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## **Tripartite collaboration hopes to boost TVET education and human capital in the East Coast**

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has recently partnered with the Asia Centre of Excellence for Smart Manufacturing (ACES) to collaborate on activities in connection with accelerating the adoption of related smart technologies and digital transformation in the 4th industrial revolution (now popularly referred to as Industry Revolution 4.0, or IR4.0) – especially where it concerns human capital development in the East Coast Economic Region (ECER) of Malaysia, and in Southeast Asia, generally.

Based at the Cybercentre in Pahang Technology Park (PTP), ACES is an initiative between ECER Development Corporation (ECERDC) and TUM International GmbH – a networking of government agencies, industry players and academic institutions.

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education and training (TVET), as well as to enhance smart technology skills, training and consultancy, sp processes under IR4.0.

TUM International is essentially the subsidiary of Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany's top- University Ranking' and one of the best universities in Europe.

It is well regarded as a leading provider for the development, coordination and operation of integrated technology transfer and talent management programmes with international partners from research, politics

Leveraging TUM International's experience and expertise, ECERDC will be collaborating to provide te certifications, as well as advisory and consulting works for the introduction and upscaling of technology in sector for IR4.0, as well as other innovative and smart technologies.

The tripartite collaboration, sealed vide a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Germany on Octo Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff signed on behalf of the university, whilst Chief Executive Offi Gottschald represented ECERDC and TUM International, respectively.

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Present to witness the MoU was Malaysia Minister of Education, Dr. Maszlee Malik, who was on official work

“This tripartite collaboration will definitely benefit UMP, through sharing of expertise in order for us to meet soon-to-be-implemented projects, especially ones related to products commercialization, Executive 4.0 Policy. Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar.

In conjunction with the visit to and signing ceremony in Germany, UMP’s delegation also took the opportunity to explore programme cooperation with two other tertiary institutions there, namely Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences ([Foundation@Reutlingen](#) University (KFRU).

The delegation met up with the Dean of Faculty of Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering at HsKA, Professor Dr. Daniel Palm, who lectures on Logistics and Supply Chain Management at ESB Business School at KFRU.

The bilateral academic programme cooperation is part and parcel of the present dual degree programme in Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics Engineering, which will be expanded to include new programmes and other topical subjects.

UMP strongly believes this bilateral academic programme cooperation will greatly benefit the country, as it introduces German’s engineering education module known as Fachhochschule – which focuses on and specifies in teaching and learning system.

The effectiveness of this engineering education module has resulted in Germany producing competent engineering graduates.

This module is seen as the best model for us to spearhead, being one of the four public institutions of higher learning in the University Network (MTUN) – an umbrella network comprising UMP, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) and Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM).”

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## **Synergy between UMP and MRSM have positive impact on international development of students**

By: MOHAMMAD HAKIMI KAMARUDIN, CORPORATE COMMUNICATION DIVISION

Understanding the need to nurture students’ potential in view of the current reality and future challenges, UMP has opened doors to having cooperation to develop students’ capabilities such as the one formed with MARA Junior Science College, boosting their academic growth.

According to UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff, the university’s display of openness

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that as an ivory tower, it played a role as an institution that was people-oriented.

“As such, it was able to provide positive impact to the intellectual development of students in MRSM,” he added.

“The increasing number of MRSM across the country in the aspect of educational diversity has further boosted the educational level for local children with potentials. They can do so, seamlessly and excellently.

“UMP will be delighted if MRSM can help realise UMP’s aspiration of being a Community University and the launching of MRSM 10th Graduation Ceremony at Serai Utama Hall, MRSM Tun Abdul Razak in Pekanbaru.

As for MRSM Tun Abdul Razak Principal Nik Jasmi Nik Yaacob, he said he was satisfied with the achievement of students obtaining First Class, 48 with Second Upper Class and 31 with Second Lower Class.

He also hoped that the enthusiasm that the students had showed all this while would continue and that they would perform well for the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination.

The public examination starts on November 5.

At the ceremony, Nurul Adlina Shamsul Kamal was named as the Outstanding Student 2019. She also received the award. Irfan Rosli also named as the recipient for the same award.

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Muhammad Afiq Danial Izi Arman and Puteri Irdina Sofea Jazlan Arif each received the Most Outstanding P

Also present at the event were MARA Pahang Director, Raja Sarimah Raja Jamaluddin and the school's PT

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## **UMP holds '*Jalinan Kasih Bersama Komuniti*' for Balok**

Concerned about the plight of displaced fellow Muslims of Rohingya ethnic from Myanmar, Universiti  
Professional & Administrative Officers (PPTI) recently conducted a community programme called '*Jalinan*  
with a number of the university's strategic partners.

Akin to a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity to bridge public institutions of higher learning with  
*Kasih Bersama Komuniti*' programme saw PPTI embracing and opening its doors to the Rohingya com  
Balok, Kuantan.

Held on October 13, 2019, the community programme was both an eye-opener and opportunity for about  
who learnt new skills and got reacquainted with the formal education system.

Several activities were specifically designed for Balok's Rohingya community – among them were Eng  
computing (3M) class; and basic household skills classes, like cooking, sewing, personal grooming and ma

The community programme was also part and parcel of UMP's and its collaborative partners' initiat  
community's well-being, especially to cater to those in dire need. Donations to the needy was the final curta

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Among the strategic partners participating with UMP Co-curriculum Management Council in the latest 'Jalinan Kasih Bersama Komuniti' were Islamic Medical Association of Malaysia Response & Relief Team (IMARET), The United Nations Relief for the Needy, KEMAS, Giat MARA, Sekolah Kebangsaan Balok, Kelab Penyayang volunteers and the undergraduates.

The one-day community programme was officiated by Indera Mahkota's Member of Parliament (MP) and Malaysia's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Among those present at the official launch of '*Jalinan Kasih Bersama Komuniti*' were Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin; Deputy Director of Pahang State Education Department (Learning Sector) Dato' Miftah Surif and President of the Rohingya Society in Malaysia Dato' Saifuddin.

In his official address, Dato' Saifuddin expressed his appreciation to the commitment exemplified by UMP as well as to every individual involved, especially the volunteers and UMP students, in organizing such a programme for displaced Rohingyas.

"Malaysia has actually started receiving the exodus of the Rohingya community since 1998, but am not sure about Kuantan," said the Minister, who came accompanied by his wife, Datin Norlin Shamsul Bahari.

"As we are all aware, the Rohingyas had to flee their country to escape being victimized of unimaginable violence, several local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have come forward to assist this community in various ways."

According to Dato' Saifuddin, the Government hopes and continues to encourage more NGOs to get involved in helping the Rohingya community.

"The Government is in the midst of getting international sponsors to pool adequate fund to help the Rohingyas children's formal education."

"The questions that would soon beg some answers are, what is the direction and where would these Rohingyas go for their studies?"

"On this note, the Government is analyzing the issue, and is presently getting the Rohingyas to adopt part-time education," he remarked.

The Indera Mahkota MP also called on Malaysians to be open-minded to the increasing presence of the Rohingyas in the country.

Meanwhile, Programme Director of the '*Jalinan Kasih Bersama Komuniti*' and President of PPTI, Mohd Fadzil said the programme is part and parcel of the Association's social responsibility, in areas of education and social services to the communities.

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