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## “Overcoming Setback”

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Changing of supervisor at the very last minute was never a stumbling block for Dr. Mohamad Rusydi Mohamad Yasin. He had it all under control and managed to finish his studies on time.

According to him, UMP has given him ample time and space, therefore he feels the need to repay the trust university has given him.

“With that, I’ve tried my best and went extra mile to complete this study.

“At that time my biggest concern was, whether I can finish my studies on time or not.

“However, with the help and support from my friends and especially the officials in the Registry Department, gave me a whole new spirit,” he said.

He added, after a series of discussions with the university and new appointed supervisors, the study resume.

“That’s when you need to sacrifice everything, including your free times and weekend with the loved one, not to mention going back home after 12 midnight,” he said.

More than anything, Dr. Mohamad Rusydi achieved his goal of completing a PhD within four years, from 20th August 2015 to 19th August 2019 at Purdue University, United States of America.

Dr. Mohamad Rusydi, currently a lecturer at Faculty of Manufacturing and Mechatronics Engineering Technology were celebrated with 30 other academic staffs in Staff Appreciation and Completion of Study Ceremony organized by the Registry on 16th December 2019.

Sharing his experience finishing the PhD, planning and discussion with the supervisor is very important. And if you ever get stuck in the middle, do not hesitate to seek help.

He advises those who are currently continuing their studies to work hard and steadfast to achieve their goals.

“The challenges vary from one to another but it left me with bittersweet memories in this world of PhD.

“In addition, studying abroad has also given me such an amazing experience especially in learning the lifestyle and culture of the people abroad who are more open, bold and hardworking.

“My industry-based research provides me with knowledge to help solve industry problems,” he elaborates further.

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As a lecturer, he is proud of the university's achievements especially in world-class rating and recognition.

Also receiving the Graduate on Time (GOT) programme incentive for excellence is Dr. Noor Intan Shafinas Muhamad from Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering Technology, Dr. Mohd Fazli Farida Asras, Dr Nazira Mahmud from Faculty of Science and Industrial Technology , DR Nurhaizan Mohd Zainudin from Faculty of Industrial Management and Dr. Noradilah Md Nordin from the Centre for Human Sciences.

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