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Bridging Universiti Malaysia Pahang to the world community

Tripartite collaboration hopes to boost TVET education and human capital development in the East Coast

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has recently partnered with the Asia Centre of Excellence for Smart Education (ACES) to collaborate on activities in connection with accelerating the adoption of related smart technologies and the fourth industrial revolution (now popularly referred to as Industry Revolution 4.0, or IR4.0) – especially where it concerns human capital development in the East Coast Economic Region (ECER) of Malaysia, and in Southeast Asia, generally.

Based at the Cybercentre in Pahang Technology Park (PTP), ACES is an initiative between ECER Development Sdn Bhd and TUM International GmbH – a networking of government agencies, industry players and academic institutions.

education and training (TVET), as well as to enhance smart technology skills, training and consultancy, specifically processes under IR4.0.

TUM International is essentially the subsidiary of Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany's top-rated 'University Ranking' and one of the best universities in Europe.

It is well regarded as a leading provider for the development, coordination and operation of integrated technology transfer and talent management programmes with international partners from research, politics

Leveraging TUM International's experience and expertise, ECERDC will be collaborating to provide technology certifications, as well as advisory and consulting works for the introduction and upscaling of technology in the sector for IR4.0, as well as other innovative and smart technologies.

The tripartite collaboration, sealed vide a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Germany on October 2018, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff signed on behalf of the university, whilst Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Gottschald represented ECERDC and TUM International, respectively.

Present to witness the MoU was Malaysia Minister of Education, Dr. Maszlee Malik, who was on official wo

"This tripartite collaboration will definitely benefit UMP, through sharing of expertise in order for us to meet soon-to-be-implemented projects, especially ones related to products commercialization, Executive 4.0 P Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar.

In conjunction with the visit to and signing ceremony in Germany, UMP's delegation also took the opportunity to programme cooperation with two other tertiary institutions there, namely Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology) and Foundation@Reutlingen University (KFRU).

The delegation met up with the Dean of Faculty of Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering at HsKA, Professor Daniel Palm, who lectures on Logistics and Supply Chain Management at ESB Business School at KFRU.

The bilateral academic programme cooperation is part and parcel of the present dual degree programme in Mechatronics and Mechatronics Engineering, which will be expanded to include new programmes and other topical subjects.

UMP strongly believes this bilateral academic programme cooperation will greatly benefit the country, as Germany's engineering education module known as Fachhochschule – which focuses on and specifies in terms of the industry and learning system.

The effectiveness of this engineering education module has resulted in Germany producing competent engineers.

This module is seen as the best model for us to spearhead, being one of the four public institutions of the Malaysia University Network (MTUN) – an umbrella network comprising UMP, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UTM) and Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM)."

Synergy between UMP and MRSM have positive impact on international development of students

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Understanding the need to nurture students' potential in view of the current reality and future challenges, UMP is always open to having cooperation to develop students' capabilities such as the one formed with MARA Junior Science College (MRSM) in Selangor, boosting their academic growth.

According to UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff, the university's display of open

that as an ivory tower, it played a role as an institution that was people-oriented.

"As such, it was able to provide positive impact to the intellectual development of students in MRSM," he added.

"The increasing number of MRSM across the country in the aspect of educational diversity has further broadened the opportunities for local children with potentials. They can do so, seamlessly and excellently.

"UMP will be delighted if MRSM can help realise UMP's aspiration of being a Community University and the launching of MRSM 10th Graduation Ceremony at Serai Utama Hall, MRSM Tun Abdul Razak in Pekan," he said.

As for MRSM Tun Abdul Razak Principal Nik Jasmi Nik Yaacob, he said he was satisfied with the achievement of the students in the recent public examination, with 110 students obtaining First Class, 48 with Second Upper Class and 31 with Second Lower Class.

He also hoped that the enthusiasm that the students had showed all this while would continue and that they would do well in the public examination, particularly for the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination.

The public examination starts on November 5.

At the ceremony, Nurul Adlina Shamsul Kamal was named as the Outstanding Student 2019. She also received the Best in Class award. Irfan Rosli also named as the recipient for the same award.

Muhammad Afiq Danial Izi Arman and Puteri Irdina Sofea Jazlan Arif each received the Most Outstanding P

Also present at the event were MARA Pahang Director, Raja Sarimah Raja Jamaluddin and the school's PT

UMP holds '*Jalinan Kasih Bersama Komuniti*' for Balok

Concerned about the plight of displaced fellow Muslims of Rohingya ethnic from Myanmar, Universiti Professional & Administrative Officers (PPTI) recently conducted a community programme called '*Jalinan*' with a number of the university's strategic partners.

Akin to a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity to bridge public institutions of higher learning with '*Kasih Bersama Komuniti*' programme saw PPTI embracing and opening its doors to the Rohingya community in Balok, Kuantan.

Held on October 13, 2019, the community programme was both an eye-opener and opportunity for about 200 Rohingya refugees who learnt new skills and got reacquainted with the formal education system.

Several activities were specifically designed for Balok's Rohingya community – among them were English classes; computing (3M) class; and basic household skills classes, like cooking, sewing, personal grooming and making

The community programme was also part and parcel of UMP's and its collaborative partners' initiatives to improve the community's well-being, especially to cater to those in dire need. Donations to the needy was the final curtain of the programme.

Among the strategic partners participating with UMP Co-curriculum Management Council in the latest 'Jalinan Kasih Bersama Komuniti' were Islamic Medical Association of Malaysia Response & Relief Team (IMARET), The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency (UNRRA), Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM), Islamic Relief Needy, KEMAS, Giat MARA, Sekolah Kebangsaan Balok, Kelab Penyayang volunteers and the undergraduate students of UMP.

The one-day community programme was officiated by Indera Mahkota's Member of Parliament (MP) and Malaysia's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Among those present at the official launch of '*Jalinan Kasih Bersama Komuniti*' were Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UMP, Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin; Deputy Director of Pahang State Education Department (Learning Services and Curriculum) and Director of Pahang State Education Department for Kuantan District, Miftah Surif and President of the Rohingya Society in Malaysia, Md. Saifuddin.

In his official address, Dato' Saifudding expressed his appreciation to the commitment exemplified by UMP and its partners in organizing such a programme, especially in helping the displaced Rohingyas.

"Malaysia has actually started receiving the exodus of the Rohingya community since 1998, but am not sure when the last one came to Malaysia," said the Minister, who came accompanied by his wife, Datin Norlin Shamsul Bahari.

"As we are all aware, the Rohingyas had to flee their country to escape being victimized of unimaginable atrocities. At present, several local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have come forward to assist this community in their basic needs," said the Minister.

According to Dato' Saifuddin, the Government hopes and continues to encourage more NGOs to get involved in helping the Rohingya community.

"The Government is in the midst of getting international sponsors to pool adequate fund to help the Rohingyas to continue their children's formal education.

"The questions that would soon beg some answers are, what is the direction and where would these Rohingyas go in the future?"

"On this note, the Government is analyzing the issue, and is presently getting the Rohingyas to adopt permanent residence in Malaysia,"

The Indera Mahkota MP also called on Malaysians to be open-minded to the increasing presence of the Rohingyas in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, Programme Director of the '*Jalinan Kasih Bersama Komuniti*' and President of PPTI, Mohd Firdaus bin Mohd Yusoff said that the programme is part and parcel of the Association's social responsibility, in areas of education and welfare of the communities.

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