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**Confucius Institute to be set up in UMP**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has entered into an agreement with Confucius Institute Headquarters for the establishment of Confucius Institute or Kong Zi Institute in Pahang.

This collaboration will benefit the university students as well as the local community who wish to learn Chinese culture.

UMP was represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim while Confucius Institute was represented by Guocheng Ang.

The exchange of the documents was held in Chengdu, China on December 5, 2018, in conjunction with the

Also present were Hanban Planning Division Director, Professor Wang Yong, Hebei University Communist Party of China International Relation Office Director, Professor Li Xiaoliu and UMP Mandarin Language and Culture Centre Director, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim.

Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir said the institute would play an important role in helping to enhance one-way cultural exchange programmes between the two countries.

"In fact, we have already established good ties with Hebei University since 2011 and that there are 22 Mandarin Language and Culture Centres in Malaysia."

Hebei University, a university in China, has been appointed by Hanban to work on establishing collaborations with UMP.

To date, there are two institutes of higher learning in Malaysia that have set up Confucius Institute - Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM).

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**Research works by UMP received recognition in China**

Research works by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) lecturers continued to receive recognitions following awards, one silver medal and four bronze medals at the Seoul Invention and International Fair (SIIF).

The fair was held at COEX Exhibition Hall, Seoul in Korea on December 9, 2018.

Projects that won the gold medals were 'Next Generation Security Operation Centre' (NGSOC), 'Firefly Systems' and 'Efficient TIO<sub>2</sub>-SIO<sub>2</sub> Hybrid Nano-coolant'.

The NGSOC project also won a special award - Special Award of Association of Polish Inventors and Ratio

The project was led by Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering (FSKKP) lecturer, Ts. Dr. Mo

NGSOC is a framework that is established to facilitate an organisation to develop and manage an in-house

According to Ts. Dr. Mohamad Fadli, the benefit offered by the framework was that it could increase the and become the digital defence strategy of an organisation.

The project was developed together with SysArmy Sdn. Bhd.

The 'Firefly Combinatorial Test List Generator for Lot Systems' was developed by Dr. Abdulrahman and received a special award while the project 'Efficient TIO<sub>2</sub>-SIO<sub>2</sub> Hybrid Nano-coolant' was by Associate Prof

Another project by Ts. Dr. Mohamad Fadli, 'Safe Cyber: System for the Safety of Financial Transactions and Cybercrimes' won a bronze medal.

The silver medal was contributed through a project by FSKKP Dean, Professor Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli and 'Suite Generator for Large IoT Testing'.

The bronze medals were contributed by Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Faiz Mohd Turan from Faculty of Manufacturing and Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology (FSTI) and Dr. Sharifah Maszura Syed Mohsin from Facu

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Engineering (FKASA).

SIIF 2018 attracted more than 600 entries that included works on invention, commercialisation, patent and trademark from Indonesia, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, China and Saudi Arabia.

Other agencies involved in organising SIF 2018 were Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA), Korea Intellectual Property Association (KIPA), World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and International Federation of Inventors Association (IFIA).

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## **12 UMP MASKUM volunteers brought cheers to orphans**

By: RAHMAN AHMAD, DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ALUMNI

A total of 12 volunteers from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) took time off to bring some cheers to orphans in Aceh on December 5, 2018.

They were part of the volunteers from the Malaysia Universities Volunteer Council (MASKUM).

They helped to spruce up the place by adding ferro-cement chairs and tables and shared their experience with the orphans, totalling 50 of them.

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The activity was part of the Aceh Global Exploration programme organised by Department of Student Affairs, UMP Eco Pest Sdn. Bhd. and Kenz Trans & Travel Sdn. Bhd.

Programme Director, Siti Aishah Darmawanshah, who is from Faculty of Industrial Management (FPI) said, to their trip, they still had to face some challenges especially in getting the building material as the market in Malaysia.

“This challenge taught us new things such as using different type of sand, bricks and frames.

“However, we were satisfied that we were able to complete the chairs and tables in two days and can be used

She added that the volunteers also got to meet 40 of the children at Cinta Kasih Orphanage.

She also said other than the motivational programmes conducted that helped to cheer up the children, the insect repellent device, Pest Killa.

JHEPA General Manager and Programme Advisor, Abd. Rahman Haji Safie said, the programme helped them as they were able to enhance and practice what that had been taught.

“The programme could help improve their skills and creativity and that they can practise whatever that have learned.  
“They can go down to the field themselves and foster closer ties with the local people and support UMP agriculture.”  
said.

Siti Aishah also said they got exchange experiences with students from Universitas Syiah Kuala.

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**‘Friendship’ takes audience down memory lane of the**

Waris Theatre Club staged a play titled, 'Friendship' which was about friendship among five students from Kebangsaan Warisan and the conflicts they had with their teachers.

There were also love stories and past histories of two best friends, Pok Tam and Bird, who had several dynamic.

The actors put up a good show as they took the audience along down memory lane of what was it like during

The play was held on December 2, 2018 and was directed by Mohamad Lokman Idris, an undergraduate Engineering (FKASA).

Tickets sales were very good with more than 300 sold.

Mohamad Lokman said the audience would not have believed it if they knew that the actors had only two weeks

"The short duration of practise did not stop them to put up a good play because the actors were a talented lot

Mohamad Lokman or also known as Lo'i, 20, said he was proud to be given the task to direct the play written by a seasoned playwright who had represented Pahang in the recent Malaysia Theatre Festival.

"The play was also supported by a strong publicity crew production which made 'Friendship' the talk of the town

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Mohamad Lokman, who also acts, said that as a first-time director, it was indeed a challenging task but it spurred him to move out from his comfort zone as an actor and learn to be a director, one that would be just as competitive as the film industry.

“Among the challenges that he faced was time constraint, restricted place for rehearsal and having to deal with a large cast.”

“However, the 76-strong crew production forms a very solid source of force for the director himself to pursue his vision.”

“Theatre undeniably cannot make us wealthy but it can enrich us with knowledge and experience,” said Lokman. “It is a medium that personifies human emotions and experiences.”

He added that his satisfaction in indulging into theatre was the love and compassion that could be shared with others.

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