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Malam Di Ambang Merdeka





Tahniah! kepada semua keluarga kampus kerana berjaya mendapat

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Perjalanan menuju Wawasan 2020 yang membawa kita menjadi sebuah negara maju dalam tempoh 15 tahun akan datang berhadapan pelbagai cabaran dan kemungkinan berlaku peristiwa di luar dugaan. Tidak mustahil perkara seperti krisis mata wang serantau pada tahun 1997 dan 1998 berulang lagi dan jumlah graduan menganggur akan bertambah jika generasi pelapis masa depan tidak berhati-hati dan berwaspada.

Kerajaan telah membuat andaian mengenai apa yang boleh berlaku ke atas anak bangsa kita dan menyeru kita membuat persediaan awal sebaik-baiknya terutama dalam pembangunan



Mesej Timbalan Pengarah HEP & Alumni

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insaniah dan pendidikan. Mungkin inilah yang dimaksudkan oleh Comenius (1650) sebagai "wholly educated" dalam kata-katanya "Our wish is that every man and woman should be wholly educated, rightly/armed not only in one single matter or in a few or even in many, but in all things which perfect human nature.

Salah satu daripada tujuh strategi yang disarankan oleh YAB Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi ke arah Fasa Kedua Wawasan 2020 ialah mempercepatkan pembangunan pendidikan dengan penekanan kurikulum kepada teknologi baru. Saranan untuk mempercepatkan pembangunan pendidikan ini merupakan tanggungjawab UiTM untuk menggandakan kemasukan pada semester-semester mendatang. Dalam masa yang sama UiTM akan terus menggiatkan program pengantarabangsaan untuk memupuk kebudayaan dan teknologi terkini. Sejak tahun lepas UiTM Kampus Samarahan telah menerima pertukaran pelajar Amerika Syarikat seramai 16 orang dan pada tahun ini seramai 32 orang lagi telah bersama pelajar-pelajar kita dari 16 Julai hingga 15 Ogos 2005.

Satu lagi strategi kerajaan untuk Wawasan 2020 ialah meneruskan penekanan kepada pembangunan insaniah. Usaha melahirkan "perfect human nature" ini juga telah dikatakan oleh Yang Berbahagia Dato' Seri Naib Canselor dalam perutusan Majlis Perasmian Minggu Mesra Siswa yang lepas sebagai "Personaliti Unggul (Excellence personality). Apa yang beliau maksudkan dengan "Personaliti Unggul ialah sifat terpuji seseorang yang tidak dapat disangkal oleh sesiapa pun. Seseorang yang berpersonaliti unggul adalah dia yang sentiasa rajin berusaha, gigih bekerja, memiliki tingkat kesabaran tertinggi, sentiasa sihat rohani dan jasmani, sentiasa berfikiran terbuka dan seimbang, adil, saksama, jujur, tahu berterima kasih, sedar diri, sentiasa memikirkan kesejahteraan orang lain, tidak pentingkan diri peribadi, tidak mengambil jalan mudah untuk berjaya dan meningkatkan kedudukan diri, sentiasa pemurah, sentiasa membantu, mengenang budi, tidak mudah berputus asa, menghormati sesama makhluk dan mengagungkan kebesaran Ilahi.

Kita yakin UiTM dapat melahirkan graduan yang berpotensi unggul ini yang "dihempas tak pecah, dilentur tak patah dan ditumbang tak rebah".

Jelita sungguh puteri bersanggul
Makan ketupat di laman rumah
Siswa UiTM berpersonaliti unggul
Capai matlamat pembangunan insaniah

" Holistic education, as John P. Miller defines it in The Holistic Curriculum (1996., is essentially concerned with connections in human experience — connections between mind and body, between linear thinking and intuitive ways of knowing, between academic disciplines, between individual and community, and between the personal self and the transpersonal Self that all spiritual traditions believe to exist beyond the personal ego. The Holistic Curriculum concisely describes how holistic thinking integrates spiritual and scientific perspectives, drawing upon romantic, humanistic, and other radical alternatives to the atomistic worldview of the modern age.: (Http://www.infed.org/biblio/holistic education.htm)

UiTMKS Ke arah Persijilan ISO 9001:2000

- Yusri Sawani



Sebagai menyahut seruan kerajaan yang bermatlamatkan penambahbaikan berterusan, UiTMKS telah mengambil langkah untuk berhijrah ke persijilan ISO 9001:2000. Dari segi sejarahnya penglibatan UiTMKS di dalam ISO telah bermula seawal tahun 2000 lagi di mana UiTMKS telah berjaya mendapat persijilan MS ISO 9002:1994 pada 3 Disember 2000 seterusnya menjadi Kampus UiTM Cawangan yang pertama mendapat persijilan ISO.

8 Prinsip Utama ISO 9001:2000

- *Prinsip 1 Keutamaan Pelanggan*
- *Prinsip 2 Kepimpinan*
- *Prinsip 3 Penglibatan Wargakerja*
- *Prinsip 4 Amalan Pendekatan Proses*
- *Prinsip 5 Pengurusan Bersistem*
- *Prinsip 6 Penambahbaikan Berterusan*
- *Prinsip 7 Membuat Keputusan berasaskan Fakta*
- *Prinsip 8 Hubungan Baik dengan Pembekal Perkhidmatan*

Bermula dari tahun 2003, semua agensi kerajaan yang telah mendapat persijilan MS ISO 9002:1994 dikehendaki untuk menaiktaraf persijilan kepada ISO 9001:2000. Keputusan ini dibuat semasa Mesyuarat Pembangunan Pentadbiran Awam pada 8 Disember 2002. UiTMKS telah mengambil langkah pematuhan terhadap arahan tersebut dan seterusnya telah berjaya mendapat persijilan MS ISO 9001:2000 pada 26 Disember 2004 dari SIRIM dan juga merupakan di antara kampus cawangan yang terawal mendapat persijilan tersebut.

Selaras dengan Visi UiTM untuk menjadi sebuah universiti yang unggul dan bertaraf dunia, UiTM telah mengambil langkah untuk memastikan semua fakulti mendapat persijilan ISO 9001:2000 dari Badan Persijilan Antarabangsa Lloyd's Register of Quality Assurance (LRQA). Fasa pertama persijilan adalah mempastikan semua fakulti mendapat persijilan ISO 9001:2000. Memandangkan UiTM merupakan sebuah universiti yang mempunyai banyak cawangan di seluruh negara, penyeragaman sistem pengurusan kualiti perlu dilakukan dengan menggunakan ISO 9001:2000 sebagai mekanisma penyeragaman. Fasa kedua persijilan adalah untuk semua kampus cawangan. Institut Pengembangan Ilmu (InKA) telah diberi tanggungjawab untuk menjadi perunding dalaman dalam menjayakan program persijilan ISO 9001:2000 oleh LRQA. Bagi UiTM Kampus Sarawak, Juru Perunding yang dilantik oleh Pengurusan UiTM adalah Prof. Madya Dr Sahanum Mohd Shah sebagai Ketua Juru Perunding dan dibantu oleh dua orang perunding, Prof Madya Dr. Annuar Suun (Dekan FSR) dan En. Yussri Sawani (Ketua Program).

Jika dibandingkan di antara ISO 9001:2000 dan ISO 9002: 1994, ISO 9001:2000 adalah lebih mudah dan anjal untuk dilaksanakan oleh sesebuah organisasi yang menggunakan prinsip "Plan-Do-Check-Act" di dalam pengurusan proses. Perubahan yang paling nyata di dalam ISO 9001:2000 adalah ianya berteraskan pendekatan proses (*what is actually done*) dan bukannya berasaskan pendekatan prosedur (*how activities are controlled*). Perubahan ini membolehkan sesebuah organisasi mengiatkan objektif organisasi dengan kebekesanan organisasi dengan lebih jelas dan telus. Secara implementasinya ISO 9001:2000 merangkumi 5 seksyen utama – Sistem Pengurusan Kualiti, Tanggungjawab Pengurusan, Pengurusan Sumber, dan Pengukuran Analisis dan Penambahbaikan



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(details in next issue)







Pak Mat-
Veteren UiTMCS
'Lakukan kebaikan kepada orang lain'

Wan Salbiah

Tugas untuk menemuramah Encik Mohamad Shah Mahat, veteran UiTM Sarawak, tidaklah semudah yang disangka kerana beliau merupakan seorang yang sentiasa sibuk dengan tugas-tugas dan program-program tersendiri.. Bagaimanapun, saya bertuah kerana akhirnya berpeluang untuk melakukan tugas ini.



Mohd Shah dilahirkan 53 tahun yang lalu pada 31 Mei 1952 di Batu Pahat, Johor. Pendidikan beliau bermula di Sekolah Kebangsaan Seri Separap (Darjah 1-6), diikuti dengan Sekolah Menengah Dato' Sulaiman, Batu Pahat (Tingkatan 1-5). Pengajian beliau dalam Kursus Persediaan Perdagangan selama lima bulan di ITM (UiTM) telah bermula ketika menunggu keputusan SPM. Beliau kemudian meneruskan pengajian dalam bidang Diploma Perakaunan di ITM, Shah Alam, Bachelor of Arts (Business Administration) dan Master of Business Administration di Amerika Syarikat.

Beliau telah mula bertugas sebagai Penolong Akaun di ITM, Shah Alam pada 13 Julai 1973 dan sebulan kemudian berpindah ke ITM , Batu Lintang, Kuching. Bermula dari situ , beliau telah melangkah jauh sehingga dilantik menjadi Pensyarah pada 1985, Ketua Kursus Diploma In Business Studies (1986-1988), Ketua Program Diploma In Accountancy (1996-1998), Ketua Program Diploma In Accountancy & Bachelor In Accountancy (1999-2000).

Mohd Shah juga pernah menjalani Latihan Amali di Malaysian Weaving Corporation (1971-1972), Johor, Latihan-latihan Praktikal di Jabatan Audit Negara (1987), di Malaysian Oriental Assurance (1988) dan di firma Arthur Anderson di Kuching (1995). Meskipun kesibukan menjalankan tugas seharian, beliau telah mengambil inisiatif untuk belajar secara sendirian bagi Peperiksaan Certified Internal Auditor (2003).

Sepanjang perkhidmatannya di UiTM, Sarawak, beliau pernah dijemput untuk memberi ceramah-ceramah, menyertai Persatuan Ibubapa, Persatuan Rekacipta Sarawak dan Program Khidmat Masyarakat. Di UiTM pula, beliau terlibat dalam Jawatankuasa Akhlak, ISO, Juruaudit bagi Sistem Audit Kualiti dan Koperasi Kakitangan UiTM .

Tempoh perkhidmatan beliau yang lama telah diberi pengiktirafan melalui Program Jasamu Dikenang pada 1999. Seterusnya pada 2003, beliau telah menerima Pingat Perkhidmatan lebih 25 tahun, Perkhidmatan Cemerlang UiTM 2003 dan beberapa Pingat Kerajaan Negeri.

Di sebalik kecemerlangan yang telah Pak Mat capai, terdapat beberapa peristiwa yang tidak mudah dilupakan iaitu peristiwa menyelamatkan stor alat tulis semasa banjir kilat berlaku di ITM, Batu Lintang, mengambil bahagian dalam penyediaan kapal berhias, ITM, Sarawak sempena Persidangan Raja-raja yang ke 116 di Kuching dan menjadi peserta rally bermotor sempena Sambutan Jubli Delima 40 tahun, Sarawak Merdeka pada 2003.

Mohd Shah mempunyai seorang isteri, Puan Majnah Samat dan lima orang anak.



Puan Majnah pernah menyert[illegible] Jawankuasa PEWANI pada 2001.

Sesuai dengan motonya 'Lakukan kebaikan kepada orang lain walaupun sedikit dan jangan putus asa, 'sikit-sikit lama-lama jadi bukit.' Beliau pada dasarnya merupakan seorang yang amat dedikasi dengan tugasnya, bukan sahaja tugas-tugas rasmi tetapi juga kegiatan-kegiatan luar dan sentiasa mempunyai daya inisiatif untuk mempertingkatkan



diri. Jasa dan khidmat beliau kepada UiTM Sarawak tidak terkata dan tidak mungkin akan dilupakan.

Syabas, Mohd Shah!

Op Lupus







Language of the Heart

- Prabha Ramakrishnan

"It isn't life that weighs us down-it's the way we carry it.": Elizabeth Potier in Elle

The early warnings were there but I did not listen to the heart because I did not comprehend the language of the life-pump when it spoke in a hoarse voice of subdued pain. Earlier, more than once, I have had a strange pervasive discomfort, just as one would feel if a ton of bricks were piled on the head. One fine morning, the heart threw away the cloak of subtlety and in a language I could not mistaken, ratcheted up the intensity of the ache. I took immediate note and the resident doctor, upon hearing my complaint for the first time, rushed me to the hospital where I was told that the heart was wheezing for the all-important life-giving oxygen. Lack of exercise and passion for rich foods had transformed my cardiac arteries into nightmarishly poor citizens of the human anatomy; prosperous deposits of cholesterol lined the walls of the arterial tunnels. Needless to say, at the hospital I was whisked away to an icy operating theatre whose sub-zero temperature would have made sick penguins happy. That was no consolation for me lying there trapped like a tropical guinea pig. The surgeon deftly took a vein from my leg to create a bypass artery (similar in concept to a bypass road peeling away a highway) to feed my starving heart. Having done that, I was gently moved to a blissful wonderland in a truck full of Morphine that hijacked my mind, freeing time from the clock and making trees glitter. I was not sure where Alice was, but the nurses wore pretty Cheshire-cat smiles and what else they wore, if any, I was not sure. But nothing lasts forever; soon I was taken away from the enchanted land to a cold hospital ward. Lo and behold I find another paradise: the world of my family and friends. That's not all; more joy floods in as I think of UiTM Sarawak where the trees (the remaining ones) still glitter in green magic and where everyone wears a smile and more. Just remember this for me: have a heart for your life; all work and no play make Jack and Jill a heartless couple.

Here are some tips to help you stay physically active. By continuing to be active regularly, you'll be building a good health habit with benefits you can enjoy throughout your life:

- Set your sights on short-term as well as long-term goals. For example, if your long-term goal is to walk 1 mile, then your short- term goal can be to walk the first quarter mile. Or if your long-term goal is to lose 10 pounds, then focus on the immediate goal of losing the first two or three pounds. With short-term goals you will be less likely to push yourself too hard or too long. Also, think back to where you started. When you compare it to where you are now, you will see the progress you've made.
- Discuss your program and goals with your family or friends. Their encouragement and understanding are important sources of support that can help you keep going. Your friends and family might even join in.
- Use the stairs - up and down - instead of the elevator. Start with one flight of stairs and gradually build up to more.
- Park a few blocks from the office or store and walk the rest of the way. Or if you ride on public transportation, get off a stop or two before and walk a few blocks.
- Take an activity break - get up and stretch, walk around and give your muscles and mind a chance to relax.
- Instead of eating that extra snack, take a brisk stroll around the neighborhood.
- Do housework, such as vacuuming, at a more brisk pace.
- Mow your own lawn.
- Carry your own groceries.
- Take a walk after dinner instead of watching TV.

If you have a family, encourage them to take part in an exercise program and recreational activities they can either share with you or do on their own. It is best to build healthy habits when children are young. When parents are active, children are more likely to be active and stay active after they become adults. Whatever your age, moderate physical activity can become a good health habit with lifelong benefits.

Reference: http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/health/exercise-heart/page9.htm#how



Crossing the border

While crossing the US-Mexican border on his bicycle, the man was stopped by a guard who pointed to two sacks the man had on his shoulders. "What's in the bags?", asked the guard.

"Sand," said the cyclist.

"Get them off - we'll take a look," said the guard.

The cyclist did as he was told, emptied the bags, and proving they contained nothing but sand, reloaded the bags, put them on his shoulders and continued across the border.

Two weeks later, the same thing happened. Again the guard demanded to see the two bags, which again contained nothing but sand. This went on every week for six months, until one day the cyclist with the sand bags failed to appear.

A few days later, the guard happened to meet the cyclist downtown. "Say friend, you sure had us crazy", said the guard. "We knew you were smuggling something across the border. I won't say a word - but what is it you were smuggling?" "Bicycles!"

Yayasan Sarawak World Style Debate Championship 2005



Congratulations! to the UiTM Cawangan Sarawak team which won third place this time in this annual debating championship

e-Learning

" iLQaM and UiTM Academic Affairs Department (HEA) would like all faculties and campuses to adopt e-learning in teaching and learning.

The Internet has dramatically changed the efficiency of information dissemination and human communication. There is an increased recognition of the effectiveness of skills and know-how acquisition through information and training delivered to the desktop... e-Learning needs to be an integral part of every facet of this change - it offers speed, consistency and cost-effectiveness for educating every individual involved with and within the university."

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Universiti Teknologi MARA

The G-factor



Ng Kui Choo

Block G is now fully operational and most of the lecturers assigned to the block have settled in. IK went around the block one morning to er, check it out, and managed to talk to Ahmad Zainuddin, Sharon Pearl, Robin, Rozaimie, Mahdalela, Markson, Gordon and Jati ...

As expected, most of our colleagues are all smiles, but there are some puckered brows... Every lecturer is provided with a computer and all the rooms are furnished with tables and chairs but no shelves or cupboards. The main complaint from practically all the lecturers is that there are no window blinds or curtains. One lecturer commented that the exposed windows made her feel like a fish in a tank! Ahmad Zainuddin, who has been with UiTM Sarawak for a year, declares that a computer table would have been useful. He also laments the lack of internet service in the block, echoing the sentiment of practically all the rest.

A worried Sharon points out the ominous stains of a leaking roof on the left corner of her ceiling. One part of her office door is also chapped and not all the lights in her room working.

"I hope the contractors fix the defects soon," she said. "And I hope we get blinds – the glare from the window is disturbing my work on the computer."

"We are provided with basic furnishing but they are either faulty or incomplete. The environment is good, but there are a lot of finishing touches to be done." Another lecturer whose windows are located along the corridor is worried about security. "Without window grills, it would be quite easy for anybody to break into the office via the windows."

But the picture is not all that dismal. Rozaimie is one happy lecturer. He has refurbished and refurnished his room so impressively, it resembles a suite in a five-star hotel complete with tea-table!

"I have to create a good environment to work in," he enthused, "We spend long hours in campus, so we might as well make a home of our rooms!"
He modestly admitted that he had invested "close to RM500, using mainly recycled items" to give his room a make-over.

Newcomers Robin and Markson are also all smiles. Robin is "very contented, no complaints." Markson, being more cautious (about legal implications!), feels like livening up his room with some pictures and furniture, but has so far not knocked any nail into the walls yet.

Gordon is another happy young man with a room that will brighten up any lecturer's day. Yes, he has single-handedly painted the walls in three riotous colours!

Jati Kasuma does not know whether to smile or to cry. "The room is new, clean and the environment is great!" Unfortunately, with his new appointment as head of the School of Business Studies, he would soon have to pack up and go.



Anugerah Dekan

The Dean's List award ceremony was held on 6 August 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Kuching. A total of 324 students received the Anugerah Dekan (Dean's List) and ten students received the Anugerah Naib Canselor (Vice Chancellor's Award). Prof Madya Dr. Jamil, officiating at the ceremony, congratulated the students on their achievements and urged them to continue to strive for the best and live up to UiTM students' image of the Towering Personality. Our very own campus live band was at hand to create the perfect ambience for a memorable experience.



Operasi Khidmat Masyarakat (OPKIM)

Rafidah Nawawi

Seramai 80 pelajar UiTMCS telah terpilih untuk menjayakan program OPKIM yang julung kali diadakan di Kpg Pusa dan Kpg Seraban di Bahagian Betong.

Objektif program ini adalah untuk mendedahkan pelajar cara-cara untuk menjadi pemimpin. Di samping itu, program ini juga bertujuan untuk mendisiplinkan pelajar kita ke arah komuniti yang bertamadun di samping melatih mereka supaya berdedikasi dan bertanggungjawab terhadap amanah yang telah diamanahkan. Selain daripada itu, melalui OPKIM juga dapat mengeratkan lagi perpaduan kaum yang ada di UiTMCS.

Sepanjang program berlangsung pelajar-pelajar telah diberikan keluarga angkat dan tinggal bersama keluarga angkat mereka. Di samping itu mereka juga telah menyumbangkan tenaga untuk membina sebanyak 20 buah rumah untuk keluarga miskin di kampung tersebut. Pelbagai aktiviti seperti program tuisyen kepada anak-anak kampung, ceramah PTPTN, sukaneka, memancing dan pelbagai lagi telah diadakan bersama-sama penduduk kampung.

Sewaktu hari terakhir, satu majlis penyerahan rumah telah diadakan oleh Menteri Muda di Jabatan Ketua Menteri YB Tuan Hj Bolhassan Hj Di. Kos perbelanjaan mendirikan rumah adalah ditanggung sepenuhnya oleh Pejabat Pembangunan Negeri. Adalah diharapkan aktiviti seperti ini akan diadakan lagi di tempat lain pula supaya penduduk lain di negeri Sarawak dapat mengenali UiTMCS dengan lebih dekat lagi.

Pada keseluruhannya semua peserta program OPKIM merasa amat berpuashati dengan program tersebut.

"Saya berasa terharu dengan layanan yang saya dapat dari keluarga angkat saya. Mereka sungguh mesra dan makanan yang disediakan memang banyak. Ini adalah kali pertama saya mengikuti program seperti ini. Sewaktu menjalankan aktiviti, saya sempat memerhatikan cara kehidupan di dua kawasan kampung yang cukup berbeza. Sebuah kampung yang cukup-cukup pembangunan dan sebuah kampung yang belum lagi membangun membuat saya sedar betapa bertuahnya saya tinggal di bandar." (Dennis Badit - BAFIN 06)

"Satu pengalaman yang tak akan saya lupakan. Walaupun saya berasa sedikit tidak selesa dengan suasana kampung tetapi saya dapat belajar mengenali orang dan tahu bagaimana orang yang kurang mampu menjalani kehidupan seharian mereka. Perkara baru yang saya pelajari sewaktu OPKIM ialah menjadi cikgu tuisyen kepada kanak-kanak sekolah dan saya sungguh berasa terharu bila mereka membahasakan saya dengan panggilan cikgu. (Normah - DIS 03)

"Semestinya menjadi cikgu tuisyen adalah kenangan manis saya sewaktu OPKIM. Saya tidak pernah dipanggil dengan nama panggilan cikgu tetapi bila dipanggil dengan nama demikian saya berasa jasa saya telah dikenang." (Normala - DBS 03)





URDC Seminar

The URDC Research Seminar was held at UiTM, Samarahan Campus on 7th July 2005. It was an opportunity for our researchers to share their knowledge with the campus community at large. One of the main objectives of this seminar was to enhance and nurture the research culture at the Sarawak Branch.

This seminar was officiated by Prof. Dr. Azni Zain Ahmed, Assistant Vice Chancellor (Research) all the way from Shah Alam. There were also two plenary speakers, Associate Professor Dr. Noraini Mohammad and Associate Professor Dr. Jasmee Jaafar also from Shah Alam, who discussed Intellectual Property and Consultation.

A total of 20 papers were presented in 3 parallel sessions by fellow researchers from Sarawak.

According to Dr. Dayang Maryani, Head of URDC, it was hoped that the seminar would serve as an impetus for other lecturers to embark on new research projects. "Except for the researchers themselves, most of our lecturers do not have a chance to attend the CSSR at the national level, so organizing CSSR at campus level means that fellow colleagues will have a chance to see the presenters in action," said Dr. Dayang.

Prof Dr. Azni Zain Ahmed, Assistant Vice Chancellor (Research) speaking at the officiation ceremony of the seminar, said she was impressed by the number of papers presented as well as by the quality of research in Sarawak.

DBS & D1B Students visit KOMAG

Ellen Chung

It was a beautiful morning when a group of 30 students from D1B and DBS program came together under one banner (their MGT 362: Business Development class) to visit KOMAG. The purpose of the trip was to understand business operation of KOMAG.

When we arrived, we were warmly greeted by the Office Services Executive, Madam Helen Kho. But before we could enter the building, we were given a very short briefing regarding certain rules and policies of KOMAG such as, no cameras allowed, all hand-phones must be switched off and the most interesting of all, we had to wear recycled paper-thin slip ons.

Outside the briefing room, the Operations Manager, Mr Tracv Smith was waiting for us. For the next hour or so, he explained to us the business operation of KOMAG. Before the session ended, we were informed of the job opportunities at KOMAG.

The day ended superbly as we were served with refreshment and before we left, we took a few pictures at the reception lobby.



Business strategies!

Dakota tribal wisdom says that when you discover you are riding a dead horse,the best strategy is to dismount. However, in business we often try other strategies with dead horses including the following:

1 Buy a stronger whip.
2 Change riders.
3 Say things like "This is the way we always have ridden this horse".
4 Appoint a committee to study the horse.
5 Arrange to visit other sites to see how they ride dead horses.
6 Rewrite the standards for dead horse performance.
7 Appoint a "tiger team" to revive the dead horse.
8 Create a training session to increase riding ability.
9. Compare the state of dead horses in today's environment.
10 Change the requirements declaring that "this horse is not dead".
11 Hire contractors to ride the dead horse.
12 Harness several dead horses together to increase speed and pulling power.
13 Declare that "no horse is too dead to beat".
14 Provide additional incentive funding to increase the horse's performance.
15 Do a CA study to see if contractors can ride it cheaper.
16 Purchase a software product to make dead horses run faster.
17 Form a quality circle to find uses for dead horses.
18 Revisit the performance requirements for horses.
19 Say this horse was procured with cost as an independent value.
20 Promote the dead horse to a supervisory position.
21 Shorten the track.
22 Establish benchmarks for industry dead-horse leaders.
23 Gather other dead animals and announce a diversity program.
24 Put together a spiffy PowerPoint presentation to get planners to double the dead-horse R&D budget.
25 Get the horse a web site.

MITSA
Persatuan Alumni
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MITSA Alumni Notes

Jimmy Drahman

Jimmy, EXCO member of UiTM Alumni Sarawak, and currently pursuing his EMBA degree, has come a long way. His other academic qualifications include a diploma in DPA and an honours degree in BBA Marketing, both from UiTM. Jimmy's upward path has been literally suffused with music in the background. He had been in the local music scene since the early 1970s before he joined RTM as a part-time musician.

In 1975 Jimmy was offered a permanent post as Radio Program Producer and attached to the Entertainment Section of RTM Kuching. The programs he produced include Bintang RTM, Pesta Dendang Rakyat and Bintang Kecil. With the advent of TV transmission in Sarawak, he was assigned TV Music Coordinator in charge of sound engineering for national telecast.

Before long Jimmy assumed the post of Assistant TV Producer (Floor manager) and became a full TV Producer. In 1993, he was promoted to the post of Assistant Program Controller, followed by that of Controller of Program (Operations).

In 1999, Jimmy was appointed Head of Secretariat in charge of the department's General Administration as well as Public Relations. Before he retired in 2005, he was appointed Controller of Broadcasting in charge of RTM Sri Aman.

Jimmy and wife Faridah, who is currently TV Producer at RTM Kuching, have four children Nadia (also a graduate from UiTM), Rezzal, Azreen and Fareez.

Student Exchange

Rafidah Nawawi



It was like a replay of last year's scenario. The 'orang putihs' were back, different people, different personalities but with the same objective.

16 students from various universities around America came down to Sarawak and stayed at UiTMCS for 2 weeks beginning on 16 July 2005. They came in two batches to spend their holiday in Sarawak. The first batch was here from 16 July till 1 Aug 2005 whilst the second batch stayed from 2-13 August 2005.

The main objective of the program is to explore the richness of the cultures of Sarawak and to have closer international ties with Malaysian students.

The exchange students managed to visit the Sarawak Cultural Village, the Semenggok Wildlife Center, Jong's Crocodile Farm, Gunung Gading National Park, Kampong Pusa in Betong Division and lots more. Most of them had very good comments about their stay here:

"My fondest memory would be staying with Mizi (my roommate). At first I was so nervous and afraid that I won't fit in with the family and culture but then Mizi was very supportive. What I found is that there is not much difference between our two cultures. I thought that different races can't live together but Malaysia proved me wrong. The different races here live happily even though they are from different backgrounds. To me Sarawak is just like my second home and I'm sure I'll be back in the near future to learn more about the cultures here." (Sean – Florida State University)

"The most interesting place that I visited was Jong's Crocodile farm. It was an interesting visit as there were a lot of crocodiles. I found that there is no problem in communication as all of the students can converse in English very well and I'll be back for the next summer definitely." (Misty – Mississippi College)

"The programme is very useful as we can exchange cultures. Malaysians are very helpful and accommodating. While I was here I really enjoyed eating rambutans and mangosteens. The most exciting story that I'm gonna tell my parents and friends will be that my friend and I were chased by a crazy monkey while at the Jong's Crocodile Farm and we were screaming and crying for help." (Courtney – University of Central Florida)





Congratulations!

Info Kampus congratulates URDC for securing the second place award for "Penyelidikan Terbanyak" and bringing home the Piala Al-Khawarizmi during the recent CSSR conference held in Terengganu.

A warm round of applause to Dr. Paul Lau and his team members – Hwa Tee Yong, Rashidah Mahdi and Leong Siow Hoo for winning the Best Fundamental Research (Social Science category) award during the same CSSR conference in Terengganu. This is the second time running that Dr. Lau's team has won the award from CSSR! What's more, Dr. Lau's project, 'Evaluating School Efficiency Using Data Envelopment Analysis' has been selected to represent UiTM for the Pameran Penyelidikan IPPT Malaysia 2005 in September.

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