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Academic Visit at Liverpool John Moore University, United Kingdom in 2022

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2022: From an invitation from a friend at the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Liverpool John Moore University (LJMU), United Kingdom, which says: "As you will be posted to the United Kingdom for two months in 2022, it is my pleasure to invite you for an academic visit to our Faculty of Engineering and Technology, LJMU, to collaborate and discuss with my group in the field of marine and offshore structural design and structural integrity management." I spent a few days getting a breath of fresh air in Liverpool.



The invitation brings me to this university, as shown in Figure 1. Of course, the invitation provides an invaluable opportunity to expand my international network with other universities. This is in line with UiTM's mission to establish itself as a world-renowned university for science and technology, while contributing to the QS world university ranking.

Figure 1: At the entrance of Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom

During the visit, I had the privilege of having several conversations/discussion with Dr Musa Bashir (Figure 2), who had previously appeared as one of the keynote speakers at the faculty's conference, the 5th Symposium on Damage Mechanics of Materials and Structures, in 2021. I did not miss the opportunity to visit the civil engineering laboratory (Figure 3) and indeed the laboratory staff were extremely helpful and generous in explaining the laboratory, laboratory procedures and ongoing research in the faculty. I also met a new acquaintance, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andrea Batako, the structural integrity expert, and we discussed many things, especially about research.



Figure 2: Discussion in research with Dr Musa Bashir

As LJMU has partnerships with renowned institutions both in the UK and internationally, I very much hope for further collaboration in the near future, e.g. in the form of student and academic exchange programmes, joint research projects and other academic activities. The University's global outlook and international connections contribute to a diverse and inclusive learning environment.



Figure 3: A visit to Civil Engineering Laboratory



Figure 4: Another visit to Engineering Laboratory and discussion for future collaboration on research with Associate Professor Dr. Andrea Batako

