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UMP welcomes its Fourth Vice-Chancellor

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Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff has been appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor for Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) for three years with effective from May 16, 2019 until May 15, 2022.

He is UMP's fourth Vice-Chancellor.

He received his document for the new post from former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim whose term ended on May 15, 2019.

The handover of duties ceremony was witnessed by UMP Board of Directors' Chairman, Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad.

It was held at the Banquet Hall of Tun Abdul Razak Chancellery, UMP Pekan Campus on May 16, 2019.

Professor. Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff expressed his appreciation and acknowledgement to Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim on his excellent service as the third Vice-Chancellor for 11 years.

"I have had the opportunity to personally learn a lot about his leadership in UMP.

"I am very thankful for the trust given to me to hold a variety of portfolios in UMP, over the years. The room and opportunities provided all this while has been extensively put to good use to improve oneself with value added experience and knowledge," he said.

Professor. Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar added that the experience and knowledge gained would hopefully, be a source of strength for him when carrying out duties as the university's Vice-Chancellor.

Professor. Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar is from Pasir Putih, Kelantan. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Michigan Ann Arbor, USA (1990), Masters' of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA (1992) and PhD in Advanced Technology Manufacturing from Universiti Sains Malaysia (2004).

Prior to this new appointment, he was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International). He was appointed to this post on December 1, 2018.

He was a lecturer in UMP's Faculty of Mechanical Engineering since 2004.

Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar, 52, has held the post as Dean for Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering (FKP) for five years beginning 2012 and was UMP Centre of Innovation and Academic Competitiveness Director from 2011 until 2013.

Dato’ Sri Ibrahim also said with this appointment, he hoped that UMP would continue to maintain its successful strides as a leading five-star technology university, steering its way in the fields of engineering and technology, not only in Malaysia but also at the international level.

“The university would like to express its gratitude to UMP’s third Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato’ Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim who is the university’s Father of Transformation, who has made vast contribution in elevating UMP as being among the best in Asia as well as globally.

“Being on the best track, UMP will continue to strengthen skills training in Technical Education and Vocational Training (TVET) in the country, in line with the aspiration of the Education Ministry.

“The university will be supported by competent and professional staff and will make the academic infrastructure more efficient, one that is based on the needs of industry and society,” he said.

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