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**UMP signed MoU with Rajarshi Shahu College of E**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and JSPM's Rajarshi Shahu College of Engineering from Pune, India (JSPM) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that would enhance bilateral ties between the two institutes of higher learning.

The MoU would pave the way for collaborations in mobility, exchange of student and teaching programmes, joint research projects, visits by professors and other forms of cooperation.

The MoU was signed at the Banquet Hall, UMP Gambang Campus on June 27, 2019.

UMP was represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusof and JSPM's RSCOE Dean, Professor Dr. Ravi Joshi.

Also present were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Professor Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli, Professor Dr. Mohd. Yusoff Yusoff, Dean of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering (FKMP), JSPM's RSCOE Dean of Student Development and International Relations, Professor Dr. Ravi Joshi and JSPM's RSCOE Dean of International Relation, Professor Dr. Sachin Shendokar.

According to Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar, 15 undergraduates would be involved in the mobility programme under the MoU in the Faculty of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering (FKMP).

He said human capital development was important throughout the five-year collaboration with JSPM's RSCOE.

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“We will also focus on working together in publication, organising of seminars, development and professional forms of joint cooperation of mutual benefits,” he added.

Professor Dr. Ravi Joshi also presented appointment letters as visiting professors to three UMP lecturers: Associate Professor Ir. Haji Nik Mohd Zuki Nik Mohamed, Associate Professor Dr. Kumaran Kadirgama and

They are appointed as visiting professors for JSPM’s RSCOE and will be sharing their expertise in the engineering field.

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## **FKASA holds 3rd National Conference on Wind & Earthquake Engineering**

By: EMMA MELATI BURHANUDDIN, FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING & EARTH RESOURCES.

The Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources (FKASA), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) continued its commitment to the East Coast of Malaysia by organizing the third annual National Conference on Wind & Earthquake Engineering (NCWE) in Kuala Lumpur on July 12, 2019.

Following the success of its earlier two annual conferences in 2017 and 2018, this year’s NCWE saw a special guest counterpart from Beijing Jiaotong University of China to hold an additional mini seminar entitled 'International Symposium on Structural Engineering (ISSCE)'.

According to the Organizing Chairman, Dr. Mohamad Idris Ali, the previous two NCWEs were coordinated by Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), while this year’s, FKASA was proud to team up with a university in Indonesia (UNSYIAH).

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“Co-organizing the third NCWE with three universities certainly add more value and reflective of the sym education providers from the three countries,” said Dr. Mohamad Idris.

“More than 75 working papers were sent to the annual conference from researchers all over the world. This NCWE to attract even more participants in the coming years,” he proudly added.

Dean of FKASA, Noram Irwan Ramli said, the 2019 NCWE also welcomed presenters from South Korea name a few.

“It’s a great start for us since we have upgraded the gathering from simply a colloquium into an international

“And we hope other renowned presenters will attend future conferences,” he said, emphasizing that the m always been the keynote speakers sharing their knowledge and expertise.

Themed “Built to Last”, the third annual NCWE saw keynote speakers Professor Dr. Yukio Tamura and expertise on wind engineering; Dr. Ade Faisal on earthquake disaster; and Associate Professor Dr. Guoqi engineering.

“All four speakers are well known for their tremendous contributions, in terms of knowledge and research o

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**171 UPSR candidates became ‘undergraduates’ for a day in UM  
cyber world**

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A total of 171 Year 6 pupils from seven schools in Pekan and Kuantan got to experience life as university students (UMP) that served as a motivational boost for them to do well in the coming examination, Ujian Penilaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR).

They also learned about matters related to the cyber world such as scams, bullying and online shopping and how to avoid being addicted to IT gadgets.

The pupils were participants of a programme called UPSR Empower Edu-Tour and Socio Outreach organised by the Education Development Council (ECERDC) and UMP.

It was held at UMP Pekan Campus on July 17, 2019.

The pupils were from Sekolah Kebangsaan Wira, Sekolah Kebangsaan Jaya Gading, Sekolah Kebangsaan Padang Garuda, Sekolah Kebangsaan Indera Shahbandar, Sekolah Kebangsaan Lepar and Sekolah Kebangsaan...

They attended a motivational talk and took part in games such as jigsaw puzzle and on digital literacy organised by UMP known as 'The Reading Makcixx'.

Faculty of Electrical & Electronics Engineering (FKEE) lecturer and 'The Reading Makcixx' Programme Director got to learn many things about the cyber world, social media, online shopping, digital footprint, cyber bullying, and about gadget and Internet addiction.

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“In this programme, the pupils are taught about the benefits of the cyber world and the safety precautions. In the process, the activities that they took part would have a positive bearing on their characters when using the Internet.”

One of the participants, Wan Norizati Suriya, 12, from Sekolah Kebangsaan Wira in Kuantan, said she benefited from the programme especially in matters on digital literacy and the Internet.

She added that on the positive side, social media was a useful platform when it came to studying.

Wan Norizati Suriya also said she had a smartphone but its use was still monitored by her parents.

ECERDC Chief Executive Officer, Baidzawi Che Mat said the one-day programme was aimed at instilling good values in the pupils that they were outside of the classroom.

“It was also held in UMP which provided the pupils with an environment and atmosphere of a university.”

“ECERDC is committed in providing opportunities to the people in the ECER zone and to do so in an inclusive way to help them realise their potentials and work towards achieving them.”

“Programmes implemented are prepared in a holistic way. As such, for this programme, it is really about providing encouragement for the pupils and to make them realise that they are capable of success if knowledge and skills are used properly.”

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