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5 UMPSA senior lecturers promoted to Professor Grade VK7

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GAMBANG, 19 June 2025 – Five senior lecturers from Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA) have been officially promoted to the position of Professor, Special Grade C (VK7), during a session held at the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Chancellery Building, UMPSA Gambang Campus.

The letters of promotion was presented by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Yatimah Alias, in a session attended by Faculty Deans, the Chief Operating Officer cum Registrar of UMPSA, and officers from the Human Resource Management Division.

The promotions take effect from 30 May 2025.

The newly appointed Professors are Professor Ir. Dr. Mohd Fairusham Ghazali, Professor Ts. Dr. Syarifah Nur Aqida Syed Ahmad, and Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Wan Sharuzi Wan Harun from the Faculty of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering Technology (FTKMA).

Also promoted were Professor Ts. Dr. Hamzah Ahmad, Dean of the Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technology (FTKEE), and Professor Ts. Dr. Khairusnisa Muthusamy from the Faculty of Civil Engineering Technology (FTKA).

Professor Dr. Yatimah congratulated the five on their appointments and expressed hope that they would continue to contribute meaningfully to UMPSA's academic development and global standing.

"Being appointed as a Professor is not just an honour, but a responsibility to drive the university towards greater excellence.

"I believe these newly promoted Professors will serve as role models and motivators, especially for senior lecturers who have long been part of UMPSA's academic journey," she said.
She also shared recent positive news about UMPSA's improved standing in the Times Higher Education (THE) rankings and emphasised the need to intensify strategic collaboration with industry partners to sustain this upward momentum.
Meanwhile, the newly appointed Professors expressed their gratitude and commitment to the new role.

Professor Ir. Dr. Mohd Fairusham reaffirmed his dedication to developing FTKMA into the leading mechanical engineering faculty in Malaysia.

"In fact, I aspire for UMPSA's FTKMA to surpass even the achievements of top institutions like the University of Malaya (UM)," he said.

Professor Ts. Dr. Syarifah Nur Aqida and Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Wan Sharuzi both expressed appreciation for the trust placed in them by the university leadership.

Professor Ts. Dr. Khairusnisa pledged to continue advancing the academic field while also championing the empowerment of women in academia through consistent guidance and mentoring.

Similarly, Professor Ts. Dr. Hamzah Ahmad expressed his determination to enhance UMPSA's achievements and elevate its overall reputation.

Taking the opportunity, the Dean of FTKA, Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Fadzil Mat Yahaya, congratulated the newly appointed Professors and encouraged fellow academics to actively contribute to UMPSA's ongoing success.

"I hope this appointment will serve as a catalyst for fostering a culture of sustainable and high-impact academic excellence," he said.

Echoing the sentiment, the Dean of FTKMA, Professor Dr. Mahadzir Ishak@Muhammad, highlighted that the rank of Professor carries with it the responsibility of mentorship, where knowledge-sharing and nurturing future academics are essential.

The entire UMPSA community extends its heartfelt congratulations to the newly appointed Professors, hoping their achievements will inspire a lasting culture of excellence within the university.

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