dedicated time, space, and expert guidance. Hosted at the prestigious RAI HOTEL and Convention Centre, the event featured a series of talks and individual consultations designed to boost research momentum and sharpen academic writing skills.

Throughout the two-day event, participants engaged in interactive sessions focused on key aspects of the thesis writing process, including writing a clear problem statement, effective writing of literature review, and choosing appropriate methodology and theoretical framework. The invited speaker, Assoc. Prof. Dr Abdul Rahim Ridzuan provided valuable insights, sharing his experiences and best practices.

This program also facilitated fruitful discussions and meeting opportunities between DBA students and their respective supervisors. In a separate session, a total of six (6) supervisors had seized the chance to exchange ideas, give feedback, and form valuable connections with their supervisees.

The Thesis Boot Camp for DBA Students 2023 was an unprecedented success, equipping doctoral candidates with essential tools and inspiration to advance their research endeavours. The event exemplified the commitment to academic excellence within the CGS and DBA community. This is the maiden thesis boot camp organised by CGS in its history, planned meticulously by the Coordinator of Coursework programmes, assisted by the other members of CGS - Sheela Faizura, Rosling Jemiron, Fazilawati Othman, Angelina Jessy, with advice from the Head of CGS. Lastly, it is hope that these students will proceed to the next stages in their DBA journey with perseverance and diligence.