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**MTUN Academic Colloquium on Higher Value**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently organised the Malaysia Technical University Network (MTUN) to further enrich the eco-system of Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET).

It was also in line with the Higher TVET agenda currently being mobilised in the country.

Acknowledgement by Ministry of Education on the fact that TVET was important and relevant allowed M that included the launching of Bachelor's degree in Technology (B.Tech) on June 25, 2019.

The programme provides access for graduates to play their part in mobilising the country's economy.

On the colloquium, it attracted 60 participants from UMP, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM). It was held at Tun Fatimah Hall, UMP Gambang Campus on

The two-day colloquium discussed about TVET graduates' direction, mobility and cooperation programme industries and MTUN, promotional activities to attract students to the programme and skills of lecturers engineering technology and TVET.

Also present at the colloquium were UMP Engineering Technology College, Senior Dean, Professor Abdullah Faculty Dean, Associate Professor Ts. Haji Amran Mohd Zaid and Programme Director, Dr. Azrina Ab College.

In his speech, UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff said MTUN was responsible and government was translated into the best action possible, through the implementation of strategies a vested interests, stakeholders and targeted groups.

"In our efforts to strengthen the Higher TVET initiative, my view is that more engagements need to be c exposure for the programme, increase student intake and enhance public understanding.

"This is important in helping the government to position TVET in the right perspective and context as the

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said during the official opening of the colloquium.

He also delivered a keynote address titled, 'Foresight of Engineering Technologist'.

He added that the synergy of the four MTUN universities in the context of Higher TVET was very important amidst of finalising the 12th Malaysian Plan.

"In fact, MTUN's role in the context of Higher TVET is indeed relevant in leading Malaysia towards greater intensive economy to a more futuristic economy based on technology, automation and intellect economy (K

"This is in line with the government's move to achieve sustainable development by the year 2030," he added.

Another speaker at the colloquium, Associate Professor Ir. Adnan Zulkiple who presented a paper titled, 'Engineering Technician', explained the difference in the route of career between an engineering technologist

He added that both branches of the engineering field had been accepted by the Malaysia Board of Engineering

He also said under the MTUN Bachelor's Degree programme, universities would produce graduates with both theoretical aspects as well as skills.

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## **Good Governance & Integrity in the Digital Industrial**

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In the efforts to enhance knowledge and boost the effectiveness of good governance and integrity in the Faculty of Industry Management's (FIM) Governance & Integrity Centre (FGIC) at Universiti Malaysia Pahang State of Pahang Foundation (YP) to organize the FGIC 2019 annual conference at the Main Hall of YP Con

Running for two days, from August 19 to 20, 2019, the FGIC 2019 annual conference also received the support of the Integrity Institute of Malaysia (IIM).

Themed 'Good Governance & Integrity in the Digital Industrial Revolution Era', this second FGIC annual conference focused on the role that good governance and integrity play in the digital era, as well as the necessary measures to undertake during the said period.

The FGIC second annual conference saw local and international academicians, government agencies and representatives from member countries from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) like Malaysia, Indonesia and other Asian countries, like South Korea and Pakistan; as well as from the Middle East and United Arab Emirates; and two member countries from the European Union, United Kingdom and Hungary on the themed subject matters.

Present to officiate the two-day FGIC annual conference on behalf of the State Chief Minister, Dato' Sri Wan Norolazali, the Pahang State Committee on Basic Infrastructure, Public Delivery System & Innovation, Dato' Sri Norolazali.

Accompanying Dato' Sri Norolazali at the launch on the first day of the conference were the university's Chief Executive Officer, Ibrahim Ahmad; UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff; YP Chief Executive Officer, and IIM Acting CEO, Nor'afiza Saim.

In his officiating address, Dato' Sri Norolazali congratulated FGIC, saying the latter's annual conference provides an opportunity to share their experience and expertise in the fields of governance and integrity in the face of current digital revolution.

"Even the theme for this year's annual conference is perfectly selected and timely. It calls for organizations to embrace digital technology and come up with better solutions to improve productivity, while simultaneously, maintaining quality and efficiency delivered via digital technology," he emphasized.

On that note, the Chairman said the State Committee takes pride in the implementation of 'MyGovernment' through the utilization of one networking platform to link all the government's electronic applications with its various services via Intranet and the Internet.

Meanwhile, UMP Vice-Chancellor expressed his gratitude to the State Foundation, and hoped that future collaboration will be fruitful in the fields of academic and human capital development within Pahang.

"The collaboration with the Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC) has given the university an opportunity in conducting programmes on raising awareness of good governance and integrity, through various initiatives.

During the official launch of FGIC 2019 annual conference, the Vice-Chancellor handed over a UMP-YP research report titled "Corruption Barometer: A Case of East Coast Region" to Dato' Sri Norolazali, who represented Pahang Chief Minister.

"The objective of the research was to assess the corruption perception within the states in the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Terengganu and Kelantan. We hope the research report will help the state governments direct their focus on how to curb corruption within the three states," Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar highlighted.

Throughout the two-day FGIC second annual conference, participants were opportune to attend several forums and

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### 1. 'Challenges and Impacts of Governance and Integrity in facing Digital Industrial Revolution'

- Moderated by UMP Registrar cum Chief Operation Officer (COO), Professor Dr. Mohd Ridzuan Dar
- With a line-up of panelists from GIACC, Deputy Director Datuk Dr. Anis Yusal Yusoff; Bosch Rex
- Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC), Head of Strategy & Research Raja Segaran.
- The forum discussed issues and encounters faced by both public and private sectors in meeting and their readiness to take on current challenges.

### 2. 'Inculcating Good Governance and Integrity in Education towards Digital Industrial Revolution'

- Moderated by UMP Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuc
- With a line-up of panelists from UMP FIM, Lecturer Professor Dato' Sri Ts. Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim
- Chancellor, Professor Ts., Dr., Noor Azizi Ismail; Sunway University Business School, Lecturer
- Human Government Institute Inc., CEO, Professor Dr. Arfah Salleh.
- The forum discussed how tertiary education plays a pivotal role in fulfilling the human capital requ
- panelists also shared their real-life experience in taking on current challenges.

### 3. 'Innovative Initiative towards Managing Governance and Integrity: The Way Forward'

- Moderated by UMP Board Chairman, Dato' Sri Ibrahim Ahmad.
- With a line-up of panelists from IIM, Acting CEO Nor'afiza, who is also the Director of Audit Govern
- Audit; and Asia-Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU), Associate Professor Dr. H
- Information Safety & Security.

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## **STEM Carnival brings out creative inventions among s**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), in collaboration with the Pahang State Department of Education (Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Green Technology Carnival at the former's Astaka Hall, UMP.

The carnival saw about 2,000 primary and secondary school students from around the state participating in STEM Invention & Innovation Contest; STEM Digital Video Contest; Water Rocket Contest; Remote-control Car Contest; and Greenhouse Architecture Contest.

The carnival was officially launched by UMP Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor

Also present at the launch were Director of Industry & Community Network Centre (ICoN), Associate Professor of Management from the Pahang State Department of Education, Abdul Rahim Muhammad Yunus.

In his welcoming speech, Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie expressed his gratitude to the Pahang State Department of Education for its confidence in UMP to collaborate as its strategic partner for the State's STEM and Green Technology Carnival.

According to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the carnival is an excellent initiative to cultivate the students' interest in STEM as well as to enhance their competitive trait.

"UMP is consistently committed to support the national agenda of the Ministry of Education, including the development of STEM Technology, Engineering and Mathematics under Malaysia Educational Development Plan 2013-2025," explained the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

He stressed that UMP is consistently in search of opportunities to conduct STEM-related workshops and/or seminars at the university itself, to attract and actively engage primary and secondary school students on STEM subjects.

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One instance, and to his pleasant surprise, this year's STEM and Green Technology Carnival saw participation even as young as a six year-old.

Professor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie emphasized this goes to show that programmes associated with STEM education reaching out to the target groups, especially when conducted creatively and interactively.

He hoped the university, specifically ICoN, and the State Department of Education, will sustain this noble measures and intervention courses which they can collectively carry out in the face of future challenges.

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## **UMP campus community got together to perform t**

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) campus community organised the religious ritual of sacrifice or *'korban'* for Raya Aidiladha celebration organised by the Islamic Centre and Human Development (PIMPIN) on August

The programme attracted 42 donors comprising staff and members of the public. It started with the slaughter at noon at both of its campuses in Pekan and Gambang.

It also helped to forge better and closer ties among the staff of various departments

Ustaz Shahrul Nizam Md Ahir led the programme at UMP Pekan Mosque while Ustaz Md. Abdu Sah Campus.

They were assisted by 80 volunteers who helped in the slaughtering, cutting and distributing of the meat.

They also helped to cook rice and prepared delicious *daging masak kersik* and salad.

According to Ustaz Md. Abdu, '*korban*' was something that the religion placed great emphasis on as part of

It began on the first day of Aidiladha which fell on the 10th of Zulhijah and the three *tasyrik* days – 11th, 12th and 13th, that the ritual touched on the concept of sacrifice and sharing of sustenance.

"UMP also offers staff who wish to perform the *korban* through monthly salary deduction from as low as 1% of their salary as *korban* next year," he added.

Also present at the programme was UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusof who ministered the meats to the staff and some of the local people.

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