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**Prof. Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff appointed as UMP Deputy VC (**

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Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff, 51, has been appointed as Universiti Malaysia Pahang (U International) for three years effective from December 1, 2018.

Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar, who is from Pasir Putih, Kelantan, holds a Bachelor Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University, Ann Arbor, USA (1990), Masters' in Science (Mechanical Engineering) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA (1993) and a Doctor of Philosophy in Manufacturing Technology from Universiti Sains Malaysia (2004).

He started working in UMP as a lecturer at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (FKM) since 2004 and was appointed as the Faculty of Engineering (FKP) Dean for five years beginning 2012.

He had also been appointed as Director of Centre for Academic Innovation and Competitiveness (CAIC) from 2012 to 2014.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said the university was pleased at the appointment of Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff as the new Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (U International).

"We hope that with this appointment, UMP will continue to excel and become a leading technology university not only in Malaysia but also at the international level," he said.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir also said the university conveyed their deepest appreciation to the former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Rosli Mohd Yunus (2014-2018) and the former Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (U International), Professor Dato' Dr. Rosli Mohd Yunus who had contributed to putting UMP as among Asia's top 500 universities.

UMP, which is already on the right track, has always ensured that it continues to produce a more innovative, competent and professional staff and to have its academic infrastructure efficiently tailored to the needs of industry.

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## **VC urges undergraduates to enrich their campus experience**

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said he hoped the Representative Council (MPP) 2018-2019 session play a bigger role in providing a world view for the students to be thoughtful and responsible in managing their welfares after leaving the campus life.

"As a leader, one must always remember this – respect should be earned, not demanded. The duty of MPP should be conducted with etiquette, professionalism and quality."

"The maturity of a leadership is distinguished by a sense for diplomacy, consultation and morality that should reflect their character and clout," he said during the appointment and oath-taking ceremony held at Mangala Auditorium on 20 August 2018.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Shariff and Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dato' Dr. Mashitah Mohd Yusoff and Chief Operation Officer.

Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir said interaction with the management by way of cordial and professional manner is important.

"The students will start to evaluate the performance and trustworthiness of all the student representatives and enrich their experience in campus."

"On this, among the important aspects that need to be given serious attention by MPP are to nurture the students' humanity, which have been mentioned several times by Minister of Education, Dr. Maszlee Malik."

"As such, MPP is responsible in promoting all four cultures through various programmes and activities so as to create a conducive learning place that also promotes unity," he said.

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Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir also congratulates the student's secretariat on their ability to run a smooth election, said Prof. Dr. Zakwan Zulkifle, MPP President, in a press statement on Friday (26/1).

In line with the agenda set by the Minister of Education to empower the undergraduates, the election of the MPP was run by the students themselves.

With the success of this experiment, the university's management was confident to have student involvement in the next election.

This positive development was not only significant in the context of enriching the students' campus experience, but also provided the students with exposure to the aspects of accountability, transparency and integrity that served as the basis of excellent organisational management.

The MPP has 25 representatives and is led by its President Zakwan Zulkifle from Faculty of Mechanical Engineering.

Zakwan said MPP would play a role as an intermediary between the students and university management, and the main element would be the main element.

He also said although the relationship between the university management and students had already been good, there was still room for improvement.

He added that he would work hard to ensure that there would be a platform for students to increase their involvement in the university's management.

Other aspects that would be given due attention was to empower the role of MPP, establish collaborations with other student organisations and ensure the students' welfare were taken good care of.

The university management also expressed their appreciation to the previous MPP representatives led by MPP President, Prof. Dr. Zakwan Zulkifle.

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## **Pahang Media Practitioners feted by UM**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) hosted a tea party for the media practitioners in the state on November 2019. The tea party was held to mark the university's 17th anniversary and to express the latter's commitment in providing news coverage to the university's programmes.

It was also aimed at fostering closer ties between the university's management and the media.

Extensive coverage has been given to UMP ever since it was established 17 years ago and the university is an institution that produces competitive engineers and technologists.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said UMP was very pleased with the media practitioners' coverage of the university. He said the media played an important role in conveying the developments and achievements of the university to the public including highlighting the university's research output and international recognition by QS University Ranking Asia: 2019.

Also present at the event were Chief Operation Officer and UMP Registrar, Abd Hamid Majid, Sports and Recreation Bureau Chief, Dr. Mohd. Zainal Abidin, NSTP Bureau Chief, Abd. Razak Raaf, Bernama Bureau Chief, Noor Shamsiah Mohamed and Sinar Hashim, Media Bureau Chief.

A pre-launching of UMP Vice-Chancellor Cup Media Badminton Tournament was also held. The competition was held to encourage the media practitioners to participate in sports and healthy lifestyle among the media practitioners.

Some 60 journalists and photographers attended the tea party. They were also entertained by UMP Kencana Singing Group.

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## **Malaysians should appreciate their own country more**

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By: MOHD MUKHRIS AWANG, OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The experience of travelling and working in Malaysia for the past five years has made Englishman Mark O'D

In fact, the native of Gravesend, Kent, was perplexed by the attitude of some Malaysians who cared less to master the national language.

That sentiment was shared by Mark, who is a TV host, actor and YouTube celebrity.

Mark was in town to speak the 'Infinite Class: Express to Impress' organised by InSmartive Club and (PEKA 4) held at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Gambang Campus on November 24, 2018.

He also told his audience that one of his weekly activities was to watch a Malay movie so that he could imp

*"Malulah saya kalau tidak pandai cakap Melayu dengan baik sedangkan saya bekerja dan tinggal di Malaysia"* (how to speak good Malay when I myself has been working and living in Malaysia)" he joked in Malay, to the

It was his first time in the university, attracting some 300 students.

He spent more than an hour for the programme, sharing his experience in the arts and broadcasting with the audience.

He also surprised them with a song titled, 'Sinaran' made popular by Dato' Sheila Majid.

Mark who was known for his character, 'Mr James Blond' in the 'Oh My English' series, started his career now more involved in emceeing and as a sports commentator in a direct broadcast satellite (DBS) pay TV channel.

Educated in the field of performing arts from a leading theatre academy in the United Kingdom, Mark advised the world for career opportunities, take time off to know their strengths and to grow as a person, gain some

Also present at programme were Office of the Vice-Chancellor Head of Research, Wan Nazrul Helmy Wan Pakheri, InSmartive President, Muhammad Aizat Azed and PEKA 4 President, Muhammad Haziq Mohama

Mark was also invited to speak at the interactive group programme which was an initiative under 'Bridge Kuala Pahang, Pekan and organised by the InSmartive Club and UMP Advanced Education.

The programme is based on the English, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) su children involving UMP students. The objective is to transform the landscape of education in Kuala Pahang

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## **UMP students gained valuable experience on Cambodia's so humanitarian mission in the country**

By: EMMA MELATI BURHANUDDIN, FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING & EARTH RESOURCES (FKAS)

Ten Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) students from Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources (FKKSA) took part in the 2018 Cambodia Asean Mobility mission commenced on N

The community service programme gave them the opportunity to learn about the social culture of people in

The programme was organised by Department of Student Affairs and Alumni (JHEPA). It was aimed at fo and the global community, sharing of technology and knowledge as well as to enhance the students' interpe

Programme director Ahmad Firdaus Ahmad Asri said they went to Chnang village, one of the Islamic settler

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"The village was located some 130km from city centre and that it was a bit behind in terms of development.

"Most of them still relied on wells and water pumps for clean water supply. The madrasah and surau necessities so it could be a more comfortable place.

"Programmes such as this can help instil the spirit of togetherness among the community. A lot of activists made some improvements in their lifestyle," he said.

"As for UMP students, they too gained some benefits as these activities helped to enhance their personal development," he added.

He said when everyone got to experience a common problem, it made them more understanding, compassionate and kind. "When people got to enjoy good wealth that led to one feeling very thankful of what they had enjoyed all this while."

"We organised various community activities with the villagers and distributed Al-Qurans, booklets of the Sunnah, 1000 prayer mats and cash contributed by UMP staff as well as 30 solar lamps," he added.

They also visited the Al-Falah Madrasah in Phnom Penh where they spent some time teaching education to children aged 10 and 16.

Posters with information about the university and about life in campus were distributed so they would have more information.

The UMP students also visited the Norton University which was Cambodia's first private university.

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## **UMP Kencana Pawana Group won three MAKUM medals**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Kencana Pawana Group won three major awards during the Malaysia that was held at Sultan Salahudin Abdul Aziz Shah Cultural and Art Centre main hall, Universiti Putra Malay

According to group leader, Mohamad Firdaus Ab Hadi, 21, they won the Best Makeup Award, Most Prom took home cash RM250 and a trophy for each of the awards.

Mohamad Firdaus, an undergraduate with Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology (FSTI) said they win, let alone clinching three awards, as it was their first time competing in the highly competitive event.

"We chose to perform the Padang Sari Zapin and wore the Johor traditional costumes. There were 11 performance.

"This was the best present we could have ever had as we only have two weeks before the competition and

He also said they were grateful with the support given by everyone especially the trust given by the university their best award-winning performance.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim congratulated the group on their success them to continue to make more successes.

"Although UMP is a university that focuses on technical and engineering courses, the university has always students to expand their interest in arts and culture," he said.

MAKUM 2018 champion was UPM while Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) and Universiti Teknologi M respectively.

Prizes were presented by UPM Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Mohd Roslan

MAKUM Festival is an annual event organised with the aim of producing a new generation of players that can culture scene.

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## **The lakes of UMP – the attraction for speed boat remote control**

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The landscape of Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has a beautiful and tranquil panorama, attracting many

There are four lakes around the campus including one that is located opposite the library that covers an jogging track and 1,524 meter of cycling track.

It also has become an attraction for a different kind of sports – speed boat remote control.

It was the location for the UMP RC Powerboat Fun Race 2018, held for the first time at UMP Pekan Water. It was organised by UMP Sports and Recreational Centre.

The champion of the competition was Lim Hai Meng who won three categories - Tunnel/Catamaran Hull Engine and Mono Hull Open Modified Engine.

The Tunnel/Catamaran Hull Open Import Engine was won by Nor Hisham Muhammad.

The Centre Director, Abd. Rahman Haji Safie said the competition provided the opportunity for members of the campus landscape as well as to foster closer ties with the local community.

“In line with the call made by the university to make UMP Pekan Campus an edu-tourism centre, we organised not only from Pahang but also from Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Kuala Terengganu,” he said.

He also said the university was now working together with Pahang Boat Race RC Club to set up a competitions, be it locally or abroad.

Abdul Rahman also said there were efforts to upgrade the facilities around the campus especially the boat could be organised.

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He hoped that with the proposed new and additional facilities, there would be more new talents in remote state, locally or abroad.

He also said the university put great emphasis on environment maintenance and protection to ensure no disturbance to its eco-system.

The lake is an ideal place for the public to carry out sports activities and promote a healthy lifestyle. Not far away from the lake, there is a park where various types of trees are planted.

There is also the Aromatic Garden with more than 20 types of aromatic trees planted such as sandalwood and kulim.

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