



# Aspiration Towards Accreditation Success

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Recently, the Faculty's programme of Bachelor of Engineering (Hons.) Civil (Infrastructure) (EC221) had undergone through the Engineering Accreditation Council (EAC) Accreditation Visit which was held for two consecutive days i.e. 16th & 17th of May 2017.



The event was held at the Blok Kuliah Blok Akademik (BKBA), Universiti Teknologi MARA Pulau Pinang. A total of nine visitors consisted of five members from the Engineering Accreditation Department (EAD) lead as the panels for the EAC Accreditation Visit whilst four guests from the Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education (BAETE), Bangladesh as external observers. In presence also were the Campus Rector, Prof. Madya Dr Mohd Fozi Ali and the Dean Faculty of Civil Engineering, Prof Dr Azmi Ibrahim which added the supporting system and encouragement to enlighten the spirit of the faculty.

The EAC's accreditation visit this time around was a continuation stage to acquire extension accreditation for the EC221 programme which was last evaluated in 2015. The accreditation processes observe on several aspects of the

programme where the main focus is on the outcomes to ensure that graduates are adequately prepared to enter the engineering profession.

Detailed reviews of documentation is followed accordingly that comprises of eight main classifications which amongst them governing the programme's objectives, attributes of graduating students, the academic atmosphere, the assessment method implemented, the facilities and several others.

Tentatively, the first day of the event started with opening remarks and short briefing by the Head of Evaluation Panel on the objective of the EAC Accreditation Visit to the faculty. It was continued with discussing the curriculum design and quality system of the EC221 programme.

Later, randomly selected academic staff candidates were interviewed on several aspects regarding teaching, career development and others. In the evening, reviewing processes of displayed documents were carried out and supporting units and



facilities were also visited. At the end of day one of the EAC's visit, a short meeting session with students and external stakeholders was held.

On the second day of the EAC's visit, evaluation panels tours the engineering laboratories and associated facilities. Subsequently, reviews on examinations, course materials and student works were completed followed with brief meeting with technical and administration staff.



We are very grateful that our EC221 programme has fulfilled the standard for accreditation set by the EAC hence acquired the achievement with Full Accreditation of 5 years. What's important is that each one of us that shades under the Faculty of Civil Engineering's roof plays an important role in contributing to the development and improvement of the faculty to ensure that the programme is delivered to its top condition.



Moreover, quality assurance system was also assessed in which Outcome Based Education (OBE) processes and implementations were evaluated comprehensively. At the end of the EAC's visit, an exit meeting was conducted with generally the EAC panels informing the faculty members on several aspects observed by all of the panels as a closing occasion to the two day event.





Let us pray together and have faith in the dedication and persistence of all of the hard works performed in making the event successful might be finally paid off with the achievement of the faculty.

Let us stand together side by side holding our hands together to show the unity that the faculty has to obtain the pinnacle achievement that we are hoping for.



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