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**UMP Chancellor called on efforts to strengthen the culture of international education system**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Chancellor, His Royal Highness Regent of Pahang Tengku Mahkota Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah called on for some strategic adjustments that emphasised on the transparency, integrity, accountability and ethics.

"These values were not to be at all compromised by the university management," he said.

"In fact, the Ministry of Education's goal to create an education system that is centred on the culture of respect is a timely one.

"This moral culture is not only relevant in the enrichment of the students' experience in campus but also in community projects, be it in the country or abroad," he said in his speech during the university's 13th Convocation Campus on November 10, 2018.

Among the guests present were UMP Board of Directors' Chairman, Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad and UMP Vice-Chancellor, Dato' Daing Nasir Ibrahim.

Tengku Abdullah also said at the same time, strategic and professional networking was important for research expansion and to boost the university's wakaf and endowment ecosystem.

As such, he expected UMP management to give special attention to Industry Network Alumni Platform (INAP) as a cluster and intra-cluster interaction medium for its alumni.

"It is also a challenge for graduates to start thinking about making contributions back to UMP, a very fertile ground for success," he said.

Tengku Abdullah also conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering (Electronics) to former Managing Director Hari Narayanan P Ondiveeran, as a mark of appreciation and recognition of his notable personage, credibility

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Dr. Hari Narayanan is currently Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Board of Governors' Chairman.

A total of 28 recipients were presented with excellence awards and prizes based on their outstanding performance in various fields and other fields.

The Royal Academic Award (Excellence Medal) recipients were Joanne Bong Shan Shan from Faculty of Education and Zaidatul Azeera Mohd Nawati from Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering (FSKKP).

Tan Jia Shun of FPI was the recipient of the Chancellor Award while Lee Wei Keat of FSKKP received the Vice-Chancellor Award.

The Lifelong Learning Professionals Award for Professional/Executive Programme was conferred to Y.M. Tan Sri Almarhum Sultan Sir Abu Bakar and Kumaran s/o Alagamuthu Nadar from UMP Advanced Education.

There were a total of 15 other awards and prizes presented during the convocation. The awards and prizes were from various companies.

They are the Gold Award, Professor Dato' Dr. Mashitah Mohd Yusoff Award, Srikandi Matahari Award, Pusaka Award, Excellence Award, Ir. Kee Book Hee Excellence Award, Sapura Industrial Berhad Excellence Award, Telekom Malaysia Excellence Award, Perodua Excellence Award, Dimension Bid Excellence Award and Soho Niaga Excellence Award.

Others included Pahang Foundation Excellence Prize, Association of German Engineers Dual-Degree Programme Excellence Prize, Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. Excellence Prize and Setegap Ventures Petroleum Sdn. Bhd. Excellence Prize.

A total of 652 graduates received their scrolls during the first session of the convocation which was also held at the Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Pekan.

They were from several fishing villages in Kuala Pahang who took part in the 'Bridge of Love [Project@KP](#) Himpunan.'

UMP celebrated its 2,773 graduates during the two-day convocation held over in four sessions. They received 1,000 Bachelor's degrees, 172 for their Masters' degrees, 221 for their Executive Masters' degrees, 52 for their Executive Masters' degrees, 40 for their dual-degrees, 270 for their diplomas and 242 for their executive diplomas.

They were graduates from nine faculties and two learning centres.

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**UMP the first public university in the country to use Blockchain technology for diploma validation for its 2,773 graduates**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) became the first public university in the country to use Blockchain technology to validate the authenticity of graduation certificates.

It would benefit the 2,773 of its graduates who received their scrolls during the university's 13th Convocation 2018 at the Gambang Campus Sports Complex.

According to UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim, UMP Valid8 was an innovative system for graduation certificates based on the QR Code.

"Each certificate is equipped with a unique QR Code to ascertain the authenticity of the graduate's certificate. The QR Code contains the graduate's photo, full name, academic programme and year of graduation.

"The QR Code itself will be a network of confidential data record, a data storage system that contains graduation information using Blockchain Technology.

"The system is developed to function as a record storage on the education information of UMP graduates. It ensures the authenticity of a degree using the QR Code embedded in the certificate. All their data is stored in the cloud, making it impossible to be forged," he said.

Likewise, UMP also introduced the convocation e-book, in a move to support the green practise and in line with the university's commitment to parents, graduates, students and members of the public to get quick information on the convocation.

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The convocation e-book can be accessed via UMP Konvo application with 4.0 version for Android user and

This pilot project was conducted by IBM Centre of Excellence that has the IT expertise, together with Financial Management (FIM) that has the expertise in supply chain.

There are also plans to explore the potentials of Blockchain technology to develop the halal supply network and the halal industry's technical system for commercial prospects.

This application can be further extended into the National Institute of Higher Learning and other universities abroad.

With this kind of expertise, UMP is in the position to offer its services in Blockchain Certificate Authentication

## **Sultan Pahang's Brother conferred with UMP Lifelong Professorship**

By: SHALFARINA SHAHRIMAN

Despite being a busy businessman and serving as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion 505 Territorial Force, Lieutenant Colonel Tengku Dato' Sri Kamarulzaman Al-Haj Ibni AlMarhum Sultan Sir Abu Bakar from continuing to support the Project Management in Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP).

The Regent of Pahang and UMP Chancellor, His Royal Highness Tengku Mahkota Tengku Abdullah Al-Haj Sultan Billah presented the scroll to Lieutenant Colonel Tengku Dato' Sri Kamarulzaman during the university's 10th Anniversary UMP Gambang Campus on November 10 and 11, 2018.

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Lieutenant Colonel Tengku Dato' Sri Kamarulzaman, who is the younger brother of Sultan of Pahang, sa  
doctorate level and advised young people to seek knowledge so they could improve their skills and themse

Another recipient of the same award was Kumaran s/o Alagamuthu Nadar, a graduate of Executive Mast  
now works as a manager at Daya CMT Sdn. Bhd.

Kumaran said discipline and effective time management were top on his list in order to achieve excellence.

"I believe that if we have good discipline, it would shape us into being excellent people. We can attain the s

"The experience of seeking knowledge in UMP will be a pleasant memory because we have study gro  
lecturers are also accomplished professionals.

"My hope is that one day I will get to be a Professor and train more graduates in this field," he added.

He also said that he had not expected to receive the award, given to a graduate of UMP Advanced Educat  
be given the opportunity to improve themselves and enhance their skills.

"Even working adults, housewives and senior citizens who wished to make their own contributions to the  
skills," he added.

**Joanne, 7 times Dean's List awarded with Royal Aca**

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Joanne Bong Shan Shan, 24, is the recipient of the Royal Academic Award (Excellence Medal) presented at the 13th Convocation Ceremony.

The Kuching-born lass is the holder of Bachelor of Project Management with Hons from Faculty of Industrial Management, UPM, with a CGPA of 3.90. She is not only outstanding in her academics as reflected in her being on the Dean's List seven times, she is also actively involved in associations, programmes and club activities, holding various important posts.

Joanne was the treasurer of UMP Student Representative Council (MPP) for two terms – 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

For these activities that she had been part of, Joanne said the experience gained formed a platform that she could participate in many programmes and met many people from all walks of life.

She also received the Srikandi Award 2015, Most Promising Award 2017 and won three best programme awards (UMP Student Representative Council Leader Category).

She was also the student development exco member for PEKA3 2014/2015, MPP Advisor for the Chinese Students' Union, Treasurer 2016, Treasurer for the induction week (MINDS) 2017, Deputy Director for UMP Career Fair 2017, and a Management Perspective of Bauxite Residue, an active marathon runner and a finalist of the Student Co-Creation Challenge.

Joanne also has a tender side. She may have received good offers from big companies including one from a multinational corporation. As the youngest child in the family, she prefers, when necessary, to be with her parents, Bong Shoot Fatt, a housewife.

Her source of motivation derives from a book titled, 'The Secret' by Rhonda Byrne. The book is about expanding one's vision of the world – subscribing to the mantra of 'if one wants something to happen, it will happen'.

In her final year, Joanne presented a project titled, 'Quality Management Toward Enhancing Performance: The Role of Organisational Citizenship Behaviour as Mediator'.

Joanne is now working as a digital analyst at Orion Social Media Sdn. Bhd. in Kuala Lumpur, doing digital marketing for clients such as Facebook, Instagram and Google.

Among the tasks undertaken included preparing tender proposals, sourcing of potential customers, managing social media platforms, managing crisis and making data analysis and report.

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She viewed that whatever that she had learned in UMP had been very useful such as from managing group

As a graduate of project management, Joanne said she was clueless about matters relating to marketing working. However, she persevered and learned the ropes of the trade and eventually, she succeeded.

“Life was a learning curve and it would continue to be a life-long learning process. She admitted to making mistakes,” she added.

She has her expectations in life but these do not revolve around money, house, car or a rich lifestyle. As for whatever that she is doing, it will impact or serve as an inspiration to others.

## **Daughter of Felda Settler presented with Royal Academic Award**

Seeing how dedicated her parents were to see to it that she got the best education although they themselves were not, it was a defining moment for Umi Zaidatul Azeera Mohd Nawawi to not to take her studies lightly.

Their dedication and her perseverance paid off when Umi Zaidatul Azeera was named as the Royal Academic Award recipient during Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony that was held on November 10, 2019.

Seeing her parents, Mohd Nawawi Abdul Latif, 55, and Sabariah Anang, 55, toiled with sweat and tears to raise her to change their lifestyle for the better, elevate the prestige of Felda children and for them to be successful in life.

She also attributed her success to her lecturers and friends.

Umi Zaidatul Azeera is the holder of Bachelor of Computer Science (Computer Systems & Networking) with Honours (FSKKP). Her CGPA is 3.75.



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She was also in the Dean's List for every semester throughout her study years in UMP and named Person of the Year.

The third in a family of four siblings, Umi Zaidatul Azeera was born in Dungun and raised at Felda Kerteh 4.

She was also an active person while in UMP and was involved in various programmes and associations which helped to build up her character to become a more confident, courageous and competitive person.

Among the important posts that she had held were Secretary of the Environment and Sustainability (EcoSis) Week Programme 2017, Secretary of ICT Forum – Towards Greenery, Secretary of Programme Away from Campus Hiking in [Style@Broga](#) Hills 2017, an exco member for Semaian Budi programme (Pendang, Kedah) and a member of the UMP Students' Council 2015.

She was also a volunteer in the Candy Pencil Project in Sarawak and a participant in the National Park Conservation Project by Sultan Ahmad Shah Environmental Trust (SASET).

Umi Zaidatul Azeera now works as an IT Analyst at Event Monitoring (Network) in Intel Corporation (M) Sdn Bhd.

According to Umi Zaidatul, the syllabus in UMP did not only emphasise on theories but also on hands-on experience. She is someone who was armed with knowledge, technical skill and sound understanding of the theories.

"These workability skills have helped graduates to be competitive in putting themselves in the workforce," she said. UMP had been ranked as 188th best in Asia.

She was also grateful with UMP for all the opportunities provided and responsibilities tasked to her that came with one of the most prominent companies in Malaysia.

She viewed that the work scope work now was in accordance with the syllabus that had been taught.

And, her hope now is to be someone that is constructive and able to serve the community and becomes a role model.

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## **Rahmad Mega gave his blessings to son's interest in**

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Suhazri Amrin Rahmad, 23, is the son of a 90's popular rock singer in the country Rahmad Tohak or better known as Tohak. He started his career in electrical engineering to singing.

Suhazri Amrin got full blessing from his father who was thankful with his son's academic achievement.

Rahmad said he had never stopped his son from pursuing his interest in engineering.

"I have always given my support to my children who prefer to pursue their academic interests. I always prefer them to be engineers or scientists. I will be happy to be a parent of a child who is a professional," he said.

Suhazri Amrin, who is the eldest child, said he dedicated his achievement to his parents who had always supported him.

He also said the secret to his success was to work hard and not to get self-conscious about asking questions.

Suhazri Amrin, who is now pursuing his Master in Science in UMP, received his degree in B.Eng. (Honours) in Electrical Engineering from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held on November 10 and 11.

His ambition is to be an engineer or a lecturer, while singing was just a hobby.

At the convocation, Rahmad made a surprise by singing one of his popular tunes, 'Bayangan Gurauan' or 'The Shadow of the Teacher'. He too went on stage and hugged his father.

The audience was also moved by the gesture of father and son and gave them a loud applause.

Suhazri Amrin said he had not expected his father to sing during the convocation.

**61 old father and grandfather obtained Executive Master's Degree**

Mohamed Hamdan A Aziz, 61, thirst for education has never ceased to fade, the burning yearning perhaps studies when he was younger because their livelihood only depended on his father who was a rubber tapper.

The father of four and grandfather of nine is now a proud holder of the Executive Master in Safety, Health and Environment at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held on Nov 10.

Mohamed Hamdan, who is an occupational safety and health officer with a construction company, described himself as a 'self-starter'.

"I could not afford to further my studies when younger because of poverty but the desire to have a Master's degree and my own income, and I challenged myself to make my dream a reality.

"Before pursuing my studies, I have asked one of my children to pursue a Masters' degree but it was decided to study again.

"And so I thought if my children did not want to continue their studies, why not just the father do so," he said.

Mohamed Hamdan, who is from Johor Bahru, Johor, also dedicated the degree to his wife, Rohani Mohamad.

He said his wife never failed to motivate and encourage him to not to give up, adding, she understood his need to study weekends for the last two years.

"It turns out not to be easy actually because I need to follow the fast pace of the young people. I cannot be slow in order to gain knowledge," he said.

**Identical twins received their degrees at UMP 13th Convocation**

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Identical twins Farah Alia Fauzi and Farah Ayuni Fauzi, 27, were among the graduates of University Malaysia Perlis (UNIP) who received their diplomas and scrolls during the 13th Convocation Ceremony that was held on November 10 and 11, 2018 at the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in Serdang.

The two, who have never been separated since birth, were graduates of Master of Science (Mechanical Engineering) from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in Serdang.

Both have always dreamed of being in the teaching line since in school, just like their father, Fauzi Ismail, 50, who is a teacher at a primary school in Serdang.

However, for the time being, both of them are working in a different line.

Upon completion of their studies, Farah Ayuni now works as a Project Officer with a company at Seri Kembangan, while Farah Alia is a Research Assistant at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in Serdang.

Fate has it that even their working places are not far from each other.

"It is true that we have not been far apart, even our working places are in the same state," said Farah Ayuni during the convocation.

The twins who are from Pulau Chondong, Kelantan said they worked hard to get good grades and were inspired by their father and mother, Rohani Hamat, 50, who had made a lot of sacrifices.

"It is the responsibility as the eldest in the family to help reduce the burden of my parents and to be a good example for my siblings," she said.

"We are grateful to have parents who have always prayed for our well-being and their prayers are answered," she said. "We have attained what we wanted."

"We would always exchange views and do revisions together. Moreover, we were placed in the same class," she said. "We are grateful to have parents who have always prayed for our well-being and their prayers are answered."

She also said without knowledge, one could not be competitive, adding, they planned to work first and even then study. "We are grateful to have parents who have always prayed for our well-being and their prayers are answered."

## **2 best friends received Excellence Prizes in Dual-Degree Program (Ingenieure Award)**

It was indeed a moment to cherish for these two best friends, Nor Amirah Mohamad Radzuan and Nur Syakiroh, who were awarded the Excellence Prize for the Dual-Degree Programme (*Verein Deutscher Ingenieure Award*) during Universiti Putra Malaysia's Graduation Ceremony that was held on November 10 and 11, 2018.

Nor Amirah, 24, and Nur Syakiroh, also 24, were graduates of B.Eng. (Hons) Mechatronics Engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Germany from Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering (FKP).

Both of them who are from Kuala Lumpur also went to Germany for eight weeks to learn the language.

Nur Syakiroh said they needed to entirely speak in the language so they could understand it faster and this helped them in their courses.

"We were able to practise our oral skills and had daily conversations with the locals over there. This course helped us to learn the language and sit for the examinations that were all in German," she said.

Nur Syakiroh, who is the second in a family of three siblings, was a stickler when it came to completing her assignments. She is in the police force.

She added that she learned a lot during her days in UMP that had helped to build up her character.

She is also the Dean's List Award recipient for six semesters out of the nine semesters and was actively involved in various activities.

As for Nur Amirah, who is the youngest in the family of three siblings, she had always held on fast on the prayers of her parents because that was the key to getting the blessings of Allah.

On her experience in UMP, Nur Amirah said the unpleasant ones were actually those that had taught her to be resilient as the lessons learned would be beneficial when she started working.

'Have a goal in life and strive to achieve the goal.' That is her motivation and life principle.

For her, every memory created in the fresh and breezy environment of UMP would be something that she would cherish.

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## Jimba Fest Tour Concert wraps up UMP Expo

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The 13th Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Convocation Celebration or Expoconvo managed to get a community.

More than 1,000 people were present to enjoy the Jimba Fest Tour Concert featuring artists namely Datin A

The concert, which is the main event of the Expoconvo, is brought by Digi and Warner Music. UMP *Nasional Berhad* (ASNB) are also sponsoring the event.

During the 13th UMP Convocation Ceremony and Expoconvo, graduands and their parents as well as other in the organized activities and programmes.

With the theme 'Recalling Memories', this Expoconvo offered many attractive and interesting activities as campus and enliven the Convocation Ceremony.

The director of the 13th Expoconvo, Siti Aishah Dermawanshah said that the activities this time around al Zone.

Other activities are Cake Decoration Contest, Let's Eat Fruit, UMP Got Talent and Cooking Competition wh

"The Expoconvo started a month earlier with activities such as *Santai Seni Warisan*, Zumbathon, Bla Awareness Talk which attracted a good number of crowd.

"They were able to know more about UMP and experience the campus life. It is also an effective promotio with the local community" she explained.

In addition, Aisyah also said that in order to attract school children to be interested in Science, Technology the STEM initiatives, there are also showcase involving the winners of Pahang Hackacton 2018 for public v

Moreover, there are also charity sales involving clothes, scarves, women accessories and other items contr

A total of 63 stalls including food trucks were available during this Expoconvo.

The visitors also were able to get information regarding the PRIMA housing scheme and also information n the supervision of the Urban Transformation Centre (UTC), Kuantan at the Expoconvo site.

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