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# UMPSA receives IMI Accreditation as a Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Training Centre

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PEKAN, 21 March 2024 - Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA) is the only public university in Malaysia to receive the United Kingdom's Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) International Certification as one of the hybrid and electric vehicle training centres.

The certificate of recognition for UMPSA as an IMI International Training Centre for EV Training was presented during a ceremony by IMI External Quality Assurer from IMI UK, Stephen Longworth, to the Vice-Chancellor of UMPSA, Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin, at UMPSA Pekan.

Also in attendance were IMI International External Quality Assurer, Penny Peng; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International Affairs), Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Ahmad Ziad Sulaiman; Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic Development), Professor Dr. Kamal Yusof; and Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering Technology (FTKMA), Professor Dr. Mahadzir Ishak@Muhammad.

Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Yuserrie mentioned that this visit was also to finalize the IMI International full Centre Approval and IMI International Accredited Assessor/Verifier Workshop modules at FTKMA, UMPSA Pekan.

"IMI is one of the automotive institutions authorized to issue professional and competency certificates for high-powered vehicles, over 60V DC.

"Trainees who receive professional certificates from IMI are eligible to work abroad, as these certificates are recognized internationally by IMI.

"This achievement enables the birth of more skilled and globally recognized technical trainees, especially in the field of electric vehicle maintenance, which is produced by manufacturers from around the world," he said.

He added that the effort to obtain the training centre certification began two years ago with the development of an EV laboratory, benchmarking activities, and training for the teaching staff.

"By achieving this qualification, UMPSA will provide training for obtaining a Professional Certificate for EV maintenance recognized by IMI to UMPSA students.

"Furthermore, this benefits the industry and community by providing training services.

"UMPSA greatly appreciates the support of the Ministry of Higher Education (KPT) and the commitment of everyone involved in ensuring success in this recognition," he said.

Meanwhile, FTKMA has undergone several training series to ensure UMPSA's success in obtaining recognition as the IMI International Training Centre for EV Training, which took place from 11 to 21 March 2024.

These training programmes included the IMI Systems and Procedures Training for Administrators, Centre Coordinators & Invigilators, as well as the IMI Systems and Procedures Training for Training Technical Trainers, among others such as the IMI International Full Centre Approval and IMI International Accredited Assessor/Verifier Workshop.

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