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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Mohd Jeffery Abdul Manaf
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Mohamad Atif Shahmi bin Mohamad Salleh
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UMPSA inspires students to embrace international opportunities beyond campus and borders

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PAYA BESAR, 24 November 2026 – International exposure is not only about crossing geographical borders.
It is about embracing new perspectives, challenging conventional thinking and developing the

confidence to navigate an increasingly interconnected world.

Driven by this aspiration, the Centre for Mobility and Student Exchange (CMEx), Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA), organised the Roadshow: Study Local, Think & Act International 2.0 – Beyond Campus, Beyond Borders on 23 and 24 November 2026 at its Pekan and Paya Besar campuses, respectively.

The two-day roadshow attracted a total of 432 students, comprising 202 participants at UMPSA Pekan and 230 at UMPSA Paya Besar.

The programme also welcomed students from Maktab Rendah Sains MARA (MRSM) Pekan and Kolej Matrikulasi Gambang, providing prospective students with early exposure to international learning opportunities at UMPSA.

The initiative forms part of the university's strategic efforts to embed internationalisation within the student experience while widening access to international mobility, student exchange and dual degree programmes with its international partner institutions.



A key highlight of the programme was the panel discussion, Three Perspectives, One International Journey, which brought together industry, alumni and international student perspectives to explore how international exposure contributes to academic, personal and professional development.

Representing the industry was Senior Director Production at Infineon Technologies (Kulim) Sdn. Bhd., Mohd Jeffery Abdull Manaf who also serves as the CEO@Faculty of the Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technology (FTKEE) at UMPSA.

His participation in the roadshow was in conjunction with his engagement at FTKEE, which included a lecture titled Semiconductor Manufacturing Excellence: Processes, Challenges and Engineering Decisions for students undertaking the Semiconductor Engineering course, as well as a sharing session with the Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) student society on students' journey into the wafer fabrication industry.

Drawing on his industry experience, Mohd Jeffery emphasised the importance of cultural adaptability in preparing graduates for careers in multinational companies (MNCs).

"By experiencing different cultures during a mobility programme, students are better prepared to work in multinational companies.

"This exposure helps minimise culture shock and enables them to adapt more quickly when they enter the working environment," he said.

At UMPSA Pekan, the panel featured former mobility student Kalai Mani Visvanathan Pillai and inbound mobility student Cyronne Kristoffer Villota from St. Louis University, with the session moderated by Language Teacher, Faculty of Applied Language Studies, Dr. Wan Noor Farah Wan Shamsuddin.

Meanwhile, the session at UMPSA Paya Besar featured former mobility student Mohamad Afif Shahmi Mohamad Salleh and inbound mobility student Aqil Maulana Azhar from Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, moderated by Senior Language Teacher, Faculty of Applied Language Studies, Shamsul Harbi.

Through their personal experiences, the panellists offered students first-hand insights into studying abroad, navigating cultural differences, overcoming challenges and building meaningful international connections.

Mr. Jeffery also highlighted the advantage of exploring the world through university mobility programmes, where students can experience life abroad within a structured and supportive environment.

"Students should take advantage of the opportunity to travel and experience life abroad while they are still under the guidance and care of both their home and host universities.

"It is a valuable opportunity to develop independence and confidence before entering the working world," he added.

Bringing the international student experience closer to participants, the roadshow also featured short videos themed A Day in the Life, showcasing the journeys of two UMPSA students currently undertaking mobility programmes abroad, Lum Mei Qi at Technische Hochschule Mannheim (TH Mannheim), Germany, and Muhammad Izzul Hilman Che Daud at Chonnam National University, South Korea.

The videos offered an authentic glimpse into their daily academic experiences, cultural encounters and lives abroad, making international mobility more relatable and attainable for students considering similar opportunities.

Interactive question-and-answer sessions further provided participants with opportunities to clarify

their concerns, explore available mobility pathways and better understand how international experiences can complement their academic journey and future careers.

Beyond promoting mobility and dual degree programmes, the roadshow reflects the commitment of UMPSA to making internationalisation an integral part of the student experience, bridging academic learning, industry expectations and global engagement.

Through initiatives such as this, UMPSA continues to nurture globally competent, culturally adaptable and future-ready graduates.

After all, studying locally should never limit the way students think, act or aspire. Their education may begin on campus, but their opportunities extend far beyond borders.

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