

UiTMLaw eNewsletter



C19-Embracing the Change @ UiTMLaw:

New Normal in Legal Education





Dean's Message

Assoc. Prof.

Dr. Hartini Saripan,

Dean of UiTMLaw



Greetings!

As we usher in the month of July, we will be entering the second half of 2020 with expectation that it will be better than the first half. So much has changed in the past three months since the novel coronavirus outbreak, a pandemic that took us from the March low to where we are today and it was, indeed, hardly imaginable.

UiTMLaw's commitment to the health and welfare of members of faculty has always been our utmost concern. As we navigate this unprecedented situation, we are steadfast in prioritising the delivery of teaching and learning at the onset of this agonistic challenge. Among the measures in bracing the new normal, Guidelines to eLearning, amongst others, has been issued via C19-eLearn@UiTMLaw Task Force to ease the adoption of the Open and Distance Learning (ODL). The pandemic surely has brought out the best in many people we extend our sincere gratitude to the members of the faculty who have shown compassion, empathy and offered a helping hand to others during this extraordinary time. Our heartfelt appreciation also goes to the alumni and partners for being a beacon of positivity and purpose in a time where many are uncertain.

Amidst the pandemic, let us not forget that visibility remains a fundamental component of higher education's continuous change process. In this regard, we highlight the involvement of faculty members in various engagements at both national and international levels, as well as research and publication work embarked upon as part of our efforts in achieving global prominence.

Last but not least, we would like to humbly extend our appreciation for your tenacity and resilience in adjusting to the challenging circumstances we have been facing. Still, we are hoping for everyone's endless commitment and support to allow us to continue serving our mission in providing the best legal education possible.



Editorial Board



Covid-19 pandemic has expedited change in the education landscape; accelerating the adoption of internet technology as a teaching medium in the university setting. While the world may return to a semblance of its former self, this rapid shift to distance learning as a necessity has highlighted the value of technology. Online Distance Learning (ODL) has been introduced by UiTMLaw since April 2020 and we took this challenge not only to support the university, but also the Ministry of Higher Education. Most importantly to ensure the students get sufficient knowledge and information as required by the university's syllabus.

In this issue, we highlighted the Webinar Series organised by UiTMLaw and all activities joined by the staff between January and June 2020. Although there was a limitation due to the Movement Control Order (MCO), this issue put forward some remarkable events and appointments which made us proud to be the family members of UiTMLaw. Thank you to our beloved Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hartini Saripan for her kind support and wonderful ideas for this issue. My deepest appreciation goes to the members of Editorial Board for their tremendous and excellent contributions. They are Cik Nurus Sakinatul Fikriah Mohd Shith Putera, Dr. Wan Rosalili Wan Rosli, Dr. Faridah Hussain, Cik Norliza Abdul Hamid and Pn. Sarah Munirah Abdullah. Special thanks to Cik Nurus Sakinatul Fikriah for a magnificent and splendid design.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nur Ezan Rahmat Chief Editor 30 June 2020





Leading Excellence @ UiTMLaw



to the members of the faculty for their achievements and contributions



Dr Nadzriah Ahmad

for being selected as the award recipient of the Fullbright Scholarship for 2020/2021 by the J. William Foreign Fullbright Scholarship Board, Washington DC



Pn Farizah Mohamed Isa

for being selected as the award recipient of the Young IP Scholar Award for 5th Asian IP Works in Progress Conference 2020 at City University Hong Kong

New Member of UiTMLaw

Lessone
To The Family!



Abdul Rani



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Congratulations

to the members of the faculty for their achievements and contributions



Prof. Dr Irwin Ooi Ui Joo for his promotion to Professor (VK7)



Assoc. Prof. Dr Daleleer Kaur Randawar & Assoc. Prof. Dr Tunku Intan Mainura Tunku Makmar Nizamuddin

for their promotions to Associate Professor (DM54)



Assoc. Prof. Dr Nur Ezan Rahmat for her promotion to Associate Professor (DM54)



Pn Siti Nuramani Ab Manab, En Abang Ikhbal Abang Bolhil, Pn Nurul Shuhada Suhaimi, Pn Sivameenambigai A/P Veeriah, Pn Nurrulhuda Ahmad & Pn Norsyazrah Zulkifli for their promotions to Senior Lecturer (DM52)

Cik Norhidayah Hamdan for her promotion to Senior Clerk (N22)





UiTMLaw Bracing The New Normal

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The Covid-19 pandemic has compelled schools, higher education institutions and training providers to go online to ensure that effective learning endures. While technology serves as the catalyst for a seamless migration of face-to-face learning to a virtual platform, access to quality digital content is pivotal, especially during the Movement Control Order (MCO) period. UiTMLaw, in thriving during this unprecedented time, established the C19-eLearn@UiTMLaw Task Force comprising the Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hartini Saripan, the Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Rafizah Abu Hassan, Prof. Dr. Irwin Ooi Ui Joo, Dr. Mohd Haris Abdul Rani, Mazlina Mohamad Mangsor, Mohd Yunus Abu Samah, Abdul Mu'iz Abdul Razak, Sarah Munirah Abdullah and Nurus Sakinatul Fikriah Mohd Shith Putera. The Task Force is charged with identifying areas of support necessary for the successful development, delivery and access to various Open and Distance Learning (ODL) approaches. In order to ensure smooth implementation of teaching and learning activities via such approaches, Guidelines to eLearning@UiTMLaw were produced, recommending well developed UiTM frameworks, tools, support facilities and infrastructure to handle both synchronous and asynchronous learning. Constant communication is maintained between the management, academic and administration staff, as well as students via UiTMLaw's landing page; UiTMLaw Standing Together, on top of the existing communication channels. The landing page is a one-stop information centre providing updates on the contingency plans for teaching and learning, including access to Guidelines to eLearning @UiTMLaw, Quick Guide to eLearning for Students and Lecturers, UiTMLaw Official Youtube Channel as well as eLearning platform tutorial videos and other recent information for student affairs and research activities. The Covid-19 pandemic is certainly an activator in moving the world towards the digital future - and UiTMLaw is ever ready to win this challenge triumphantly.



UiTMLaw Bracing The New Normal



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UiTMLaw Webinar Series





COVID-19, Movement Control Order & UiTMLaw:



Faced with the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic and Movement Control Order (MCO) challenges, one of the key aspects that should be observed is the safety and welfare of students. To ensure this, several measures had been taken by the UiTMLaw Student Affairs Department, spearheaded by the Deputy Dean (Student Affairs), Dr. Siti Hafsyah Idris.

At the beginning of MCO, with assistance from the UiTMLaw Student Representative Council (MPP) and Student Secretariat (SMF), Google forms were distributed to collect data on students' location and to identify the number of stranded students. Based on the data collected, two designated WhatsApp groups (for Residential College and Non-Resident students) were created to ease and maintain constant communication with them. Infographics on safety and special assistance offered to UiTM students throughout the MCO period were disseminated among the students via MPP, SMF, batch representatives and the High Committee members of UiTMLaw student clubs and societies. Alongside this, a plenty of other necessary information was circulated, inclusive of the required procedures in applying for financial aid and mobile data allowances, procedures in getting healthcare services at UiTM Health Centre and its operating hours, other than at Shah Alam Hospital or private clinics, as well as the availability of other student services, such as the UITM Counselling Centre tele-counselling service which was meant to provide students with emotional and psychological assistance especially throughout the MCO period. In line with this, a Google form survey was also distributed to identify students with such problems through the effort of UiTMLaw Deputy Dean (Student Affairs) and the UiTMLaw student volunteer team. Besides, in dealing with emergency health issues encountered by students, upon being notified, the UiTMLaw Student Affairs Department would liaise with UiTM Health Centre and Shah Alam Disaster Operations Committee (JOBSA) to tackle the issues.

With regards to students' daily needs, generous amount of donations had been received in the form of food, essential items etc. at the Non-Resident Student Service Centre. Information on procedures pertaining to the distribution process was provided to the students by the Deputy Dean (HEA) with the aid from the UiTMLaw student volunteer team to clarify on how they could get access to food and other essentials throughout the MCO period. Through coordination between UiTMLaw Deputy Dean (Student Affairs) and the UiTMLaw student volunteer team as well, these items were distributed to ten UiTMLaw Non-Resident Students with own transportation, before they were further distributed to other Non-Resident students at their premises' identified checkpoints. Apart from this, free masks and hand sanitisers were also supplied. On top of this, needy students were given cash money. For students returning to their respective hometowns, a flow chart and FAQs were circulated to enlighten students on the process. These students were also offered assistance via JOBSA in obtaining permission for such purposes especially in emergency cases.

Despite various obstacles, the UiTMLaw Student Affairs Department had executed the abovesaid tasks with great responsibility. All in all, it could be concluded that the objective of taking these proactive measures in view of ensuring the safety and welfare of UiTMLaw students throughout the MCO period had been achieved and it is, indeed, such an invaluable experience.



Research & Publication

Publications and Research Grants January - June 2020

Research Grants

1. Geran Penyelidikan Lestari Kursi Institusi Raja-Raja Melayu.

Kedaulatan Raja Raja Melayu Melangkaui Peruntukan Perlembagaan Persekutuan Implikasinya ke atas Sistem Raja Berpelembagaan di Malaysia.

Principal Researcher: Dr. Nur Ezan Binti Rahmat **Members**: Dr. Norazlina Binti Abdul Aziz, Mazlina binti Mohamad Mangsor & Ainul Hafiza binti Zainudin

2. Lestari Grant: Taman Negara Scientific Expedition II

Legal Impact of Orang Asli Indigeneous Knowledge in Land Planning and Environment Decision Making Process: A Case Study of Orang Asli in Taman Negara Pahang.

Principal Researcher: Dr. Siti Sarah Sulaiman Members: Dr. Nur Ezan Rahmat, Nurus Sakinatul Fikriah Mohd Shith Putera & Inna Junaenah

3. Geran Program Pemindahan Ilmu (Knowledge Transfer Programme - KPT)

Micro Financing & Tax Accounting System (MiFTACS) Certification for Small Medium Entrepreneurs

Co-Researcher: : Assoc. Prof Dr Haswira Nor Mohamad Hashim

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Research & Publication

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UiTMLaw Experts

GS1 User Board Meeting, 5 February 2020, 1130-1330 @ Wisma FMM

By: Prof. Dr Irwin Ooi Ui Joo

GSI is famous for being the non-profit organisation that invented the use of bar codes and for its push for harmonisation of trade facilitation policies and practices around the world. Its Use Board is a combination of two bodies, one is from the Pharmaceutical Working Group, and the other one is from the Supply Chain Excellence Working Group. Prof. Dr. Irwin Ooi has been a part of the latter Working Group for almost a decade. On 5 February, the joint body met to discuss various issues relating to supply chains that Malaysian companies have to work with. The group also provides a platform for sharing of information, expertise and best practices among members of the industry. Prof. Dr. Ooi's role in the group is to provide legal advice and updates in supply chain, international trade, trade facilitation and logistics matters.

Visiting Scholar
Programme at PennLaw
By: Dr Nadzriah Ahmad



Dr. Nadzriah Ahmad of UiTMLaw has been selected as the award recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship for 2020/2021 by the J. William Foreign Fulbright Scholarship Board, Washington DC.

As a Visiting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Law School (PennLaw), Dr. Nadzriah will undertake research work relevant to re-entry and rehabilitation programmes for juvenile offenders. At PennLaw, Professor Regina Austin will serve as her faculty sponsor and the school is very much looking forward to supporting her research on the restorative justice model for juveniles that would strengthen the existing legal framework governing the re-entry and rehabilitation programmes in Malaysia.

PennLaw is one of the top five Ivy League law schools in the US. At PennLaw, Dr. Nadzriah, along with other visiting scholars and researchers, will be given opportunities to present her research as part of the workshop series. Her research would contribute to the betterment of the legal framework and policies governing the juvenile justice system in Malaysia. Dr. Nadzriah hopes that these valuable opportunities given to her will help to develop industrial linkages and open more doors for research collaboration between UiTM and the University of Pennsylvania. Additionally, Dr. Nadzriah hopes that her research work on juveniles can further contribute to the stakeholders in Malaysia, particularly the Social Welfare Department and the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, so that the legal rights of children in the criminal justice system would be better protected.



UiTMLaw Experts

Concours Jean-Pictet Competition 34th Edition 2020

By: Dr Ummi Hani' Maso'od

Forty-six law schools from over thirty countries took part in the 34th Edition of the Concours Jean-Pictet Competition in Denpasar, Indonesia on 7 to 14 March 2020. The main objective of the competition is to take the law out of the books. Students have to display their knowledge in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and communication skills by taking part in simulations and role-plays. They play the role of various participants in an armed conflict such as soldiers, lawyers, humanitarian officers and government officials.

The organising committee invited Dr Ummi Hani to be involved in the competition as a tutor. She tutored three teams: Lloyd Law College from India; the University of Tokyo from Japan and Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University from Ukraine. She provided support and guidance to the participants on their role-play skills and the quality of their arguments.

The competition is an excellent platform for the students to share their passion for IHL and views with other participants. It provides an insight into how IHL applies during an actual armed conflict and the constraints over the implementation of IHL. The competition also exposes the students to careers in the humanitarian and diplomatic missions.







UiTMLaw Experts

The Construction Law Report By Mu'iz Razak



The Construction Law Report is an annual publication by the Construction Industry Development Board of Malaysia (CIDB). This report consists of construction industry related cases with case summaries derived from the High Court and the Appellate Courts. The Report aims to benefit construction industry players in the effort to raise awareness and keep them up to date with the latest practice in the industry through the dispute resolution process and decisions made by the superior courts in Malaysia. The Report also consists of insights on the current status of construction law in the country.

A Technical Committee, comprising industry's experts, is formed on a yearly basis to oversee the publication of the report that particular year. The main functions of the Technical Committee are to provide the concept, organise segments in the report and choose exceptional cases with landmark decisions on issues in the construction industry. Apart from that, the task of Technical Committee is to choose commentators to comment on selected cases from the industry's professionals, namely engineers, architects and quantity surveyors, in addition to legal opinions provided by experts from the legal fraternity.

UiTMLaw lecturer, Mr. Mu'iz Razak, has been on the Technical Committee for four years in a row since 2017 until 2020. He has also played the role as the Report's commentator since 2017 to 2020, to provide his insights from the perspective of an academician. The Technical Committee has also reached out to another member of UiTMLaw, Dr. Shahrizal Md. Zi,n to contribute to the 2019 Edition. Mr. Mu'iz Razak is currently working with the Technical Committee to publish the 2020 Edition of the Construction Law Report.

Talk on Intellectual Property

By: Assoc. Prof. Rohazar Wati Zuallcobley

In 2020, Associate Professor Rohazar Wati Zuallcobley had shared her expertise in intellectual property in three separate events. The first was as a speaker at a seminar organised by Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka on 11 February 2020, entitled "Undang-undang Hakcipta dalam Revolusi Industri 4.0". She then gave a keynotes address entitled "Strategic Intellectual Property Management of Research Output" at 2nd International Conference on Business, Education, Innovation and Social Sciences on 22 February 2020. The conference was organised by Asian Scholars Network and was held at Premiera Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

Finally, on 24 April 2020, she gave a talk at a web seminar entitled "Embracing the New Normal: Online Distant Learning Content and Copyright: Are you Protected?" The seminar was attended by 107 participants from various faculties. The seminar was organised by the IP Unit of BITCOM in collaboration with UiTMLaw.



Legal Insider

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COVID-19: LOCKDOWN IN AN ABUSIVE HOME





Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, an increase in domestic violence cases has been reported worldwide. Concerns from around the world suggest that implementation of lockdown has led to a rise in domestic violence.

Social isolation has led victims of domestic violence to be trapped at home with their abusers. Victims can no longer seek refuge at home and are cut off from reaching out for help. Victims may also be afraid of the abusers finding out that they are seeking help, which will make it even more difficult for government agencies and non-profit organisations (NGOs) to provide help in such cases.

Malaysia has seen a spike in the number of domestic violence cases following the Movement Control Order (MCO), which has been imposed since March 18, 2020. This is based on data gathered from the Women and Family Development Ministry and NGOs attending to domestic violence cases. (New Straits Times, April 4, 2020, "MCO-linked domestic violence rises")

Malaysia passed the Domestic Violence Act (Act 521) in 1994 (DVA 1994). With its recent amendments gazetted on September 21, 2017 which came into enforcement on January 1, 2018, added protection in the form of an emergency protection order (EPO) and some desirable changes were incorporated into the DVA 1994.

Despite the Act, challenges are still faced by domestic violence victims during the MCO. Laws made should always be flexible enough to cover all situations. It was indeed a great challenge to stop domestic violence even before the pandemic outbreak. Now, we are strained even more and grappling with ways on how to aid victims of domestic violence.

There are some useful examples of international approaches in dealing with domestic violence during the lockdown period of COVID-19. In the Canary Islands, the regional government and pharmacies launched a scheme whereby a woman can request a "Mask-19" (Spanish: Mascarilla-19, a code word meaning she urgently needs help with a domestic violence situation) to a pharmacist, who can then call the police for them. (The Olive Press, Gender Violence Initiative "Mascarilla-19" Helps Three Women Across Andulcia Since Launch, April 8, 2020). The French government recently announced it would put victims of domestic violence in hotel rooms and finance pop-up counselling centres in grocery stores, amid a surge of reported domestic violence cases since the lockdown began on March 17 (Time, French Government to House Domestic Abuse Victims in Hotels as Cases Rise During Coronavirus Lockdown, Melissa Godin, March 31, 2020).

Clearly, it is important that all government agencies and other relevant organisations work collaboratively and make more support services available to the victims of domestic violence. It is undisputed that COVID-19 has affected everyone globally, and government should incorporate gender considerations into their responses and initiatives.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a wake-up call to humanity. We need to reflect deeply and view the future with ethical will. As much as we are worried for the health and well-being of the world, the risk of violence towards women and children during COVID-19 crisis cannot be disregarded.



The Bookshelf

"Bicara Buku: Prof. Dato Dr Rahmat Mohamad"

By: Assoc. Prof. Dr Tunku Intan Mainura binti Tunku Makmar Nizamuddin

"Bicara Buku Bersama YBhg Prof. Dato Dr. Rahmat Mohamad', a talk by the author himself, who is also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Industry, Community, Alumni and Entrepreneurship Network), Universiti Teknologi MARA was held on 25 February 2020. The event was hosted by Penerbit UiTM and was held at Auditorium 2, Faculty of Law, UiTM Shah Alam.

The book that was the subject matter of the talk was titled "Asian and African Views on International Law". The event was attended by Part 1 students of UiTMLaw, Asasi law students from Dengkil and some lecturers and staff.

Prof. Dato Dr. Rahmat shared his working experiences, moments and challenges as the Secretary General of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) in New Delhi, India.

It was a good exposure and an eye opener for the students. Prof. Dato Dr. Rahmat emphasised on the importance of unity between the people of Africa and Asia, and how vital it is to secure peace, harmony and cooperation among these two continents and other nations around the world. On a lighter note, the talk also highlighted Prof. Dato Dr. Rahmat's fondness for Indian cuisine and how the people he met were very friendly and welcoming.

In summary, the talk produced curiosity and interest in many of the attendees, as well as sparking laughter now and then as Prof. Dato Dr. Rahmat was able to make it not only educational but entertaining too. After the talk ended, Prof. Dato Dr. Rahmat answered questions posed by some students. Prof. Dato Dr. Rahmat motivated and inspired the students when he talked about how much he enjoyed working in a country outside Malaysia and how a person will know more about humankind when he travels to places that he has never set foot in before.







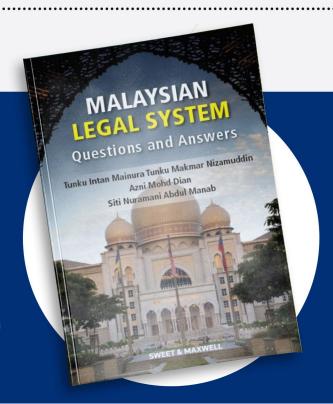




The Bookshelf

The Malaysian Legal System

By Assoc. **Prof. Dr Tunku Intan Mainura Tunku Makmar Nizamuddin**





The Malaysian Legal System is a unique synthesis of traditional local customs, Islamic law, and English common law. It occupies a niche area in the legal world and is a compulsory subject in Malaysian law schools. The study of our legal system is central to the understanding of the machinery of modern democratic society and to the sentiment of nationality. Most publications on this subject are rich in detail on the history of the legal system and contain complex discussions on legal principles and caselaw.

The book entitled 'Malaysian Legal System Questions and Answers', however, aims to provide an easy read and a simplified source of reference for its readers by using the question-and-answer approach. It caters specially to first-year law students, students pursuing foundation in law programmes, students from non-law programmes and the public.

The book was prepared by three lecturers of UiTMLaw, namely, Associate Professor Dr Tunku Intan Mainura Tunku Makmar Nizamuddin, Dr Azni Mohd Dian and Puan Siti Nuramani Abdul Manab. It is an up-to-date book covering important aspects of the Malaysian Legal System. The contents include sources of Malaysian law, concepts of constitutional supremacy and monarchy, separation of powers, doctrine of judicial precedent, court system, law-making processes and alternative dispute resolution.

Tuan Ahmad Afiq Hasan, a Research Officer at the Research Unit, Chief Justice's Office, Federal Court of Malaysia, edited the book. The foreword was written by the former Chief Justice of Malaysia, YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Richard Malanjum.



Above & Beyond Education

Harun M. Hashim National Client Consultation Competition By: Dr Anida Mahmood





On 29 February 2020, UiTMLaw hosted the Harun M. Hashim National Client Consultation Competition (NCCC 2020), with the theme 'Damage to Property'. The objective of the competition was to rain and develop interviewing, advising and counselling skills among students. This is done through a given scenario between a client and solicitors. The winner would represent Malaysia in the International Client Consultation Competition 2020 (ICCC), scheduled to take place in Florida, USA. Six law faculties took part in the competition, namely, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Utara Malaya, Universiti Islam Antarabangsa and Universiti Teknologi MARA. Universiti Malaya emerged as the National Champion, with Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin coming in second. The UiTMLaw team took third place. The UiTMLaw team took third place. Congratulations to all winners!!!

As the host and organiser, UiTMLaw expresses heartfelt gratitude, appreciation and great admiration to all judges, committee members and sponsors for their unending support, hard work and generosity in making NCCC 2020 a success.



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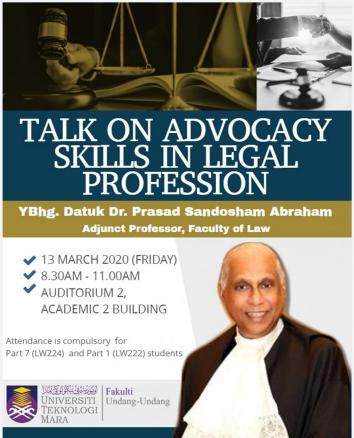
Talk on Advocacy Skills in Legal Profession

By: Dr. Faridah Hussain

On Friday, 13 March 2020, UiTMLaw organised a talk entitled "Advocacy Skills in Legal Profession". The speaker was YBhg. Datuk Dr. Prasad Sandosham Abraham, Adjunct Professor of UiTMLaw. Datuk Dr Prasad talked about advocacy skills in handling clients and cases in open court.

Among the objectives of the programme were to enlighten the students on advocacy skills in the legal profession and to motivate them to become good future lawyers. The opening address was delivered by Dean of the Faculty, Associate Professor Dr. Hartini Saripan. The talk was attended by Faculty lecturers and students of Part 7 of LW224 and Part 1 of LW222 programmes. The advisor of the programme was Dr. Norazlina Abdul Aziz, whilst the director was Dr. Faridah Hussain. The programme was held at Academic 2 Building of UiTM. The Dean of the Law Faculty of UiTM, expressed her gratitute to YBhg. Datuk Dr. Prasad Sandosham Abraham and to the organising committee.







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Briefing on the Diploma Lepasan Ijazah Syariah dan Amalan (DLSA) Programme

By: Nurazlina Abdul Raof

On 29 February 2020, the Faculty organised a briefing to welcome new students of the Diploma Lepasan Ijazah Syariah dan Amalan (DLSA) programme. Yang Arif Puan Noor Huda binti Roslan, the Chief Registrar and Judge of the Selangor Syariah High Court, who was invited to deliver a lecture entitled "Penerimaan Masuk Sebagai Peguam Syarie Selangor", explained at length, amongst others, about the eligibility requirements for admission as a Syarie lawyer in Selangor, the administrative structure of Selangor Syarie lawyers, the applicable laws and practice direction, and chambering requirements.

An alumna of UiTMLaw, Puan Nurainie Haziqah binti Shafi'l, was also invited to give a talk on "Bagaimana Kerja Membangun Masyarakat". A partner at Fareez Shah & Partners and an active social advocate, she highlighted the significance and advantages of Syarie legal profession and imbued in students theimportance of contributing to community development as there are many segments of the society who do not have the means to pay for legal costs.

Both sessions were indeed an eye opening and enriching experience to the new DLSA students.





Industrial Training

By: Dr Wan Rosalili Wan Rosli

Every semester, Part 4 and Part 5 students of UiTMLaw will go for their Industrial Training. Often, these are done at the Attorney General's Chambers, courts and legal firms. Last semester, some lecturers visited the students to see how they were faring and to get feedback from their supervisors/mentors. The accompanying pictures depict some of the students at their chosen training places, with UiTMLaw lecturers.









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