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Iwate University Global Fellow Award recognition

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The collaboration between Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and Iwate University (IU) Japan since 2009 exchange and mobility programmes involving students and staff has benefited both sides.

To strengthen the bilateral relations of both institutions, IU has granted the Iwate University Global Fellow Award to Dr. Mashitah Mohd Yusoff, from the Faculty of Industrial Sciences and Technology (FIST), who passed away on

During her service at the university, she was trusted as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation Affairs and Quality) and several management positions as well as contributed to the development of research in chemical and bioprocess engineering.

The ceremony witnessed the Vice-Chancellor of UMP, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff received Akira Iwabuchi, in conjunction with the official visit of IU delegates on 4 February 2020.

According to Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar, this recognition is meaningful for the university, and the entire university community in particular, in view of the passing of the late Professor Dato' Dr. Mashitah who contributed a lot to the development of research in the field.

"UMP as one of the technical universities in Malaysia is delighted with the recognition that contributes to innovation, as well as social relation," he said.

Meanwhile, Akira Iwabuchi said that this award was granted as the recognition to the staff who have contributed to being active in research at the international level.

"This award should be presented at the Iwate University's 70th Anniversary celebration in November 2020, but it is unavailable due to health problems," he said.

He added that Professor Dato' Dr. Mashitah is the 9th of 10 recipients ever awarded by IU.

Besides, he expects more opportunities for collaboration in the future from the close relationship between UMP and IU.

The close relationship is portrayed from the joint organisation of Asian Education and Research Consortium (AERC) that involved UMP, Iwate University (Japan), Hanbat National University (South Korea) and Dalian University of Technology (China) in the engineering field.

Also present were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zainal (Dean of Faculty of Engineering & International), Professor Ts. Dr. Mohd. Rosli Hainin and the Director of Centre for International Research and Cooperation, Dr. Mohd Azmir Mohd. Azhari.

New students register in UMP

It was a great day for a new Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) student, Md. Nahidul Islam, 24, from Bangladesh. He was joined by his fellow countryman, Atik Faysal for pursuing his master's degree in Electronics and Computer Engineering.

According to Atik, who has been studying at UMP Pekan, his learning experience in UMP made it easier to pursue his studies.

"I cannot wait to bring Md. Nahidul to places around Kuantan and dining spots that satisfy our palate.

"We also have no problem getting suitable food at the cafeterias in UMP," he said.

Abdul Wahab, 27 and Arshad Ali Khan, 29 from Pakistan are also excited to embark on their PhD journey in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, Vigneswaran Narayananamurthy, 23 from India, also shared her experience during the registration session.

She will study chemical engineering. UMP is no stranger to her as her husband is an alumnus of this university.

They are among the 72 new students enrolled for Master and PhD studies who registered on 5 February 2018 at the Institute of Postgraduate Studies (IPS) Campus.

The numbers consist of 22 PhD candidates, 23 for Master of Science (Research) and 27 for Master by coursework.

At the same time, a total of 8 international students registered, and it is expected to increase further.

The registration session began with an opening remark by the Dean of the Institute of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Dr. Sakinah Abdul Munaim.

She took the opportunity to introduce the IPS staff to facilitate the relevant issues in the future.

"We hope the number of new students will increase, especially international students. More promotional activities will be carried out in Middle Eastern countries to persuade them to pursue their studies at UMP."

"To make it more interesting, UMP also provides scholarships for them."

"This event also aims to introduce new students with the seniors and indirectly assist them in the process of writing their thesis."

She added that IPS also offers value-added elective courses which emphasize on the competency of thesis writing.

"The courses will help students in producing a quality thesis, but this personal coaching is limited to 30 students."

She hopes IPS will provide the best service in terms of welfare, activities and programmes for the students.

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