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VISIT TO UNIVERSITAS MUHAMMADIYAH YOGYAKARTA (UMY) - STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC TIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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From 5 to 11 May 2024, a group of academics from several Malaysian universities visited **Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY)** as part of an initiative to foster international collaboration and engage in community service. The delegation included representatives from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Malaya (UM), and professionals from the private sector. The focus of the visit was on academic exchange and community outreach, particularly in the field of water resource management.

During the visit, a guest lecture on "Water Resources Management in Malaysia" was delivered by Ts. Dr. Muhamad Faizal Pakir Mohamed Latiff from UiTM's Faculty of Civil Engineering. The lecture was attended by undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as faculty members from **UMY**. Key topics discussed included sustainable water management, flood mitigation strategies, and urban water infrastructure. The session facilitated valuable discussions on global water management challenges and opportunities for collaborative research between **UMY** and the Malaysian institutions.

A significant aspect of the visit involved participating in a community outreach programme at Dusun Kaliapak, situated in the Banjarsari district. In collaboration with UMY's Faculty of Civil Engineering, the Malaysian delegation worked on a water supply project aimed at improving access to clean water for the local community.



Poster for the guest lecture on Water Resources Management in Malaysia, scheduled at **UMY** on 10 May 2024.

This initiative demonstrated the application of engineering solutions to real-world problems, focusing on addressing the water needs of rural communities. The project involved enhancing the local water distribution system to ensure a steady and reliable supply of clean water for residents. This collaboration showcased the potential for academia to contribute directly to solving community issues and highlighted the importance of academic expertise in addressing challenges related to clean water access.





Group photo from the community engagement project at Dusun Kaliapak, highlighting our teamwork to enhance the local water supply.

The visit also served as a platform to explore future collaborations between UiTM and **UMY** in areas such as water resource management, environmental sustainability, and civil engineering. Discussions on joint research projects, student exchange programmes, and continued community engagement took place, with both institutions expressing a commitment to furthering these partnerships.

UMY's focus on fostering international academic ties, coupled with UiTM's dedication to research-based solutions, will ensure that the outcomes of this visit benefit both institutions. Plans are already underway for future engagements that aim to build on the initial successes of this collaboration.



Group photo of UiTM and **UMY** faculty members following a productive meeting at the Faculty of Engineering, **Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta**.

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