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**iMEC-APCOMS 2019 the best platform to exhibit industry and  
research product**

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Faculty of Manufacturing and Mechatronics Engineering Technology (FTKPM) has successfully organized International Engineering Conference (iMEC) 2019 on 21st to 22nd August 2019 at The Everly Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia.

For the third time, iMEC is co-organized with 5th Asia-Pacific Conference on Manufacturing System (APMS) 2019 at Industrial Technology, Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), Indonesia.

This is an extended collaboration between UMP and ITB, which is purposely to intensify knowledge sharing between institutions in Malaysia and Republic of Indonesia.

This year, the conference brought 'Intelligent Engineering & Sustainable Development' as the theme, focusing on the latest technology in global manufacturing towards Industry 4.0.

With aim to become the platform for researchers, academicians, scientists, students, engineers and practitioners, the latest findings, ideas, developments and applications related specifically to manufacturing engineering technology, this conference this year has successfully attracted more than 100 local and international participants including researchers and practitioners from various countries.

The 4th iMEC 2019 has invited submission of high quality research papers reporting original work on, but not limited to, Material, Manufacturing Processes, Manufacturing Automation and Manufacturing System.

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The officiating event was carried out by the Member of UMP's Board of Director, Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Ro

The keynote sessions were held by the speech of Professor Ir. Dr. Bermawi P. Iskandar from Bandung Ins  
Mohd Nazar from Malaysia Automotive, Robotics and IoT Institute and Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Ahmad F  
and Mechatronics Engineering Technology.

The organizing committee was also proud with the presence of FTKPM's Industrial Advisory Panel from M  
Triple EEE Sdn. Bhd. during the opening ceremony.

This two-days conference has successfully brought together local and international academicians, resear  
latest findings, ideas, developments and applications as well as industrial exhibitions related specifical  
related research areas. Participants also enjoyed the sight-seeing tour scheduled by organizing committee.

It is hopes that with the success of this fourth conference, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) will be one  
manufacturing engineering thus creating a strong academic network among researchers in Malaysia and ov

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## **Creating new technology for student preparation to**

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Since the advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0) in the mid-2016 with automation technology,  
country's service and industrial sectors.

It demands a change in all aspects of digital transformation to remain competitive and accelerate the pro  
direct impact on the future of the current working environment.

Robotics technology, Internet of things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), data analytics, image processing,  
three-dimensional (3D) printing, cybersecurity, simulation and digital system integration are among the n  
over the existing job functions and systems.

Among the areas that have also moved forward with the development of this revolution is education, w  
cooperation between educational and technical institutions and industries.

In higher education, for example, it revolves around talent development and the areas of new techno  
preparing graduates for the job market in intelligent manufacturing.

Penang Skills Development Centre Chief Executive Officer, Muhamed Ali Hajah Mydin outlined three key  
namely talent, process and technology.

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“Talent focuses on individuals and entire organisations by emphasising strategies for creating a relevant work environment.”

“Meanwhile, technology focuses on AI, networking and automation technologies at three different levels: the systems involved in the operation, supply chain and product lifecycle,” he said.

However, he mentioned that we would also face some challenges that have been identified, especially from the institutional levels.

“For example, the industry will face new and incompetent graduates; the challenges of today’s graduates are unstructured three to six months of industrial training.

“In fact, the Generation Y and Z graduates are faced with less exposure to real-world situations where they need collaboration and problem-solving skill,” he said.

Therefore, he also advised graduates to be exposed to industrial psychology.

Meanwhile, he added, the government is receiving pressure from the manufacturing industry, especially on human resource matters.

“The involvement of various ministries such as the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the Ministry of Human Resources should also be well coordinated.

“Meanwhile, at the institutional level, such as universities and polytechnics, challenges exist in terms of embracing technological change but at the same time bound to the requirements of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) for Quality Development,” he said.

Muhamed Ali also suggested that the higher education system might require some changes as lecturers need to work on something new together.

He attended the Professional Talk Series titled 'Transition Preparation: Talent, Technology, Process' organised by the Industry & Community Network Centre (ICoN) at the ICoN Seminar Room, UMP Gambang Campus on 24 September 2019.

Also present was the Director of the Industry & Community Network Centre (ICoN), Associate Professor Dr. Mohd. Raizalhilmy Mohd Rais, UMP associates and other educational institutions around Kuantan.

Amirah Ibrahim, a student of the Faculty of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering Technology, thinks that gaining new knowledge on technology, mainly on how the IR 4.0 migration process can be implemented successfully is important.

“It can provide ideas and inspiration to motivate students and encourage them to invent or improve technology.”

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## **Four-Week Mandarin Study Programme in C**

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By: YONG YING MEI, DIRECTOR OF UMP CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

The Confucius Institute (CI) of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) organised a four-week Mandarin study programme from July 22 until August 24, 2019. The programme was held during summer, under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Education, Malaysia, and the Confucius Institute, Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU), China from July 28 until August 24, 2019.

It was the first programme organised following the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Harbin Normal University, China in 2017.

Fifteen students from CI were sponsored for the programme, which was held during summer, under the Co-

Thirteen of them attended the programme in Hebei University (HBU), China starting from July 22 until July 27, 2019. The remaining two students attended the programme at Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU), China from July 28 until August 24, 2019.

They studied the Mandarin language and Chinese culture as well as attended workshop, sat for tests and v-

They were exposed to various components of the Chinese culture such as the martial art of *wushu* and Chinese tea, calligraphy, folk songs, arts of paper cutting, traditional knots, painting and dumplings and wat-

The students learned a lot and had a great time studying about China, its people and culture and were full o-

In wrapping up the programme, CI Director, Yong Ying Mei congratulated the students who had passed the

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She also expressed her gratitude to CI Administrative Assistant, Nornashua Farhani Abdul Ghaffar for smoothly for the students who attended the programme.

Yong said Nornashua had helped with the application of the scholarship and other matters so the students

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## **Talk on the End of the World at *Mahabbah* Carn**

By: NUR SA'ADATUL AFZAN JUSOH, COMMUNICATION CORPORATE DIVISION

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Muslims have always been reminded about Dajal, the evil figure that will appear towards the end of the world, people, and that every Prophet and Rasul knows about Dajal.

Among the powers that Dajal is said to have is to be able to turn a barren land into a fertile one, cure a sick

Prophet Muhammad S.A.W, even prayed hard to Allah for His protection against the evils of Dajal and told

This was the introduction remark by Senior Assistant Director, Department of Wakaf, Zakat and Hajj (JAWH) talk titled, *Akhir Zaman* (End of the World) that was held at Tun Fatimah Hall, UMP Gambang Campus on S

He said that in their lives, people would face five things – the Satan, Jinn, Qarin, lust and the humans themselves to do things forbidden by the religion.

“Only *iman* can help prevent us from getting swayed by these temptations and seductions. Daily *zikir*, seek Allah's protection against these lures,” he added.

On the major signs of the end of the world, Ustaz Mohd Meeftah said apart from the emergence of *Dajal*, the smoke or *Dukhan* that covered the earth, blocking the sun and causing extreme weather changes.

The haze that occurred in this country and that of the neighbouring country was just a fraction of *Dukhan*, he

“Allah S.W.T. will also send Prophet Isa a.s to a white tower at the east of Damascus, with two angels, servants of Allah, those who are pious and obedient to Allah.

“After Dajal is destroyed, Yakjuj and Makjuj will appear and these creatures are horrendously mighty to a point who will then send down a disease that will cause the creatures to die,” he added.

He also said the sun would rise from the west but prior to that, the world would be in darkness for two or three days, west, Allah S.W.T. would have, by then, firmly close the gate for repentance.

“The next sign will see the emergence of a four-legged creature from earth, *Dabbah*, which will meet and greet people will understand. The creature will bring along two tools – the stick of Prophet Musa and the ring of P

“If the creature approaches someone and extends the stick of Prophet Musa, the face of the person will be lit up, if the creature extends the ring,” he said.

Ustaz Mohd Meeftah also said earthquake would happen three times that would eventually led to its destruction

“The earthquake will happen in the west, east and in the Arab countries. The biggest sign is the tenth of the humans to an assembly point.

“Whatever it is, Muslims should be prepared, be faithful, pious and virtuous as these are the sanctifications of Allah, who knows it better except for Allah S.W.T.” he added.

The audience that came to listen to the talk comprised staff and students of UMP and representatives from

Among those in the audience were six non-Muslim students and one of them was Eugene Leong Kai Yi, a student of Process Engineering Technology who came with her friends to learn about Islam and the *akhirat*.

Nolia Jusoh from Jaya Gading said programme such as this served as a good reminder because being

careless and loose.

She hoped that the Islamic & Human Development Centre (PIMPIN) would continue to organise programme

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