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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

The 2022 Australia-Malaysia Virtual PhD Internship programme is an initiative of the Australian Department of Education in collaboration with the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education to enable ten PhD scholars in the fields of social sciences, humanities or education from Malaysian public universities to undertake an 8-week virtual internship program at Australian higher education or research institutions. The primary objective of the internship program is to provide PhD scholars the opportunity to hone critical skills in an international academic research setting, to build collaborative partnerships with Australia early in their research careers and to foster ongoing collaboration between their Australian host and home institution. Ten postgraduate students from different field of social sciences, humanities or education were selected from various local institution such as UM, UKM, UPM, UiTM and UPSI. Each participant was given a great opportunity to collaborate with the selected host supervisor from the Australian higher education or research institution. UiTM was represented by Khairun Nisaa' Binti Mohd Nor, a PhD student at the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology, UiTM Cawangan Melaka, Kampus Jasin. The home supervisor was Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Fazleen Abdul Fatah meanwhile the host supervisor for the internship program was a prominent figure in the field of productivity and efficiency, Professor Christopher O'Donnell from The University of Queensland, Australia.

During the 8-week virtual internship programme, she had one-to-one session for at least weekly with the host supervisor and managed to attend online Applied Economics seminar series held by the UQ School of Economics. Her project work involved the development of a survey tool, R code development for the models estimation, models estimation using practice data set, result assessment and preparation of seminar slides and draft paper. A mini symposium was held during the closing ceremony on 6th October 2022 at the Australian High Commission, Malaysia. The ceremony began with the introduction by Australian Education Counsellor Ms. Fiona Morris, welcoming address by Deputy Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, Ms. Hannah Birdsey and opening remarks by Datin Noorazah Omar, Undersecretary, International Relations Division, Ministry of Higher Education. Meanwhile, keynote address was delivered by Professor Elizabeth Jones, Head of Psychology, Monash University, Malaysia. There were four different presentation themes under the field of social sciences, humanities or education namely 'Education Frameworks & Assessments', 'Special Needs & Disability Learning', 'Environment & Sustainability' and 'Society and Culture'. A poster session was also held on the same day. Overall, this virtual PhD internship programme has benefited her a lot and assisted her with great knowledge, skills, experience and networking to be endeavored throughout her PhD journey.

