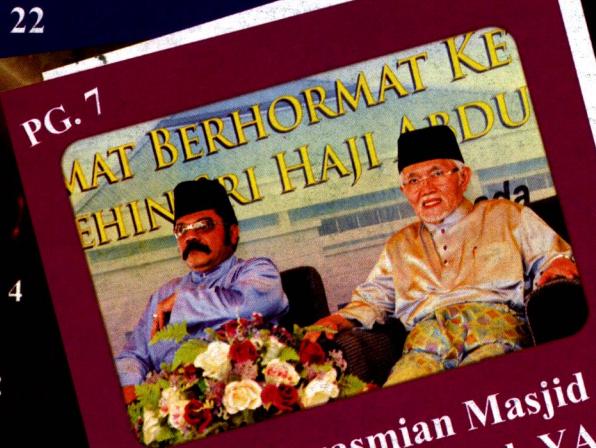


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Interview with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Akil (Deputy Director of Student Affairs)

On behalf of Infokampus, let me congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Deputy Director of Student Affairs. What was your immediate reaction to this appointment?

Ha...ha...! I was actually taken aback when PM Dr Jamil informed me about this matter. I'm not sure exactly how I felt at that time, but as you know I have held this position before - about 12 years ago, to be precise. As such, it was more of a feeling of having to reconnect to my past experience. I realize that I have to reorganize my daily work routine to enable me to carry out the duties and responsibilities associated with this new position more systematically.

What in your opinion is the most important task that you need to attend to first?

My main concern is to create a more student-friendly atmosphere in the campus. I believe that with better rapport with the students, we will be able to more effectively monitor the problems faced by our students and to gauge their major concerns relating to various matters that affect their academic and personal lives. I am sure that this approach will lead to greater student satisfaction and consequently to higher achievements.

What aspects of HEP services need to be upgraded in order to enable you to achieve the objectives you just mentioned?

As I see it, we need to improve in several areas. I believe that HEP should play a supporting role

university. HEP should play a more holistic role in helping the university to achieve its immediate and long-term goals.

I am also of the opinion that the activities organized by HEP for the students should be reduced. We don't want students to be overburdened with compulsory activities. Why don't we adopt a student-centred approach in this matter and encourage student organizations to organize activities independently with some general guidance from HEP, of course. I think a liberal policy like this will result in creating greater enthusiasm and motivation among the students to participate in the activities.

The use of ICT for HEP administrative purposes should also be further enhanced. For example, reports can be sent via e-mail. We can also initiate a system of online forum sessions with heads of academic programs and administrative departments and units. Another matter that needs attention is sports. As a full-fledged university, we need to see a higher standard of achievement in sports among our students. We need to provide more sports facilities and also to improve the existing ones so as to boost the involvement of students in sporting activities. I hope to see greater participation of our students in national and even in international meets

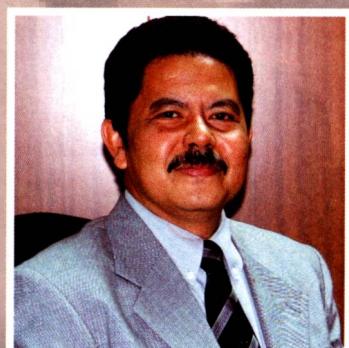
What about the MPP, the student representative council? It appears that it has not been able to carry out its role satisfactorily. What is your own view about this?

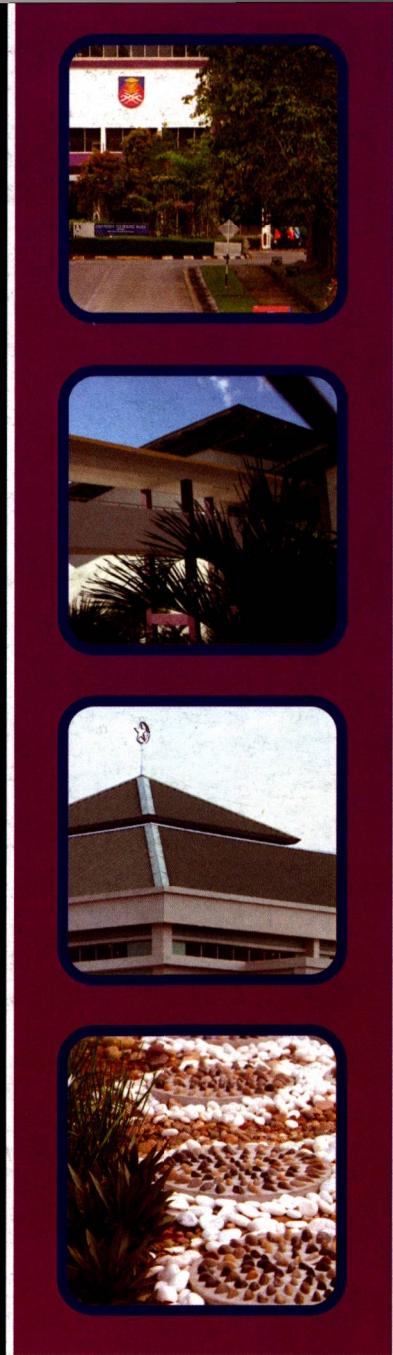
advice and guidance to this student body. In fact, I have just had a meeting with the members of this council. I find them highly responsible and full of good ideas. What they need is our constant support and assistance so as to enable them to carry out their responsibilities with greater enthusiasm and confidence. We also need to establish bilateral relations with them so as to help them remain active all the time and to develop strong leadership qualities.

Finally, Dr. Wan Akil, is there anything else you would like to say to our readers?

Yes, of course! I would like to emphasise that a harmonious and calm atmosphere is a fundamental prerequisite for the success of any organization. In this respect, every member of the organization, including the students, must always have access to appropriate avenues to express their ideas and communicate their problems to the management. I wish to say that I am prepared to listen to your views and comments. Please feel free to talk to me about any of your concerns so that together we can carry out our roles and responsibilities more effectively.

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