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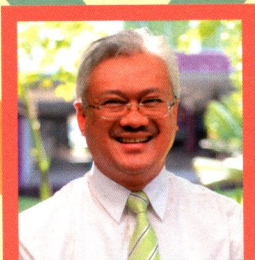


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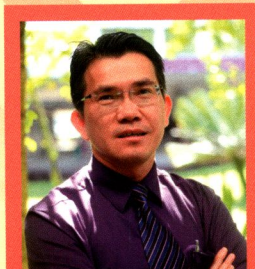


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# Rector's Message

refreshed with new ideas and gain new perspectives to problems. Together ideas are explored and it is possible to test the potential of various options to come up with the most feasible.

UiTM Sarawak has been actively collaborating with other organisations and universities at both national and international levels. This can be seen from the many conferences that are jointly organised with other organizations and universities locally and abroad. The International Conference of ISO and Total Quality Management (ICIT) jointly organised by *Universiti Teknologi MARA* together with APEST Academy Hong Kong, International 5S Organisation and SIRIM Malaysia was held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Riverside Majestic Hotel Kuching. Out of the 60 papers presented, UiTM Sarawak lecturers won the best paper awards in five out of the ten categories. The categories won were ISO 9000/14001/50001, OH180001ETC, Islamic-principle based Management Techniques, Knowledge Management and Learning, Best Practices in Higher Education and Best Practices in Service Sector. I wish to congratulate the winners of all these awards who have indeed made UiTM Sarawak proud. The success achieved shows that our high caliber UiTM staff are able to compete at both national and international levels. Having the confidence to compete internationally will spur you to greater success in the future as you take part and win more and more competitions.

I was most privileged to present at the gala dinner held in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> International Research Symposium on Service Management (IRSSM 5) held at Parnu, Estonia from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. UiTM Sarawak lecturers who also attended the symposium were Associate Professor Dr. Margaret Chan, Associate Professor Dr. Voon Boo Ho, Associate Professor Dr. Firduas Abdullah and Dr. Ellen Chung. Each of the team members not only presented research findings but also promoted IRSSM 6 to be organised by UiTM Sarawak from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at the Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching.

Networking visits enhance cooperation and collaboration and build linkages. In February, 2014, Associate Professor Dr. Margaret Chan and I made a trip to New Zealand sponsored by the Sarawak Convention Centre. There, we visited three universities namely Lincoln University and Waikaito University in South Island and Auckland University in North Island as well as the Ministry of Primary Industries in Auckland. The aim of the trip was to promote the international conferences organized by UiTM Sarawak and to network with other foreign universities, in this case universities in New Zealand. Subsequently, Professor Hiringi Matunga, the Assistant Vice Chancellor of

Communities and Professor of Indigenous Planning of Lincoln University visited our campus and delivered a talk on study opportunities at Lincoln University. Thus, overseas visits such as these build international linkages that are mutually beneficial.

The partnership between *Universiti Teknologi MARA* and the University of Bangalore, India through the Dr Sivaram Research Foundation and Century Foundation with the support of the Sarawak Convention Bureau resulted in the organisations coming together to organise the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Advances in Plant Sciences (ICAPS) 2014 from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 at Four Points by Sheraton, Kuching. It is noteworthy to mention that nine undergraduate students from our Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology and Faculty of Applied Sciences presented six papers which indicate the high quality of our students' research. In addition, together with the State Education Department, Teacher Education Institute of Malaysia Batu Lintang Campus and Tun Abdul Razak Campus, UiTM jointly organised the 16<sup>th</sup> IOSTE Symposium held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching. Moreover, the GLOMUS Camp 2015 supported by UiTM Sarawak, UNIMAS, the Commission of the City of Kuching North, the Sarawak Convention Bureau, Sarawak Economic Development Corporation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and the North-South-South Programme under the MoFA of Finland and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark was held in January, 2015 at the Sarawak Cultural Village. This camp aimed to bring together participants from various countries, musical backgrounds and traditions with the purpose of developing collaborative projects.

UiTM Sarawak is playing an important role in bringing together experts in various fields to pave the way for cooperation and collaboration between different organisations and universities not only locally but across the globe. I would like to encourage UiTM Sarawak staff to continue with the efforts to uplift our university's status in the world. As we move towards becoming a fully developed nation by 2020, Sarawak as a part of Malaysia has to progress in tandem with this trend. UiTM Sarawak is proud to contribute to the development of our beloved country Malaysia in general and our Land of Hornbill, Sarawak in particular.

Let us work together to make UiTM Sarawak a campus that we can all be proud of.

**Professor Dato Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali**  
Rector

**A** Very Happy 2015 to UiTM staff and students. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Haji Adenan bin Haji Satem and the Vice-Chancellor of UiTM, Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Sri Professor Ir. Dr. Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar, FASc for the continuous support given to UiTM Sarawak. To the staff, I thank you all for your cooperation and dedication which have contributed to the tremendous development made by UiTM Sarawak. In addition, I also encourage UiTM Sarawak students to work hard and excel in their studies.

As I reflect on the events that took place in 2014, I am happy with the achievements that UiTM Sarawak has made for the year. Amongst our many achievements, we have been successful in networking with other institutions both locally and abroad. In today's globalised society, the Internet has resulted in networking becoming a key concept. The term 'network' refers to the need to work together through direct exchange of information and knowledge. Collaboration between universities is not restricted to regional collaboration but now extends across different geographic areas around the world. A university cannot exist on its own without relations beyond its own frontiers. Therefore, I encourage UiTM Sarawak staff, especially the academic staff, to attend and present papers at national and international conferences and seminars in order to meet other researchers and share knowledge. In today's increasingly globalised world, we at universities are aware of our need to be linked to benefit both education and research. Therefore, we should identify cooperation and collaboration that will be mutually beneficial.

Networking enables innovative ideas to be exchanged. The Internet makes it possible to communicate instantly with people from any part of the world. Ideas stand a better chance of becoming projects with cooperation between interested parties. There is no doubt that national and international collaborations enhance research. Without research activities, be it fundamental or applied, universities won't be able to fulfill their role of being engines of development. By collaborating with other researchers, university teams are constantly



## Chief Editor's Message

**Roselind Wee**

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**A**nother year has passed yet again. 2014 has gone and 2015 has come. 2014 has been an eventful year for UiTM Sarawak which has made great strides in successfully networking and collaborating with national and international partners. I consider it as a very successful year for UiTM Sarawak in developing strategic national and international partnerships. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, international collaboration has become integral to higher education with the proliferation of international partnerships among colleges and universities. These partnerships enhance and even transform our institution leading to the internationalisation of our university as we expand linkages with higher education institutions in other countries. This can be seen from the many international conferences that UiTM Sarawak has jointly organised not only with national partners but also with international partners from across the globe.

UiTM Sarawak staff, particularly the academic staff, have always been actively participating and presenting at seminars and conferences locally and abroad. By doing so, they not only share their knowledge but they also learn from the different experts in the fields that they specialise in. Thus, this enhances their knowledge and skills in the different areas which benefit not only UiTM Sarawak as an institution but also the students who gain from their experience and expertise. Two of the international conferences that were jointly organised with national and international partners were the International Conference of ISO and Total Quality Management (ICIT) 2014 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Advances in Plant Sciences (ICAPS) 2014. By organizing such international conferences here in Sarawak, UiTM Sarawak is opening up vast opportunities for our local people, particularly the lecturers and students, to participate in them. For ICAPS 2014, nine of our undergraduate students from the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology and Faculty of Applied Science presented six papers. It is costly to travel overseas to participate and present but having such a conference here in Kuching makes it possible for more local lecturers and students to attend and present. Thus, they gain from this international exposure which greatly benefits them.

Our campus is forward looking in building linkages outside not only locally but abroad as well. A team of UiTM lecturers led by our Rector, Professor Dato Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali attended the 5<sup>th</sup> International Research Symposium (IRSSM 5) at Parnu, Estonia in June 2014. The team not only presented papers but also promoted IRSSM 6 that will be held in August, 2015. Subsequent to the visit made by our Rector and Associate Professor Dr. Margaret to universities in New Zealand in February, 2014, Professor Hiringi Matunga, the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Communities and Professor of Indigenous Planning of Lincoln University, New Zealand also paid a visit to UiTM Sarawak and delivered a talk on study opportunities there. Such visits build linkages that are mutually beneficial. In addition, GLOMUS Camp 2015, which was held in Sarawak, was supported by UiTM Sarawak, UNIMAS, Commission of the City of Kuching North, the Sarawak Convention Bureau, Sarawak Economic Development Corporation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and the North-South-South Programme under the MoFA of Finland and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark. This camp aimed to bring together participants from various countries with the purpose of developing collaborative projects. It was indeed a privilege for UiTM Sarawak to be involved with so many partners, both local and international, to organise such an event.

UiTM Sarawak is keen to expand our horizon by networking, collaborating and building linkages not only at the national level but also international level. There is no doubt that internationalisation of our university enables us to work together with experts in various fields across the globe. This brings a lot of benefits to our university as our staff learn more and share their knowledge with colleagues and students.

I wish UiTM Sarawak every success in networking, collaboration and building linkages with both national and international partners.



On 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014, the Pro-Chancellor of *Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)*, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Abdul Rahman Arshad accompanied by the Rector of UiTM Sarawak, Professor Dato Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali and the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs and Research of UCSI, Professor Dr. Teoh Kok Soo paid a courtesy call to the Head of State, His Excellency, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud

On the next day, a courtesy call was made to the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Haji Adenan bin Haji Satem.

## UiTM Vice-Chancellor presenting at the Oxford Academy for Education and Development, the United Kingdom

By: Roselind Wee

UiTM Vice-Chancellor, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar was invited by the Oxford Academy for Education and Development (OAED), the United Kingdom to deliver a talk under the Leadership in Higher Education Programme held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. In his paper entitled "University Leadership: A Case Study", Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sahol shared with senior leaders of universities all over the world on his experience of leading UiTM. Under the capable leadership of Tan Sri Dato' Sri Sahol, UiTM has obtained many national and international awards such as the Most Entrepreneurial University Award for two consecutive years in 2012 and 2013 and the Best Islamic Finance Education Provider for the Global Islamic Finance Awards 2014 held in Dubai.

The five-day top level executive programme hosted by OAED brought together leaders of higher education institutions around the world to review best practices in academic management, leadership and strategy, development and innovation as well as internationalization of higher education and other relevant topics in higher education. This programme, which covered both practical and theoretical aspects of leadership in higher education, included stimulating debates, workshops and seminars, tours of higher education institutions and cultural visits.

Earlier on, familiarization programmes were held. On their visit to UiTM, OAED Chairman, Dr. Moghaddam and the International Office representatives of OAED discussed projects and collaboration with the Vice Chancellor and senior management of UiTM.



# GLOMUS Camp 2015 in Sarawak, Malaysia

By: Roselind Wee



projects that enhance intercultural communication, knowledge sharing, capacity building and organisational development, and musical interaction for mutual inspiration and innovation.

The GLOMUS Camp, which takes place biannually, successfully began its first run in 2009 in the Island of Mozambique followed by Ghana in 2011 and Tanzania in 2013. As the newest member of the GLOMUS Partner Institution, the Faculty of Music, UiTM brought this camp to South-East-Asian shores for the first time. This camp featured a plethora of activities, such as cultural presentations from each participating country and seminars on fusion drumming, gamelan, shadow puppet play, drama and instrumental theatre as well as presentations from key note speakers.

The UiTM Faculty of Music, in collaboration with the Global Network for Higher Music Education (GLOMUS), organised the biannual GLOMUS Camp with the theme, "Inclusion, Collaboration and Global Responsibility in Arts Education". GLOMUS Camp 2015 was held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 at the Sarawak Cultural Village in Sarawak, Malaysia. The Minister of Sarawak Tourism, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Abang Haji Openg officiated at the opening ceremony of Glomus Camp 2015.

GLOMUS is an international network and initiative for higher education in global music and its related arts. Founded by three Nordic higher education academies of music - the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus/Aalborg in Denmark, Lund University, Malmö Academy for Music in Sweden and Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland, its aim is to bring forth the vision of creating a sustainable platform that supports and promotes cultural activities as well as the diversity in music performance and education. It is the bridge that connects the global music community across the seven continents, enabling music educators and academies worldwide to share, experience, exchange and educate.

Supported by UiTM Sarawak, UNIMAS, the Commission of the City of Kuching North, the Sarawak Convention Bureau, the Sarawak Economic Development Corporation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and the North-South Programme under the MoFA of Finland and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark, this camp brought together participants from various countries, musical backgrounds and traditions with the purpose of developing collaborative

UiTM is indeed very privileged to host this camp which had participants from 21 countries comprising of Finland, Denmark, Tanzania, Mali, Australia, Nepal, Sweden, Brazil, China, the Netherlands, Singapore, Estonia, France, Ghana, Mozambique, South Africa, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Afghanistan and Malaysia.



# THE XVI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (IOSTE) SYMPOSIUM BORNEO 2014

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By: Margaret Chan

The International Organisation of Science and Technology Education (IOSTE) was established in 1979 to promote contact and dialogue across political and ideological borders with the key concern that education in Science and Technology should be a vital part of the general education of the peoples of all countries. Its mission statement is that IOSTE identifies science and technology education with the real and changing needs of humankind as a whole and with specific needs of its component communities and nations. It has memberships from 15 regions and eighty countries that include South West Pacific, South East Asia, Far East Asia, South Asia, Persian Gulf, West Africa, East and Central Africa, Southern Africa, Mediterranean, Eastern and Central Europe, Nordic Countries, West Europe, South America, North America and Central America.

The 16<sup>th</sup> IOSTE Symposium was held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak. The symposium was organised jointly by Universiti Teknologi MARA, the State Education Department, the Teacher Education Institute of Malaysia Batu Lintang Campus and Tun Abdul Razak Campus.

The symposium was tagged as IOSTE Borneo 2014 to reflect the Borneo socioeconomic background. The main theme of the symposium was the Science and Technology Education (STE) for Sustainable Development, Citizen Empowerment, and Societal Transformation with three subthemes:

1. Promoting Quality and Excellence in STE: Issues and Challenges
2. STE for Informed Criticality, Civil Citizenship and Social Justice
3. Broader Issues in Science and Technology Education

The symposium was officially launched by the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Yang Amat Berhormat, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Haji Adenan bin Haji Satem, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 with his consent given during a courtesy call to Yang Amat Berhormat, the Chief Minister led by Prof. Dato Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali, Rector of UiTM Sarawak on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Yang Berhormat, Datuk Lens Talif Salleh, the Assistant Minister at the Chief Minister's Office with the portfolio of Promotion of Technical Education, and the Assistant Minister of Environment was designated by the Chief Minister to address the symposium on his behalf.

Four keynote speakers presented at the conference. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Professor Ir. Dr. Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar, the Vice Chancellor, Universiti Teknologi MARA delivered his paper on *Mengubah Destini Anak Bangsa*. Next, Dr. Molly N.N. Lee, a former Coordinator of the Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Programme for Development (APEID) and Programme Specialist in Higher Education at UNESCO Asia and the Pacific Regional Bureau for Education in Bangkok, presented "Education for Sustainable Development: Concept, Principles and Practices". Then, Professor Dr. Malin Ideland from Malmo University, Sweden talked on "Global responsibility or eco-certified nationalism? About impossibilities of non-colonial Educations for Sustainable Development (ESD)". Lastly, Professor Dr. Anthony Clarke from the University of British Columbia, Canada presented "What if I said No?". Six plenary papers, seventy technical papers and six posters were presented by the delegates from 18 countries. 43 papers from delegates who gave their consent would be published in the *Procedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Published by Elsevier, Scopus cited).

The delegates went to the Semongkok Wildlife Centre and the Sarawak Cultural Village for their technical tour on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The tenure of board member for Associate Professor Dr. Margaret Chan was renewed during the IOSTE general assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The 17<sup>th</sup> IOSTE Symposium will be held in Portugal in 2016.



Datuk Lens Talif Salleh, the Assistant Minister at the Chief Minister's Office with the portfolio of Promotion of Technical Education, and the Assistant Minister of Environment addressing the delegates



Professor Dr. Yoong Suan (Advisor to IOSTE Borneo 2014), Professor Dr. Pierre Clément from France and Professor Dr. Hae-Ae Seo (New President of IOSTE) from South Korea

# Pengurniaan Darjah-Darjah Kebesaran Negeri Sarawak

Oleh: Nur Izaty Bt Hj Talip



Timbalan Ketua Menteri Sarawak Tan Sri Alfred Jabu mengucapkan tahniah kepada Profesor Dato Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali, Rektor UiTM Sarawak semasa penyampaian Pingat Terpuji Jubli Emas (P.T.E)

Profesor Dato Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali, Rektor UiTM Sarawak telah menerima Pingat Terpuji Jubli Emas (P.T.E) bersempena penganugerahan pingat peringatan perayaan Jubli Emas Kemerdekaan Sarawak. Timbalan Ketua Menteri Sarawak, Tan Sri Alfred Jabu menyampaikan pingat berkenaan pada majlis yang berlangsung pada 28 Ogos 2014 di Dewan Santapan Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak dengan dihadiri seramai 300 penerima Pingat Terpuji Jubli Emas (P.T.E).

Pada 3 September 2014 pula telah berlangsung Istiadat Pengurniaan Darjah-Darjah Kebesaran Negeri Sarawak. Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak telah berkenan menyempurnakan penyampaian darjah-darjah dan pingat-pingat kebesaran negeri Sarawak pada istiadat yang berlangsung di Dewan Besar Astana Negeri Sarawak, Petra Jaya Kuching.

Ketua Unit Komunikasi Korporat & Perhubungan Antarabangsa UiTM Sarawak iaitu Profesor Madya Dr. Firdaus Abdullah merupakan salah seorang staf UiTM Sarawak yang telah menerima Pingat Perkhidmatan Bakti (Perak) (PBB) dalam istiadat tersebut. Pingat ini merupakan salah satu pingat yang diberikan kepada penjawat awam yang berjasa untuk negeri atau persekutuan kerajaan dalam perkhidmatan awam.



Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud memberi Pingat Perkhidmatan Bakti (Perak) (PBB) kepada Profesor Madya Dr. Firdaus Abdullah

## UiTM Samarahan Staff Received Awards from TYT

By Ch'ng Looi Chin

The UiTM Samarahan's Deputy Rector for Student Affairs, Associate Professor Wan Akil Tuanku Adbullah, Mr. Kamiyo Hassan Tani and Mr. Abdul Kalid Karim were among 149 recipients, who received awards from the Head of State, Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud at the investiture ceremony held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the banquet hall of *Astana Negeri* in Petra Jaya.

Associate Professor Wan Akil Tuanku Adbullah was awarded the *Johan Bintang Kenyalang* (JBK) award also known as the *Companion of the Order of the Star of Hornbill Sarawak*. Meanwhile, Mr. Kamiyo Hassan Tani was awarded the *Bintang Bentara Sarawak* (BBS) known as the *Herald of the Order of the Star of Sarawak*. Both awards fall within the category of the *Most Exalted Order of The Star of Sarawak* award and can only be awarded to limited recipients at a time. Also, at the ceremony, Mr. Abdul Khalid Bin Karim was awarded the *Pingat Perkhidmatan Terpuji* (PPT). It is an award under the *Commendable Service Medal-Bronze* in the category of *Civil Administration Medal*.

Among those present at the ceremony were Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib's wife, Toh Puan Ragad Kurdi Taib, the Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Alfred Jabu Numpang and the Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office, Datuk John Sikie Tayai (Native Adat and Penan Affairs).





Pada 2 September 2014 yang lepas, satu taklimat telah diadakan di Dewan Jubli UiTM Sarawak di mana ianya adalah merupakan Program Bicara Sayangi UiTM yang dikendalikan oleh Ybhg. Dato Rektor UiTM Sarawak, Profesor Dato Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali. Program ini bertujuan untuk memberi penerangan mengenai *Private Funding Initiative* (PFI) serta mewujudkan suasana kekitaan di kalangan warga-warga universiti. Program tersebut dihadiri oleh para pensyarah dan staf pentadbiran serta dipengerusikan oleh Encik Mohd Noor Asraff Hamdi (Penolong Pendaftar Bahagian Pentadbiran).



Rektor UiTM Sarawak telah memulakan ucapan beliau dengan membicarakan tanggungjawab dan peranan staf kepada UiTM serta perihal kecintaan terhadap negara yang perlu ada pada diri setiap staf. Rektor juga menyediakan beberapa lagu bersifat kenegaraan di dalam slaid beliau di mana para staf menyanyikan lagu tersebut dengan penuh bersemangat dan penghayatan. Visi dan misi UiTM ditekankan semasa taklimat beliau, di mana adalah menjadi harapan warga UiTM untuk menjadikan UiTM sebuah universiti unggul yang bertaraf dunia supaya dapat melahirkan graduan yang berdaya saing di dalam alam pekerjaan yang semakin mencabar.

Beliau juga mengingatkan staf supaya mengamalkan budaya bertegur sapa serta kerjasama di kalangan staf. Sebelum Dato' Rektor menamatkan taklimat, beliau menyeru supaya staf sentiasa berganding bahu dan menyemai rasa cinta dan sayang terhadap UiTM dan negara supaya Bumiputera akan terus maju dan mencapai tahap universiti yang lebih baik dari sebelumnya.

## Rebranding of the Quality Management System (Sistem Pengurusan Kualiti)

By Ch'ng Looi Chin

A simple launching ceremony was held at UiTM Samarahan, Campus 2 on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to mark the rebranding of the Quality Management System. The management staff were at this significant ceremony to witness the launch of  $e^2=UiTMQs$ . The launching illustrated UiTM Sarawak's continuous efforts in reviewing the quality of services not only to achieve UiTM's vision but to ensure the system itself is run effectively and efficiently. UiTM Sarawak believes that every individual has the ability to attain excellence through the transfer of knowledge and assimilation of moral values to become professional graduates capable of developing knowledge, self, society and nation.



## NEW POST GRADUATE STUDENTS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

By : Vloreen Nity Mathew

On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014, the Centre of Graduate Studies, UiTM Sarawak organized an orientation programme to welcome all new students for the September 2014 intake. The programme was held at the Grand Margarita Hotel, Kuching. 22 new students for research and coursework programmes turned up to register for the upcoming new semester. The programme, which started with a networking lunch, gave an opportunity for the new students, coordinators and the Post Graduate Centre staff to get to know each other. Registration took place at about 2 pm and students were sent to attend a programme briefing by the respective coordinators for research and coursework. The Research Programme briefing was conducted by Dr Corina Joseph while programme briefings for coursework were conducted by Siti Huzaimah and Vloreen Nity Mathew. The briefing highlighted important dates and requirements for students to complete the programme. The programme ended at 6.00 p.m. with a message from the Head of Post Graduate Centre, Associate Professor Dr. Firdaus Abdullah.



The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) and the Collaborative Agreement (CA) between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak and Sarawak Tourism Board, Daitoku Sdn Bhd and Sarawak Information System (Sains) Sdn Bhd was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at UiTM Sarawak. With the cooperation between the institutions of higher learning, the private and public sectors, it is hoped that the graduates will be well trained after their internship and apprentice programmes with these agencies.

After witnessing the signing ceremony, the Minister of Tourism, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Abang Haji Openg pointed out that collaboration between academics and practitioners is vital in transforming our country's basic economy. "We have seen through history, successful economy is the result of the right training of human resource. This training will become a platform for new initiative and new products in the industry," he said. He further stressed that, "We must emphasise priority on the new economy which is basically innovative economy. We don't rely on resources only, but the capability to create things out of nothing is important."

This collaboration enhances UiTM Sarawak's primary mission, which is education and the advancement of knowledge through information and communication technology. This university always seizes the opportunities to establish strategic collaboration with various agencies to share ideas and enhance the quality of the graduates and research.

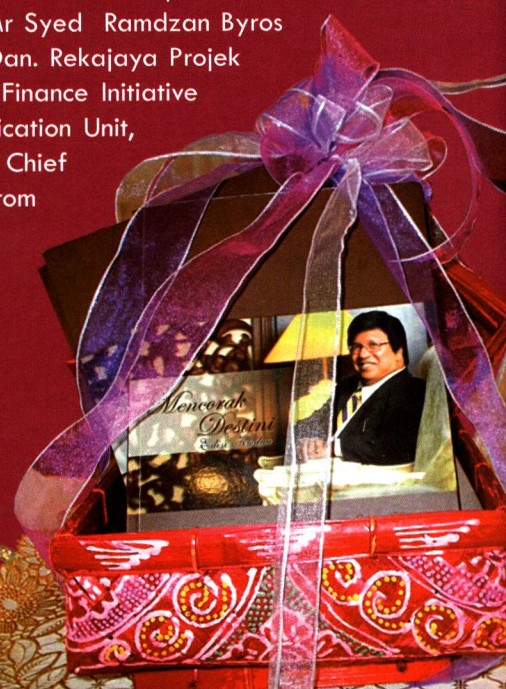
Also present were the Rector of UiTM Sarawak, Professor Dato Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali, the Chief Executive Officer of STB, Dato' Rashid Khan, the Chief Executive Officer of SAINS, Dato Teo Tien Hong and the Chief Executive Officer of Daitoku Sdn. Bhd., Alfred Ling How Ping.



## Book Handing-over Ceremony

by Ellen Chung

A handing-over ceremony of 100 copies of "Mengubah Destini Anak Bangsa" book authored by UiTM Vice Chancellor, Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Sri Professor Ir. Dr. Sahol Hamid Abu Bakar, was held at UiTM Samarahan 1 campus on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2014. UiTM Sarawak Deputy Rector for Student Affair, Associate Professor Wan Akil Tuanku Abdullah on behalf of the Rector, Professor Dato Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali handed over the book to the Head of Operations and Maintenance of UiTM Samarahan 2, Mr Syed Ramdzan Byros Khan who represented the Director of Rekajaya Projek Sdn Bhd, Mr Khalil Dan. Rekajaya Projek Sdn Bhd is the concessionaire for Samarahan 2 Campus under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI). The ceremony was also attended by the Head of Corporate Communication Unit, Associate Professor Dr. Firdaus Abdullah, Coordinator, Dr. Ellen Chung, the Chief Editor of InfoKampus, Madam Roselind Wee and two administrators from Rekajaya Projek Sdn. Bhd.



# PROGRAM ORIENTASI STAF BAHARU (PENTADBIRAN) UiTM SARAWAK

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Pada 28 April 2014, telah diadakan Program Orientasi Staf Baharu (Pentadbiran) UiTM Sarawak di Kampus Mukah selama 3 hari bermula pada hari Isnin sehingga hari Rabu. Program ini adalah untuk memberi pendedahan kepada staf baru seramai 80 orang tentang UiTM Sarawak serta fungsi-fungsi yang terdapat pada setiap bahagian.

Para peserta orientasi bertolak daripada UiTM Samarahan pada hari 27 April 2014 dengan menggunakan kenderaan Universiti. Perjalanan dari UiTM Samarahan ke UiTM Mukah mengambil masa selama 8 jam di mana pemandu memberhentikan bas beberapa kali untuk memberi ruang kepada peserta untuk berehat dan makan. Bas telah bertolak pada pukul 9 pagi dan tiba di UiTM Mukah pada pukul 7 malam pada hari yang sama. Selepas para peserta selesai mendaftar masuk bilik asrama, mereka dihidangkan makan malam dan seterusnya diberi 'briefing' tentang jadual dan aturcara program sepanjang 3 hari berada di UiTM Mukah.

Pada hari pertama, Encik Mohd Noor Asraff, Penolong Pendaftar Pentadbiran selaku Pengerusi program orientasi memberi sepatah dua kata sebelum bermulanya program orientasi. Program bermula dengan taklimat daripada Encik Ahmad Lotfi Haji Arrifin, Timbalan Pendaftar Kanan Bahagian Pentadbiran dengan memberikan maklumat dan pencerahan tentang fungsi dan struktur Bahagian Pentadbiran. Program diteruskan dengan taklimat daripada Bahagian Hal Ehwal Pelajar (HEP) di mana ianya dibentangkan oleh Encik Mohd Syafie Hamdin selaku Penolong Pendaftar HEP.

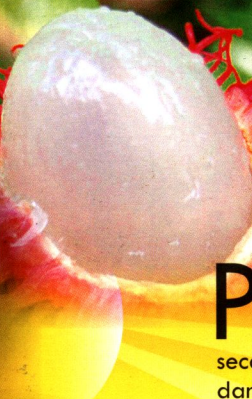
Setelah selesainya taklimat daripada Bahagian HEP, Yang Berbahagia Rektor UiTM Sarawak, Profesor Dato Dr. Jamil Hamali memberikan ucapan beliau dengan memberikan semangat dan inspirasi kepada para peserta dalam menerima dan menempuh cabaran pada masa akan datang kerana para peserta inilah yang akan menggantikan mereka yang telah lama berkhidmat di UiTM. Setelah selesai ucapan daripada beliau, program berlangsung semula pada pukul 2 petang selepas rehat dan makan tengah hari dengan sesi taklimat daripada Bahagian Perpustakaan.

Pada keesokan harinya, taklimat bermula pada pukul 10 pagi dengan taklimat daripada Bahagian Kewangan yang disampaikan oleh Haji Ahmad Zuki Haji Hasan, Timbalan Bendahari UiTM Sarawak. Tuan Haji Ahmad Zuki memberi penerangan tentang cara pembayaran tuntutan perjalanan, fungsi dan peranan Pejabat Kewangan serta bajet-bajet tahunan yang telah diperuntukkan kepada setiap bahagian dalam menjalankan program dan aktiviti masing-masing. Setelah itu bersambung pula dengan taklimat motivasi daripada Timbalan Pengarah Biro Perkhidmatan Pendidikan Majlis Islam Sarawak (BPP-MIS), Haji Dr. Zulwali Kifli Merawi yang berlangsung selama 4 jam. Dr. Zulwali memberi taklimat bagaimana staf harus membantu satu sama lain dan merancang pembahagian tugas supaya ianya dapat diselesaikan dengan cekap dan cepat.



Setelah selesai taklimat motivasi, acara berlangsung semula pada sebelah malam di mana para peserta membuat persembahan lakonan dan nyanyian yang melibatkan 5 kumpulan dan telah diadili oleh Yang Berbahagia Dato Rektor. Program santai tersebut berlangsung selama 3 jam dan berakhir pada pukul 11.00 malam. Pada hari berikutnya, taklimat daripada Unit Polis Bantuan telah disampaikan oleh ASP Mazlan Takap di mana beliau menerangkan tentang larangan dan undang-undang yang perlu dipatuhi oleh setiap staf di dalam kawasan universiti. Setelah itu, taklimat yang terakhir adalah daripada Bahagian Hal Ehwal Akademik yang disampaikan oleh Encik Mohamad Hasimi Abdullah merangkap sebagai Penolong Pendaftar HEA. Encik Hasimi menerangkan perkara yang berkaitan dengan akademik yang perlu dipatuhi dan diketahui oleh para peserta.

Aktiviti *Esprit De Corp* telah dijalankan pada sebelah petang di mana Encik Muntill Bachok mengetuai program pada petang tersebut. Pelbagai aktiviti sukan telah dijalankan dan mencapai objektif *Esprit De Corp* iaitu mengeluarkan peluh dan menjalankan kerjasama berpasukan. Setelah selesainya program tersebut, Program Orientasi secara rasminya telah selesai dan para peserta berangkat pulang ke UiTM Samarahan pada keesokan harinya dengan menggunakan kenderaan universiti.



## PROGRAM PICK AND PACK RAMBUTAN

Oleh: Ardiana Mazwa Raudah bt. Amir Abdullah

Program *Pick And Pack Rambutan* 2014 telah diadakan pada 17-18 Disember 2014 di Ladang UiTM Sarawak Kampus Samarahan 1. Ladang UiTM Sarawak yang seluas 16 hektar secara keseluruhan ditanam dengan 21 jenis tanaman buah-buahan dan pokok seperti rambutan, nangka, cempedak, durian, mangga, belimbing, jambu batu, kopi, kelapa, kelapa sawit dan pokok getah.

Ini merupakan kali ke-3 program *Pick And Pack Rambutan* diadakan selepas tahun 2011 dan 2012. Program ini terbuka kepada kakitangan UiTM, pelajar sekolah serta orang awam yang berminat untuk menyertainya.

Objektif utama program ini dijalankan adalah untuk memberi peluang kepada peserta merasai sendiri pengalaman memetik buah-buahan (rambutan) di dalam dusun lebih-lebih lagi kepada kanak-kanak yang mungkin tidak pernah merasainya. Selain itu juga ia memupuk kesedaran betapa pentingnya mengekalkan kehijauan alam semulajadi untuk kepentingan masa hadapan.



## Kempen Derma Kilat untuk Gaza

Sebagai sebuah institusi pengajian tinggi awam yang prihatin dan penyayang, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak telah melancarkan derma kilat untuk Tabung Aman Palestin, sebagai salah satu usaha untuk membantu rakyat Gaza yang menjadi mangsa kekejaman Zionis. Pejabat Penyelidikan, Jaringan Industri dan Alumni (ICAN) UiTM Sarawak telah menjalankan kutipan Tabung Aman Palestin ini bermula dari 8 Ogos sehingga 13 Ogos 2014. Sambutan daripada pihak pengurusan atasan sehinggalah para pelajar amat menggalakkan. Malah, persatuan dalaman staf iaitu Persatuan Wanita UiTM (PEWANI) Sarawak, Kelab Kebajikan, Rekreasi & Sosial Kakitangan (KEKiTA) UiTM Sarawak dan juga Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar (MPP) turut memberi sumbangan. Jumlah kutipan yang berjaya dikumpul sepanjang kempen adalah sebanyak RM5000.00.



Menurut Profesor Dato' Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali, Rektor UiTM Sarawak, usaha ini akan berterusan, di mana UiTM Sarawak berbesar hati untuk memberi bantuan bukan sahaja dari segi kewangan, malah juga dari segi khidmat nasihat dan kepakaran kepada Aman Palestin Cawangan Sarawak.

"Menyedari kekangan yang dialami NGO ini, pihak UiTM tidak akan menolak sekiranya bantuan diperlukan oleh Aman Palestin" ujarnya semasa Majlis Penyampaian Sumbangan Derma Aman Palestin di Bilik Perdana, UiTM Kampus Samarahan 1 pada 25 Ogos yang lalu.

Upacara penyampaian *mock cheque* kepada Aman Palestine telah disampaikan sendiri oleh Prof. Dato' Dr. Jamil Hamali kepada Saudara Zainizam Bin Zawawi, Pengurus Aman Palestin Cawangan Sarawak.

## Program Pemantapan Destinji Siswa Siswi September 2014 UiTM (Sarawak)

Oleh: Melinda Jindu

Kursus selama sehari ini telah dilaksanakan dengan jayanya pada 27 September 2014 di Hotel Pullman, Kuching anjuran Bahagian Hal Ehwal Pelajar UiTM (Sarawak). Seramai 500 orang pelajar baru peringkat ijazah telah menghadiri kursus tersebut, termasuk pelajar penerapan dari 11 program. Objektif utama kursus ini adalah untuk menyediakan pelajar dari segi mental dan fizikal sebelum menempuh alam universiti. Rektor UiTM (Sarawak), YBhg. Prof. Dato Dr Jamil Haji Hamali turut menyampaikan amanat beliau pada sebelah pagi diikuti taklimat UiTM Di Hatiku & Tanah Airku yang disampaikan oleh En. Hazis bin Wahab. Pada sebelah petang pula, pelajar dipecahkan kepada kumpulan mengikut fakulti untuk sesi bersama Ketua Pusat Pengajian masing-masing. Aktiviti suai kenal seperti ini sering diadakan pada setiap semester, khusus untuk siswa-siswi yang akan mengikuti program Ijazah Sarjana Muda di Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> BORNEO RESEARCH EDUCATION CONFERENCE (BREC) 2014

By Corina Joseph

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Borneo Research Education Conference (BREC) was successfully organised on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at the Islamic Information Centre, Kuching Sarawak.

The conference, which was hosted by Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak Campus, was co-organized with Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Curtin University, Sarawak Campus and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

The theme for BREC 2014 was "Developing as a researcher by doing meaningful research." It had two key aspects: 1) Developing as a Researcher and 2) Doing Meaningful Research. Over 30 papers were presented during the two-day conference. Together with other organizing committee members from other four universities, Associate Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah and Dr Corina Joseph represented UiTM Sarawak as Conference Convenors. A few UiTM Sarawak lecturers were also involved as the conference paper reviewers. For two consecutive years, Dr Nurhani Aba Ibrahim was chosen as one of the recipients for the Best Reviewer Award. Congratulations, Dr Nurhani.



Organizing committee, reviewers and participants