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Assalamuala'laikum w.b.t. dan Salam Sejahtera

Tahniah dan syabas kepada semua warga UiTM Sarawak atas kejayaan mendapat persijilan ISO 9001:2000 daripada Lloyd's Register of Quality Assurance (LRQA) pada 23 September 2005. Kita amat berbangga atas kejayaan ini kerana UiTM Sarawak adalah kampus cawangan pertama yang telah dianugerahkan dengan persijilan yang bertaraf antarabangsa ini. Tetapi ini bukanlah kali pertama kita mendapat pensijilan ISO, malah sebelum ini universiti kita telah dianugerahkan persijilan ISO oleh MAMPU dan SIRIM.



Mesej Timbalan Pengarah HEA Prof Madya Dr. Fatimah Bujang

Ini bermakna kita telah lama berusaha dan mengamalkan budaya kualiti dalam sistem pengajaran dan pembelajaran di kampus kita. Anugerah ISO kali ini akan menyemarakkan lagi usaha kita ke arah universiti bertaraf dunia.

Anugerah ISO membawa makna yang besar kepada kita. Ia membuktikan bahawa UiTM Sarawak senantiasia meningkatkan usaha untuk memenuhi kehendak dan aspirasi pelanggan. Sebagai sebuah institusi pengajian tinggi, ini adalah komitmen yang paling penting untuk mempertahankan daya saing di kalangan universiti dan kolej, mahupun awam ataupun swasta, yang mana bilangannya senantiasia bertambah. Kita harus berdaya saing dari segi kualiti didalam semua aspek termasuk sistem pengajaran dan pembelajaran, kemudahan prasarana dan persekitaran yang kondusif. Hanya dengan cara ini kita boleh mencapai objektif untuk menjadi universiti pilihan pertama. Komitmen kita terhadap kualiti juga penting didalam konteks pembinaan negara. Kita bertanggungjawab untuk mengeluarkan graduan yang mempunyai personaliti unggul dan boleh menyumbang kepada pembangunan negara dengan berkesan.

Persijilan ISO juga membuktikan bahawa semua warga kampus sedar betapa pentingnya anugerah ini dan mereka tahu tentang peranan dan tanggungjawab yang dikehendaki oleh piawaian ini. Saya rasa bersyukur di atas komitmen yang tidak berbelah bagi, sokongan padu dan dedikasi yang diberikan oleh semua staf. Saya rasa terharu dengan mutu kerja dan sikap positif yang telah diberikan di dalam

persiapan untuk menghadapi dan semasa pengauditan ISO dijalankan. Saya percaya kesungguhan ini telah menjadi budaya kerja kita. Dengan ini saya yakin kita akan dapat memenuhi kehendak audit pemantauan dengan jayanya dan seterusnya mengekalkan piawaian ISO 9001:2000 di UiTM Sarawak. Walaubagaimanapun, kita jangan rasa selesai dengan kejayaan ini. Penambahbaikan harus diteruskan: Kejayaan adalah satu perjalanan yang jauh, dan bukannya satu destinasi.

Dengan kesempatan ini saya juga ingin mengingatkan semua warga kampus untuk mengambil berat tentang peperiksaan akhir yang akan menjelang. Diharap semua pihak akan menjalankan tugas dan tanggungjawab masing-masing dengan cekap dan amanah untuk memastikan peperiksaan akhir berjalan dengan lancar. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan selamat maju jaya di dalam menghadapi peperiksaan kepada semua pelajar.

Kepada rakan-rakan yang beragama Hindu dan Islam, saya ingin mengucapkan selamat menyambut Hari Deepavali dan Hari Raya Aidil Fitri. Maaf zahir batin.

Bagi pihak semua warga UiTM Sarawak, saya mengucapkan takziah kepada Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi dan keluarga atas pemergian orang yang tercinta, Datin Seri Endon Mahmood.

Syabas kepada semua warga kampus

Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak telah menempa sejarah dalam usahanya menerap inisiatif kualiti sebagai budaya kerja warga kampus. Kearah ini, UiTM Sarawak telah menjadi kampus pertama dalam seluruh sistem UiTM yang dianugerahkan persijilan ISO 9001:2000 dalam skop penyediaan perkhidmatan pengajian tinggi dalam peringkat Diploma dan Sarjana Muda. Lebih bermakna lagi anugerah kualiti ini telah diperolehi dari Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (LRQA), sebuah badan persijilan piawaian kualiti antarabangsa yang beribu pejabat di London, UK dan mempunyai cawangan di seluruh dunia.

"Kejayaan ini adalah hasil daripada komitmen dan kesungguhan di UiTM Sarawak, Syabas kepada semua warga kampus" Demikian menurut kenyataan Y.Bhg Prof Madya Dr. Jamil Hamali, Pengarah Kampus UiTM Sarawak kepada pihak media.

Kejayaan mendapat pengiktirafan ISO 9001:2000 daripada LRQA adalah satu kejayaan cemerlang memandangkan UiTM Sarawak memperolehi persijilan hanya dalam tempoh 5 bulan selepas pelancaran penyeragaman sistem pengurusan kualiti di UiTM. UiTM Sarawak telah memilih LRQA bagi tujuan persijilan ISO adalah selaras dengan halatuju UiTM untuk menjadi sebuah universiti bertaraf dunia menjelang 2006. Ini adalah kerana LRQA berdaftar di bawah badan akreditasi antarabangsa yang diiktiraf di seluruh dunia, iaitu United Kingdom Accreditation Services (UKAS) dan Jabatan Standard Malaysia (DSM).

Menurut Jamil lagi, "Persijilan ISO 9001:2000 ini adalah penting bagi UiTM Sarawak disebabkan dalam piawaian ini, perkara penambahbaikan berterusan adalah dititik beratkan demi mencapai kepuasan Pelanggan."



Kem Motivasi dan Pemantapan Akademik d'Planters Guild

- Abdul Rahman Saili

On 25th September 2005, The Planters organized "Kem Motivasi dan Pemantapan Akademik d'Planters Guild" at Sama Jaya Nature Reserve, Pending. This one-day program consisting of about 120 DPIM students, together with DPIM lecturers and also the staff from Unit Ladang. According to Puan Hasmah Mohidin, the advisor for this program, the main organizer (Students Part 4) were very hard working and were all out to ensure that the program achieved its objectives.

The students had the opportunity to visit the Museum Biology, Museum Ethno-Botany, Japanese Garden and Herbal Garden. There were also motivation talks from Encik Abdul Rahman Saili and Prof Madya Dr. Margaret Chan, beside fun activities and games.

The best event for all of the students was when the newly-weds, En Ibrahim Karim and his wife showed up in the afternoon. All the students welcomed the couple and had a photo session together. En Ibrahim Karim is attached to Unit Ladang and is very close to the students. Congratulations to him!

Ramadhan

Wan Salbiah Wan Othman

The month of Ramadhan, the holy month is here again. Muslims all over the world look forward to the coming of this month because it is a chance for us to perform 'ibadah' and get the blessings from Allah. We welcome and celebrate this month with full thankfulness to Allah because all this while we are so busy with worldly duties and gains but now we have the opportunity to find our lost religious spirit. The ability to fast and to do other religious activities like terawih (night prayer during fasting month) and tadarus (reading of Al Quran) will enable us to cleanse our heart and to think and empathize with the sufferings of the less fortunate.

Here are some of the students' comments on Ramadhan.

Abdul Latif bin Abdul Razak (DSSR - Part 4)

'From my observation, Muslim students prefer to spend their

time at the library during the fasting month rather than playing games or staying at the hostel as they are fasting. This may help them to prepare well for the coming final exam.

Alia Mauldyia (DIA- Part 3)

'I'm really happy that the month of Ramadan is here again and I hope it will bring joy and happiness into our lives but I'm not really happy with the timing set for the final exam because I have to study during Hari Raya.

Ahmad Fikri b Mohsin (DIA - Part 3)

Even though I'm far away from my beloved family and not going home for the coming Hari Raya, I still have the fasting spirit. I am also happy and thankful for having the chance to experience celebrating Hari Raya here.

Wan Azuryani (DPA- Part 4)

I'm glad that the final exam will be held after Hari Raya. I'm thankful to Allah that I'm able to fast and at the same time I pray that I can face the final examination with His blessings.



Fun in the farm for Pewani kids

Atikah Hj Ramli

During the mid-term school holidays, PEWANI organized a farm trip for kids aged between 5-11 years old. The response was good and on the 26 August 2005 as early as 8am, 30 little boys and girls gathered eagerly with their mums, dads & a granddad. The tractor arrived with shouts and shrieks of enthusiasm and the 1st group scrambled on board with the help from staff of Unit Ladang. The tractor ride was fun and exhilarating for everyone. We were met at the farm by Encik Zulkifli Aswan and Encik Sulaiman Man with his DPIM students. The young ones were divided into small groups and the DPIM students acted as guides around the farm. Coloring and drawing competition followed with Encik Mohd Zulfikar Kamil and Abg

Sulaiman Abg Salleh as judges. Prizes were given away by the Pengerusi PEWANI, Puan Sharifah Suzana Wan Shukran. That Friday morning was filled with fun and laughter and everyone went back with smiles and grins on their faces. A big thank you to those who extended their hands in helping PEWANI make that day an educational and meaningful one.



A Weekend with ILQAM

Jalil Lob

It was a non working day. Yet the computer block was abuzz with people at 8.00 in the morning. About 180 lecturers assembled there for an e-learning course. A feeling of irritation amongst them could be felt as they chatted grumpily while waiting for the one and a half day course to begin.

Soon the training team (numbering about 18 personnel) from ILQAM Shah Alam trooped in. In fact some of them had come the previous evening direct from the airport to check on the facilities. They stayed until about 9.30pm. Wary of disruptions because of poor online connections they had experienced in other campuses, they were not about to let mistakes repeat themselves this time.

Soon after the 'doa' was read by Ustaz Wan Hamdi, PM Dr Mutimah Bujang began her welcoming address. Perhaps noticing the somber mood of the participants she led them to mimic Santa Claus's laughter. The mock laughter did the trick. As her session ended much of the somber mood faded.

She was followed by PM Dr Posiah, head of e-learning, who eloquently shared UiTM's grand vision of promoting e-learning and reasoned on the need for lecturers to accept this challenge enthusiastically. Her speech was followed by an inspiring powerful presentation on creating multimedia laced teaching material. Clearly multimedia technology can enhance teaching with its animation, links, and interactive capabilities. The participants were awed by the sample presentation of multimedia instruction on learning Arabic. It had all the attributes of an effective instruction: visual, sound, motion and interaction.

What was left of any somber mood had disappeared. Eager to know more the participants went out for lunch and then

scattered to the 10 computer laboratories that were waiting for them. There, they were registered as e-teachers and introduced into a new world of e-learning.

On Sunday morning, the next day of the course, the somber mood was no longer apparent. The participants made their way into computer laboratories. All of a sudden it was time to say goodbye to the team from ILQAM. They gave the participants a thumbs-up for the enthusiasm showed during the course and in return they went home with a gift of heartfelt appreciation from UiTM Sarawak.



PuTRAS Workshop

PuTRAS (Publication, Training and Research Administration System) is a system which was set up to collect and update information on the publication, training and research and committees of the staff. The half-day workshop was organized on 7 September 2005 to train staff to key-in their personal information into PuTRAS.

PuTRAS was initiated by a handful of UiTMKS staff in July 2004. Through the encouragement and support of the management, it has grown into what it is today. The committee which consists of Dr. Dayang Maryani, Prof. Madya Iris Syawe, Puan Hawa Haji Nahar, Encik Lee Beng Yong and Encik Adid Sarkawi is very grateful for the feedback and suggestions not only from the management but also from the staff especially the academic staff.

According to Prof. Madya Iris Syawe, "for PuTRAS to be successful and useful, it needs the help of everyone of us to key-in all the necessary information of what they have done so far so that they have proper records".

The committee was very happy that although a very short notice was given regarding the workshop, about 10 % of the staff turned up at the workshop and were shown how to key-in their data.

Some of the staff were pleased about the workshop and commented that the system is "user friendly, easy to key-in data" said Tamoi and according to Constance, "it's easy and there are people to ask when in doubt"

Explorace Machang-Pengkalan Chepa

Atikah Hj Ramli

The experience of racing against time to catch our flight to KL from UiTM Machang the day after Inter-campus Game was the one we will never forget. Tini, Su, Sap and I were supposed to set off from the campus at 7 am, in time for our 9am flight. Due to some miscommunication somewhere, we finally moved out from the campus 45 minutes later, crammed with 'ole-ole from Pangkalan Kubor' in a Wira.

The Abang driver drove like crazy heaving and muttering what not, along small kampong roads, busy with the early morning traffic. Sitting beside him was more torturous but I kept my cool and prayed silently for our safety; my foot ever ready to slam my imaginary brake! My three companions added more pressure to the stressful

journey by letting out heavy sighs, moaning the time and clucking away like chickens in distress. To ease the tension, I engaged in small talk with the driver, my eyes stealing glances at the speedometer. OOhhh my God... we're not supposed to travel at this speed at kampong roads, I screamed silently. At last we reached the airport in one piece but our problem didn't end there, it seemed...

The four of us practically jumped out of the car, frantically loaded our bags on trolleys and managed to shout our thanks to Abang F1 driver. (luckily we have the stamina from training before the game!) We ran pushing our trolleys to the AirAsia counter but it was deserted. A few MAS staff directed us to AirAsia quite a distance away and we ran again like looneys, getting amused stares along the way. Upon reaching the counter, we were told to carry all our luggage on board because the plane was done with loading and getting ready to take off. We scrambled again passed security, down flights of steps and onto the tarmac, depositing our excess luggage right under the wing of the plane. Seeing our predicament, cargo staff quickly took over. I was the last person to board the plane after making sure our luggage was tagged and loaded. Hurray...we won the race. Girls, perhaps we can race again when Explorace M'sia comes to visit Kuching??

Above the Sea - Shanghai

Dr. Lau and Hwa Tee Yong know what it is like to have the sea beneath their wings. The dynamic duo were in Shanghai and Hangzhou, China in September to jointly present their paper entitled Meta Cognitive Aspects of Problem Solving. Asked to comment on his experience above the sea (Shanghai literally means above the sea in Chinese) Dr. Lau observed,

"Unfortunately, I feel I did not learn much from the conference. The standard was way below my expectation. Most of the presenters were from Mainland China with not much presentation skills."

The duo did not walk away disappointed, though. At the conference they met up with like-minded researchers from Australia, Taiwan, Korea and mainland China who shared common interest areas and managed to set the stage for networking and collaboration. In fact plans are already afoot to collaborate with Monash University in Australia to look into relative new areas like how

culture can affect teaching and learning. According to Dr. Lau, culture can affect learning outcomes. Dr. Lau was quick to discern the similarities in Australian and Malaysian classrooms.

"In Australia, immigrant teachers come from diverse cultural backgrounds and this can indirectly affect the teaching process. Likewise, in our Malaysian classrooms, we also have teachers from various cultural-ethnic backgrounds who bring with them different experiences into the classrooms. What evolves eventually is a gap between what is conveyed and what is perceived and this can affect learning outcomes."



Joys of Discovery

Mikhail Abdullah

On 25 August 2005, about 150 children and their minders from Pertubuhan Kebajikan Anak-Anak Yatim Malaysia (PERYATIM) paid UiTM Kota Samarahan a visit. Lecturers from the Social and Welfare committee of the Language Department organized a Treasure Hunt for

the children.

The theme of the Treasure was "The Joy of Discovery" and the participants were divided into groups of 5 to solve a series of quizzes and puzzles by using their collective knowledge of Sarawak culture and problem-solving skills which would lead them to the thrills of self-discovery.

On the whole the activity was a hit with the children. The Language Department hopes that more of such activities can be organized to enable us to do our bit for the community at large.

News from the Library

Atikah Hj Ramli

4th July: BLIS (Bernama Library Infolink Service) workshop, attended by 30 lecturers and staff

18th July: NetLibrary & FirstSearch Product Talk

18th July: InfoTrac OneFile Product Talk

23rd August : Kumpulan Crystal emerged champion (Pengurusan) during the KMK Mini Convention. The library sent two teams. Crystal represented UiTMKS in the UiTM level in Kg Gajah. The project is a prominent feature at the library lobby.

Aug-Sept 2005: Exhibition on "RENTAP (Panglima Bukit Sadok)" in conjunction with Malaysia Day celebration, jointly organized by the Library and Mr Aloysius Yapp (a Borneoism ideologist who has successfully hold several exhibitions in the region)

Oct- Nov 2005: Exhibition on "War of the World"

Color printing and Binding service : Available at Unit Perkhidmatan Maklumat & Rujukan. Please contact Atikah, Hapsah & Norasikin or look-out for details at the library entrance.

IPTA R & D Expo '05

"It was a good learning experience and an eye opener setting a new dimension on the concept of research" Dr. Paul Lau, commenting on the recent IPTA R & D EXPO 2005 which he attended with two other team members – Hua Tee Yong and Leong Siow Hoo – showed no sign of flagging enthusiasm even though the team's project, which won the top award during the CSSR conference this year, did not bag any award this time round.

The conference was organized by the Ministry of Higher Education and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. Universiti Teknologi MARA sent in 42 entries, including Dr. Lau's project, Evaluating School Efficiency Using Data Envelopment Analysis, which was the only project from Sarawak selected for the Exhibition-cum-Competition. UiTM won a total of three gold medals during the EXPO.

Dr. Lau and his team had no prior knowledge that the emphasis of the EXPO was the marketability of the product, not novelty of idea.

"To have a winning edge in a competition like this, I would advise any aspiring researcher to think of the marketability of the end product before commencing on a project."

Konvensyen KMK Peringkat UiTM 2005

Abdul Rahman Saili

Kumpulan BELIAN telah ditubuhkan pada April 2003. Ia diketuai oleh Encik Abdul Rahman Saili dan Encik Zulkifli Aswan sebagai fasilitator. Kumpulan BELIAN ini diwakili oleh pensyarah program Diploma Pengurusan Industri Perladangan dan kakitangan Unit Pengurusan Ladang UiTM Sarawak. Ahli- ahlinya adalah Encik Sulaiman Man, Puan Hasmah Mohidin, Encik Abdul Karim Othman, Encik Abdul Rahim Mohd Noor, Encik Samsol Musa, Encik Northisham Sirat dan Encik Jamil Jawi. Penubuhan kumpulan ini bertujuan untuk mengamalkan kerja berkumpulan, menghormati, mengembleng idea dan tenaga setiap ahli kumpulan yang terdiri dari berbagai lapisan kakitangan serta sentiasa mengamalkan penambahbaikan bagi menghasilkan kerja yang efisien dan berkualiti

Terdapat dua projek telah dihasilkan di mana projek sulung kumpulan ini telah berjaya mendapat tempat kedua dalam kategori teknikal di Konvensyen KMK peringkat UiTM Sarawak 2004 dengan penghasilan AGRO-Net; untuk mengatasi serangan haiwan perosak terhadap buah nangka.

Projek yang kedua pula telah memenangi tempat pertama bagi kategori teknikal di Konvensyen KMK peringkat UiTM 2005. Penghasilan Belitech; alat pemudahcara untuk mengapikasi pil penggalak nenas telah mewakili UiTM Sarawak ke Konvensyen KMK peringkat UiTM di Pusat Latihan UiTM Kampung Gajah, Perak pada 28-30 Ogos 2005. Projek ini telah berjaya menggondol dua hadiah iaitu tempat kedua untuk kategori teknikal (Piala dan Wang Tunai RM1500) dan juga persembahan terbaik.

Kumpulan Belian ingin merakamkan ribuan terima kasih kepada Encik Zulkifli Aswan selaku fasilitator yang telah banyak memberi tunjuk ajar, berkorban masa dan tenaga. Sebagai fasilitator yang berpengalaman, beliau banyak membantu dan berkongsi pengalaman dengan Kumpulan Belian.

Kumpulan yang sama-sama berjuang pada Konvensyen Peringkat UiTM 2005 tersebut adalah Kumpulan Crystal dengan projek "Penyebaran Maklumat Kurang Berkesan" yang mewakili kategori pengurusan. Kumpulan dari Unit Perpustakaan ini di ketuai oleh Puan Habsah Suut dan Puan Atkah Hj Rambli selaku fasilitator. Ahli- ahlinya terdiri daripada Puan Norashikin Sabri, Encik Adenan Sulong, Encik Arfan Abu Bakar, Encik Idris Arbi dan Encik Sirat Ayub. Mereka telah mendapat hadiah bagi Logo Terbaik.

Syabas di atas kejayaan kedua-dua kumpulan

Konvensyen Kumpulan Meningkatkan Mutu Kolej Kediaman Kali Kedua

Mohd Rosdi Ab Rahman

Jawatankuasa SQUAT (Students' Quality Action Team) telah sekali lagi berjaya mengadakan Konvensyen Kumpulan Meningkatkan Mutu Kolej Kediaman (KMKK). Konvensyen anjuran bersama Jawatankuasa SQUAT dan Jawatankuasa Perwakilan Kolej ini telah diadakan pada 15 Oktober 2005 yang lalu bertempat di Dewan Jubli UiTM Sarawak.

Konvensyen KMKK ini adalah berkonsepkan seperti Konvensyen KMK untuk staf tetapi ianya terhad kepada penghuni Kolej Kediaman sahaja. Sebanyak 9 kumpulan pelajar yang mewakili kolej kediaman masing-masing telah menyertai Konvensyen ini. Kumpulan-kumpulan KMKK ini telah memulakan projek masing-masing sejak Mac 2005. Setiap kumpulan mempunyai seorang Fasilitator yang terdiri dari Pegawai Pembangunan Pelajar Blok Kolej Kediaman masing-masing.

Kumpulan-kumpulan KMKK ini telah membuat persembahan projek masing-masing pada konvensyen ini dan telah dihakimi oleh tiga orang staf UiTM Sarawak yang berpengalaman luas dalam bidang KMK.

Johan Konvensyen KMKK 2005 dengan hadiah berupa wang tunai RM800.00 dan sijil telah dimenangi oleh Kumpulan Queens dari Blok 3 Kolej Kediaman Seri Serapi dengan tajuk projeknya 'Masalah Penyimpanan Barang Pelajar Di Stor Semasa Cuti'. Naib Johan dengan hadiah RM600.00 serta sijil dimenangi oleh Kumpulan Quality Group dari Blok 3 Kolej Kediaman Seri Serapi dengan tajuk projek 'Ruang Ampaian Tidak Mencukupi' manakala tempat ketiga dengan hadiah RM400.00 serta sijil dimenangi oleh Kumpulan 4C's dari Kolej Kediaman Seri Gading dengan tajuk projek 'Saluran Tandas Tersumbat'. Hadiah telah disampaikan oleh Dr Mohamad Ali Talip selaku Ketua Hakim KMKK.

FPTP Family Day 2005

Noor Shima Antony

On 20 August 2005 "FPTP Family Day 2005" organized by the Office Management & Technology Students Society (PPTP) was held successfully at Santubong Resort, Kuching. Despite some difficulties in organizing the activity, it was indeed a memorable event for this year with about 177 participants including the lecturers and their families. It has been four years since the last family day was organized by the Faculty members.

The objectives of this activity were to provide a platform for the Faculty members to communicate, to foster good

relationship especially amongst the students as well as between students and the lecturers and to train students to organize such activities. The activities started at 9:40 a.m. when all the participants were served with tea before heading to the beach for games. The participants were divided into groups consisting of different sems. This enabled the students to get to know the other faculty members informally. The beach activities stopped at 12:45 p.m. and this was followed by a buffet lunch and prize-giving session. The beach activities resumed at 3:00 p.m. Congratulations to the organizing committee headed by Siti Fatimah Alias.

We thank the UiTM Sarawak management especially the Student Affairs Department and all the Faculty members for the support and encouragement. "None of us is as good as all of us".

Congratulations

to Prof Madya Dr Hj Abang Ahmad Ridzuan Abang Awit and Pn Ng Kui Choo on being conferred the Pingat Perkhidmatan Bakti (PPB) and also to Pn Aishah Dawi (HEA) for being conferred the Pingat Perkhidmatan Terpuji (PPT-Gangsa) by Tuan Yang Terutama Tun Datuk Abdul Haji Muhammad Salahuddin, yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak in conjunction with his Excellency's 84th Birthday on 10 Sept. 2005.

DIA & BAcc in brief

- Mohd Shah Mahat

- * Encik Yussri Sawani and Cik Dayang Nazari Aw.Drahman has been appointed as Ketua Program B.Acc and Ketua Program Diploma in Accounting with effect on 1st July 2005 respectively-Congratulation
- * Hi Tea was held at Dewan Jublie on 7th October 2005 organized by B.Acc Society. 1st Activity by the N Committee member lead by Miss Morin Juicy as Presiden
- * Educational Visit for 26 Internal Audit class students to NAIM CENDERA BHD on 13th October 2005-briefing was given by Mr.Effendi Sapie, the Group Accountant
- * Annual General Meeting B.Acc Society was held on 15th August 2005. Watch up coming activities next semester
- * 2 lecturers from the accounting department UiTM Kampus Samarahan supervised Malaysian Institute Qualifying Examination on 14 & 15 September at MIA Kuching.

Bersuka-ria di Hari Keluarga, Bersiar-siar di Siar Beach Resort

Jati Kasuma Ali

'Bersuka-ria di Hari Keluarga, Bersiar-siar di Siar Beach Resort' merupakan tema yang diwar-warkan bagi Program Kecergasan untuk Kakitangan UiTMS ataupun mungkin lebih dikenali sebagai Hari Keluarga UiTMS.

Program yang berlangsung selama dua hari satu malam di Siar Beach Resort, Lundu ini telah berjalan dengan lancar sepertimana yang telah dirancang. Lebih 270 orang kakitangan UiTMS serta anggota keluarga mereka turut sama menjayakan program ini walaupun lokasi yang dipilih agak jauh dari bandaraya Kuching.

Namun dengan semangat kekeluargaan yang kuat tidak pernah melunturkan keinginan kakitangan UiTMS datang bersama-sama untuk menjayakannya meskipun lokasi yang dipilih tidak menjanjikan keselesaan kepada peserta.

Pelbagai acara yang menarik telah diadakan, antaranya ialah perlawanan Beach Volleyball (bagi kategori lelaki dan wanita), pertandingan karaoke (Kategori Lelaki, wanita, kumpulan/duet dan kanak-kanak), bergendang/bermukun, pertandingan membina arca pasir, senamrobik, ceramah kesihatan yang diberikan oleh Encik Gordon dari FSR dan diakhiri dengan acara kemuncak iaitu Sukaneka.

Kumpulan Gunung Gading yang diketuai oleh Encik Idris Nawawi, telah dimahkotakan juara keseluruhan bagi setiap acara yang dipertandingkan, Kumpulan Gunung Santubong, Kumpulan Gunung Serapi dan Kumpulan Gunung Mulu masing-masing menduduki tempat kedua, ketiga dan keempat.

Kepuasan dan keletihan jelas terpancar di wajah setiap peserta program ini. Moga program seperti ini dapat menjadi 'platform' untuk mengeratkan lagi semangat kekitaan di kalangan kakitangan UiTMS – mahupun kakitangan akademik dan juga bukan akademik. Pihak jawatankuasa pengelola ingin merakamkan jutaan terima kasih di atas kerjasama dan sokongan semua kakitangan yang sudi datang bersama-sama menjayakan program ini.



EMBA 5 organises an Academic Discourse

The discourse on contemporary issues in domestic business environment was organized by the EMBA 5 students, Faculty of Business Management UiTM Sarawak on 24th September, 2005. The objective of the discourse was to assemble graduate students, scholars, practitioners and concerned individuals to deliberate and discuss contemporary business issues in the light of the current business situation in Malaysia. The discourse is a partial requirement for the course Seminar in Domestic Business issues.

The discourse began with a dinner talk by Dato' Ghazali Bin Dato' Mohd. Yusof, Chairman, Nusantara Technologies Sdn. Bhd. On 22nd September, 2005 delivering his views on qualities of managers and the perspective of current business issues like protectionism, biotechnology, inter-cultural skills and corporate governance and integrity. The session on 24th September, 2005 was graced by Associate Professor Dr. Jamil Hj. Hamali, Director UiTM Sarawak, giving his keynote address on Towering Personalities and on the need for Malaysian to move fast and be creative to meet the advance of globalization. The Director of Sarawak NPC, En Abdul Latif Abu Seman, provided information on Malaysia's competitive position and focused on matters pertaining to productivity and quality. Guest Speaker,

Associate Professor, Dr. Zaini bin Abdulah, Dean Faculty of Business Management, UiTM, put up a presentation on changing the global mindsets for competitiveness.

The workshop that followed in the afternoon of 24th September, started with video presentations of the talk delivered by Dr. M.A. Zaki bin Badawi, Director of Muslim College, UK during the Seminar on The Development of Islam in Nusantara organized jointly by The Sarawak Islamic Council and UiTM on 21st to 23rd September, 2005 which was held at Kuching Sarawak. The paper delivered was entitled "The Future Of Islam And its Challenges". The workshop was moderated by the representatives of EMBA 5 students and the organizing committee. En. Asgar b Jahan and Pn. Amira Salwani bt Hamzah discussed on the lectures presented and deliberated on Dato' Ghazali's views on the need for Malaysia to be pragmatic to realize Vision 2020. Questions and issues were raised on the leadership styles and business approaches of the past and present government and regime. The closing session was professionally concluded by forwarding four strategic intents for Malaysia's economic success: create a national niche; ensure competitive advantage, instituting productivity and quality and promoting global mindset.



Kolokium Fakulti Kejuruteraan Awam

Sharifah Raha

Fakulti Kejuruteraan Awam telah mengadakan kolokium untuk para pensyarah di fakulti tersebut bagi semester Julai-November 2005. Tujuan kolokium ini diadakan adalah untuk meningkatkan ilmu pengetahuan serta mendapatkan informasi terkini terutama

yang melibatkan bidang sains dan teknologi. Kolokium pertama telah diadakan pada 8.8.2005. Seterusnya adalah pada 22.2.2005, 5.9.2005 dan 26.9.2005. Butir-butir kolokium yang telah diadakan adalah seperti berikut:

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| 1. | 8.8.2005 | Pavement Crack Reinforced Concrete Design | - Sharifah Raha bte Wan Rahman |
| 2. | 22.8.2005 | Types of Machineries For Road Construction Slope Management System In Malaysia | - Morgan Jampi Jepon/Ahmad Zaidi Hampden |
| 3. | 5.9.2005 | Computer Analysis of 2D Trusses How To Draw Elevation Using ACAD | - Rudy Tawie/Embam Da'ud |
| 4. | 26.9.2005 | Penggunaan GIS Penilaian Hartanah Dgn Kaedah Perbandingan | - Iskanda Openg/Mohd Amran Hasbullah |

Seminar On Islamic Development In South-East Asia

Abdul Rahman Saili

In conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of Majlis Islam Sarawak, and the 50th Anniversary of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), a seminar on Islamic Development in South East Asia (Nusantara): "Progress Of The Ummah - A Responsibility For All", was held on 21st - 23rd September 2005 at Crowne Plaza Riverside, Kuching.

The objectives of the seminar were to achieve resolutions, cooperation and strategic action plans for the development of Islam in this region. It was also hoped that the seminar would encourage more academics and scholars to undertake research on issues in Islam.

Among the issues discussed in the Seminar were Islam in Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Brunei, Philippines and China. The seminar was attended by almost 350 local and international participants.



Program Motivasi Anak-Anak Yatim

Jati Kasuma Ali

Program Motivasi anjuran bersama Biro Pendidikan PERYATIM dan UiTMS telah berlangsung dengan jayanya pada 18 September 2005, di Hotel Harbour View.

Program selama satu hari ini sedikit sebanyak dapat memberikan pendedahan serta tip-tip menjelang peperiksaan oleh Encik Haikal, dari Pusat Bahasa, UiTMS dan Cikgu Norbaya Hassan dari SMK Tun Abang Haji Openg khususnya kepada para pelajar PERYATIM yang akan menduduki PMR.

Selain itu, pihak Hotel Harbour View selaku penaja utama program ini juga turut menyumbangkan satu sesi Tatatertib di Meja Makan yang diberikan oleh Encik Christopher Lee. Beliau dapat memberikan pendedahan tentang etika yang perlu pelajar-pelajar ini patuhi apabila menghadiri majlis-majlis formal pada masa akan datang.

Turut hadir sama menjayakan program Motivasi ini ialah Prof. Madya Dr Fatimah Bujang, Pengerusi Biro Pendidikan PERYATIM, Puan Hajah Julianah, Pengetua PERYATIM, Jawatankuasa Ad-Hoc Program Motivasi dari UiTMS iaitu Encik Jati Kasuma Ali, Puan Azilawati Banchit, Puan Arrominy dan Encik Abang Sulaiman Abang Naim serta beberapa orang wakil dari PERYATIM juga turut hadir untuk menjayakan program motivasi ini.

Semoga pengendalian aktiviti seperti ini dapat memberikan sumbangan kepada anak-anak yatim selain menunaikan tanggungjawab sosial kita kepada masyarakat yang memerlukan bantuan khususnya dalam bidang pendidikan. Kerja sukarela daripada mana-mana kakitangan UiTMS amatlah dialu-alukan pada masa-masa akan datang untuk menjayakan mana-mana program untuk PERYATIM.

Colloquium II 2005

Atiqah Jafar (Dip in Information Management)



Prof Madya Dr Laili Haji Hashim, Dean of Faculty of Information Management

Colloquium II 2005 was organized by the UiTMCS Library and the Faculty of Information and Management on 26 September 2005. The one-day colloquium with its theme "Issues and trends in library information management and knowledge management" was held at Auditorium 2 and was officiated by the Campus Director Prof. Madya Dr. Jamil Hamali. The Dean of the Faculty of Information Management was also present. Lecturers from both Shah Alam and Sarawak campuses presented their views at the first forum. Five Students who are pursuing the Msc IM program also presented at the second forum.

Mathematics W'shop for 112 SPM students

Dr Nagarajah

The Department of Quantitative Method of UiTM Sarawak organized a one-day mathematics seminar for 112 Form Five students on 17 September 2005. The participants came from Pertubuhan Anak-Anak Yatim Sarawak (Peryatim), Presentran Abdul Taib, Sadong Jaya, SMK Kota Samarahan and SMK Muara Tuang. All the lecturers from the Department of Quantitative Method were involved in organizing this event.

The objectives of the seminar are:

1. To motivate and help students overcome phobia in mathematics.
2. To introduce the use of problem solving technique and heuristic strategies in solving mathematics problem.
3. To guide students in using these technique and strategies in answering SPM mathematics questions.
4. To establish a good working relationship between UiTM Kota Samarahan with other educational institutions.

The seminar began with an opening speech by the Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, Associate Professor Dr. Fatimah Bujang who stressed on the importance of acquiring knowledge, especially mathematics in this fast advancing technological age. She reminded students to study hard for their SPM examination because the results would be used in their selection and placement into the various educational programs in both government and private institutions.

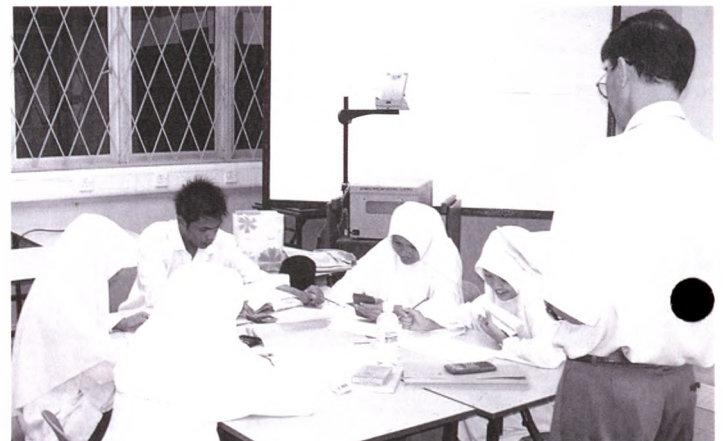
This was followed by a motivational talk by En Mohd Mokhtar Ghani, who emphasizes self-discipline and self-confidence as the key factors in achieving ones ambition in life. According to him, a student who has a clear and focused aim in life will have high self-discipline and self-confidence which were essential for success in life.

The motivational talk was followed by a brief session on problem solving and heuristic strategies in mathematics conducted by Dr. Paul Lau Ngee Kiong and Mr. Hwa Tee Yong. Dr. Lau highlighted three common weaknesses of students that would hinder successful mathematics problem solving. They are mathematics skills, problem solving skill and metacognitive skill. According to him it is very important to understand the overall concept of each topic. Students were

also urged to understand the interconnection or relationship between each subtopic. The team introduced the four phase problem solving proposed by Polya (1973) by giving examples.

The talks were followed by workshops in groups of 6, each group facilitated by two mathematics lecturers and one teacher. The first session of the workshops concentrated on multiple-choice questions; i.e SPM Mathematics Paper 1, while the second workshop was about doing subjective questions (SPM Mathematics Paper 2). Students were shown how to answer the multiple choice questions based on the four phase problem solving technique.

A short quiz competition was held towards the end of the seminar with prizes for the 15 students who obtained the highest score.



Lawatan Akademik Ke Kuala Lumpur

Masyitah Salamat

Satu lawatan akademik ke Kuala Lumpur telah diadakan pada 5-7 September 2005. Seramai 11 pelajar BBA (Finance), 4 pelajar DIB dan seorang pegawai pengiring iaitu Pn. Norzaihan Hashim telah mengikuti lawatan

tersebut.

Antara tempat yang dilawati bagi tujuan tersebut adalah Bursa Malaysia, Bank Negara Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Pusat Sains Negara, The Royal Mint of Malaysia dan Kediaman Rasmi Perdana Menteri (Putrajaya).

Lawatan ini adalah bertujuan untuk menambah pengetahuan siswa dan siswi serta mengaplikasikan pengetahuan yang diperolehi bagi kursus FIN 651 (Malaysian Futures and Options).

Diharap program seperti ini akan diteruskan oleh pelajar-pelajar pada masa akan datang.

MPP Berwajah Baru

Setinggi-tinggi tahniah diucapkan kepada barisan MPP yang baru. Diharapkan dengan adanya muka baru sebagai pemimpin pelajar, akan ada perubahan positif yang akan dibawa kepada MPP dalam memperjuangkan hak rakan-rakan mereka terutama sekali di UiTM Cawangan Sarawak. Selamat menjalankan tugas.

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dan bangunan. Bermula dari 1 Januari 1989 sehingga kembalinya beliau ke rahmatullah, allahyarhamah bertugas sebagai pembantu am rendah di bahagian pentadbiran.

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