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Message from the Campus Director, UiTM SARAWAK

The New Year has arrived bringing with it new responsibilities and objectives. First of all, I wish to remind staff and students of Dato' Seri's annual themes or targets ("amanat").This year the focus is on Internationalization. Programs, seminars and paper presentations that we conduct should not only carry local but international aspects including collaboration with overseas partners. Perhaps we could go overseas or invite international guests here in our quest for joint research with regional and foreign counterparts. We could start off with neighbouring countries such as Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand. However, we need to reach out to Europe and other regions.

It needs to be stressed that Dato' Seri wants us to maintain all the previous themes ("amanat"), of the past eight years, along with the new ones of this year. We need to also think of designing student activities from an international level.

Thanks to all the staff for the strong, continuing support extended to me during the last three years, without it we could not have achieved success in all areas that UiTM Sarawak, Kampus Samarahan, up to now. The successes are seen through the new awards we have received, improved students performances and an overall improvement in quality. I have been reappointed for another term and I hope to receive an equally dedicated support.

I wish you a Happy Awal Muharram, Happy New Year and a Happy Chinese New Year.

Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali
Campus Director

Sekadar Renungan.....

Hadiah yang terbaik kepada kawan ialah kesetiaan
Hadiah yang terbaik kepada musuh ialah kemaafan
Hadiah yang terbaik kepada ketua ialah khidmat
Hadiah yang terbaik kepada yang muda ialah contoh terbaik
Hadiah yang terbaik kepada yang tua ialah hayati budi mereka
Hadiah yang terbaik kepada pasangan ialah cinta dan ketaatan
Hadiah yang terbaik kepada manusia ialah kebebasan.

Dari Meja Editor

Bismillahhirrahmanirrahim…

Warga kampus yang dikasihi,

Alhamdulillah, syukur ke hadrat- Nya di atas kemunculan Info Kampus kita untuk edisi kali ini. Untuk santapan warga kampus, kami tunggak baru Info Kampus telah membuat beberapa perubahan untuk kemunculan yang julung kalinya di atas penat lelah yang telah dicurahkan selama ini. Selaku Ketua Panel Editor untuk musim ini, tidak dinafikan bahawa pelbagai cabaran, permasalahan serta dugaan yang telah dilalui dalam usaha untuk menyiapkan keluaran yang telah menjadi tradisi kampus kita untuk memaklumkan kepada semua warga kampus akan pelbagai isu serta aktiviti yang berlaku di sekeliling kita.

2007 semakin jauh meninggalkan kita, manakala tahun baru 2008 menanti di ambang dengan senyumaman yang cukup mendebarkan. Saya percaya pelbagai peristiwa pahit manis 2007 disimpan dalam lipatan kenangan untuk dijadikan iktibar dan tauladan. Yang pasti 2008 disambut dengan semangat dan inspirasi untuk menjadi yang lebih baik meskipun cabarannya semakin getir.

Di kesempatan ini juga, setinggi-tinggi terima kasih kepada mereka yang telah memberi sumbangan dari segi bahan cerita dan gambar-gambar yang menarik untuk dikongsi bersama. Kami amat menghargainya. Dan kami akan sentiasa memberi yang terbaik untuk setiap edisi yang dipaparkan sepanjang tahun ini.
Di harap keluaran kali ini dapat memberi kepuasan maksimum kepada warga kampus semua kerana hilang rasa penat dan lelah kami menghasilkan edisi ini apabila anda berpuas hati memilikinya. Bertemu lagi di edisi yang akan datang.

Salam coretan dan Selamat Tahun Baru.

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BENCHMARKING
VISIT TO UNIVERSITY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF BEIJING

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Heads of respective programmes and units, together with few lecturers of UiTM Sarawak had participated in bench-marking visit to University of Science and Technology Beijing (USTB) in 5 days 4 nights trip to Beijing, China. This trip is another glaring history of UiTM Sarawak in the land of Dragon, in order to create a relationship with other international universities after visiting few universities in Singapore for the past 5 years. This trip is actually giving an opportunity to the participants whereas they would observe how academic programmes conducted, management of student welfare as well as their basic facilities such as cafeteria, library, lecturer room and boarding in USTB.

USTB in Brief

University of Science and Technology Beijing (USTB), which founded in 1952, is a national key university under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Education of China. After many years of development, the USTB has seven national key disciplines such as Ferrous Metallurgy, Materials Science, Materials Processing Engineering, Mechanical Design and, Theory and Mining Engineering.

The USTB has also a high reputation in fields such as Management Science and Engineering, History Science and Technology. In fact, disciplines such as Control Theory and Control Engineering, Thermal Engineering, and Mechatronic Engineering have been developed on a solid basis. In addition, newly-developed disciplines such as Computer Science, Information Technology, Environmental Engineering, and Civil Engineering, have been glowed with such vigor and vitality.

Built up in total area of 557,858 square feet, the USTB consists of 9 schools in which it provides 39 Undergraduate, 65 Master and 26 Doctoral programmes, and 7 post-doctoral research fields.

The UTSB have also built a close co-operation with more than 40 respective universities throughout the globe such as Lulea University from Sweden, University of Liverpool from Britain, Universidade Federal do Parana from Brazil, and The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology from Australia (just to name a few examples).



Research

During a fruitful discussion with Prof. Ge Wang, Director International Affairs of USTB, the participants had managed to learn about the student welfare unit and the student activities; and to discuss any possibilities of collaboration in exchanging students and research expertise, particularly in the field of Chemical Engineering or any science-based area. According to him, their lecturers who are conducting any research or consultancy, they will not be given teaching workloads as a way to encourage them to do more research for the university.

Relating to international student recruitment, the USTB has accepted the international students since 1954. More than two thousands of students from 74 countries and regions have studied and did their research work in the university. For instance, in the fall of 2003, there were 81 international students, including 34 Undergraduates, 15 Master and 8 Doctoral candidates, and 24 non-degree students (21 of them were language students). All the courses in the USTB were conducted fully in Mandarin.

Facilities

The USTB has offered impressive facilities to their students, as proved by their buildings' design. Their hostels are, generally, standing up to 10 to 15 storey type of apartments; and they are really clean. They have specific park lots for bicycle so that it would not look crowded. The four storey of their Cafeteria building can occupy more that 1,000 students at one time.

The most important thing is the campus looks very clean and systematic. Such attitudes will be good examples that we can follow and educate our students.The students are not allowed to bring any transport such as motorbikes or cars except bicycles in the campus. In fact, they are only allowed to walk within campus areas, and practised also among their lecturers and staff. All the bicycles can only be parked at the side of the building, so the main roads and the entrance building will always clear and clean.

We really hope that this bench-marking trip is helping UiTMS in some way to gain good experience and knowledge as well as exposure to see how far we can go as compared to other universities in Asia.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All



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