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From Classroom to Interview Room: UiTM Alumni Bring the Real World to LCC502 Students

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On 9 January 2026, the PTAR UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang became more than just a learning space, as it turned into a doorway to the working world. Through the programme “APB with UiTM Alumni: LCC502 Collaborative Teaching Lecture”, students were given a valuable chance to understand what job interviews really look like beyond textbooks and sample questions.

What made the session special was its strong connection to students’ future career reality. The invited speakers, Mr. Nurul Akmal Zabaruddin and Mr. Mohamad Faris Kadir—UiTM alumni now serving at Stesen Janakuasa Tuanku Muhriz, Jimah, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan—shared first-hand insights from the engineering workplace. Their stories and guidance were not theoretical. They were practical, honest, and grounded in real interview experiences.



Alumni Who Understand the Students' Journey

The speakers did not feel like distant “industry guests”. They were seniors who had once walked the same campus paths, studied in similar classrooms, and faced the same uncertainties about interviews and career choices. Because of this shared background, the speakers could relate naturally with the students using examples that felt familiar, relevant, and motivating.

Strong Support from APB Lecturers

The programme was made possible through the commitment and teamwork of APB lecturers:

- Wan Noorli Razali
- Maizatul Akmal Mohzan
- Muhammad Aiman Abdul Halim
- Nurul Farzanah Rosli

The session highlighted that interview success is not only about having good technical knowledge. It is also about communication, confidence, professionalism, and the ability to present oneself clearly under pressure. Students were reminded that employers pay attention to how candidates speak, how they carry themselves, and

how they respond when they are nervous or unsure.



Their involvement ensured that the programme aligned closely with students' learning needs, especially in preparing for interview-related assessments and real-life workplace expectations. The collaboration also reflected the department's dedication to providing meaningful learning experiences beyond routine classroom delivery.

Students' Energy, Engagement, and Excellent Questions

One of the most encouraging outcomes was the students' active participation. Many students asked thoughtful and challenging questions, showing genuine curiosity and maturity in the way they discussed interview expectations, workplace behaviours, and professional growth.

The speakers responded with clarity and warmth, offering guidance that students could immediately apply to future decisions, such as how to improve interview answers, how to project a professional image, and how to prepare strategically even when confidence is still developing.

Students left the session not only with notes but also with a better sense of direction. The knowledge shared was relevant, useful, and realistic as guidance that can influence future choices and strengthen long-term career planning.

A Powerful Example of Alumni Impact

Perhaps the most inspiring part of the programme was the message behind the speakers' presence: alumni can uplift the next generation. The speakers came all the way to UiTM Pulau Pinang and did so self-funded, purely out of goodwill and a desire to contribute back to their alma mater. This act alone carried a strong message: success is not only about personal achievement but also about returning to support others. Their contribution proved that alumni impact is real and powerful. When graduates return to share their experiences, they do more than give a talk. They also give students hope, clarity, and a realistic picture of what is possible.

Looking Ahead

The programme ended, but its message continues: with preparation, professionalism, and persistence, students can build meaningful careers, and one day, they too can return to UiTM Pulau Pinang to guide others, just like their seniors did.



In short, “APB with UiTM Alumni: LCC502 Collaborative Teaching Lecture” was not only a talk. It was a bridge, connecting classroom learning to the working world and connecting students to the inspiring alumni who once stood exactly where they stand now.

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