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UMP suspends T&L until 14 April

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Following the extension of the Movement Control Order (MCO) across the country and the order to close Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has postponed all service operations and no Teaching and Learning (T&L) activ MCO from 18 March until 14 April 2020.

The decision also referred to the proposal of the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) in the management o in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak.

According to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Professor Ts. Dr. Mohd Rosli Haini

of the students are now with their respective families at their hometowns and in the interest of their safety a

“The nearly 4-week MCO period to curb the Covid-19 outbreak certainly affects the academic calendar at a

“Therefore, the university will be making amendments to the academic calendar for Semester II of 2019/2 next university’s senate meeting.

“In facing of the situation, the university is ready to activate the online T&L mode (e-Learning), and the Learning (CIReL) had organised a series of online training sessions for its academic staff,” he said.

He said the training covers a variety of platforms, applications, T&L methods and online assessment that su

“Each faculty has prepared material for online T&L activities by adopting appropriate strategies to continue

“The UMP’s Learning Management System (LMS) or KALAM has been tested since early February to c when most students access KALAM simultaneously.

“To date, 65 percent of the courses offered by UMP has reached blended learning status that includes the c

“Apart from being experienced with this system, students are IT savvy and can adapt the use of educati said.

A recent survey to gather feedback from the students revealed that more than 80 percent are ready wi percent are not prepared as they live in areas with a poor internet connection.

Lecturers are given the options to conduct synchronous or asynchronous T&L sessions or specific task-bas

He also advised the students to take the opportunity during the MCO period to study after going through th and friends to strengthen their understanding.

The university also ensures the safety and welfare of more than 800 students who stay on campus, monitoring their wellbeing as well as maintaining the social distance to avoid gathering.

For the staff, he advised them to remain steadfast in working from home, apart from standing by to carry toward the university excellence.

CIReL offers trainings on online teaching and l

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The Centre of Instructional Resources and e-Learning (CIReL) in collaboration with Human Resource D
Pahang (UMP) organised training programmes on e-learning called Online Education Training. The object
online teaching and learning platform among the lecturers.

According to the Director of CIReL, Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Adzhar Kamaludin, the centre held the pro
respective experts in each field.

“Lecturers need to opt for virtual learning as an alternative to the face-to-face learning mode, even if it is ch

“This virtual learning method attracts students to engage, in line with the current development of educationa

“Even with the restriction during the Movement Control Order (MCO) period, it is not an excuse for us n
among the UMP associates,” he said.

He added, “With the current advances in educational technology, more opportunities and approaches
learning, and this is the most suitable moment for the UMP associates to opt for online teaching and learnin

He also urged the UMP associates to grab the opportunity of this e-learning approach.

Seven lecturers involved in conducting the training, namely, Ts. Aziman Abdullah, Ts. Dr. Awanis Rosli and
Computing, Dr. Azwin Arif Abdul Rahim and Muhammad Shafeirul Zaman Abdul Majid from the Centre fo
Ahmad from the Centre for Mathematical Sciences, and Dr. Gan Leong Ming from the Faculty of Mechanic

(FTKMA).

Two courses are also open to the public, which are Conducting Teaching and Learning: iPad and Loom and

Meanwhile, Airin Abdul Ghani from the Faculty of Industrial Management said that she attended two trainin
training help in e-learning.

Through the training, she could explore new knowledge, including those with multimedia features such as a

“Numerous innovations in education potentially drive and spur creative thinking,” she said.

The two-day training saw more than 500 participants engaged in several sessions.

Early registration can be made through https://forms.gle/sBoscWGZh3eQm7Lq5.

Students remain on campus during MCO

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The Movement Control Order (MCO) until 14 April 2020 certainly provides the experience that will be
Malaysia Pahang (UMP), especially those who remain on the campus.

The directive does not deter the students to find alternatives to pass the time despite being able to ret
campus.

According to the third year student from the Faculty of Industrial Management, Risman Kusaini, many
perform daily activities or routines during the MCO.

“However, that does not deter them from continuing to engage in healthy activities and care for their wellbei

“To maintain healthy and active, they can still do minimum activities through exercise, stretching or physica
that work multiple muscles without special equipment, and can help to improve blood circulation and streng

“These activities do not involve contact and can be done privately and anywhere,” he said.

This period also gives them chances to complete assignments and clean rooms.

He added, “Apart from studying, much time is used to surf the internet, watch movies and play online game

This Sabah-born lad decided to stay on the campus, for he understands the concerns over the Covid-19 ou

He is also grateful to UMP for being responsible for ensuring the welfares of the students in UMP Pekan an

“Daily necessities such as food, medicine, and toiletries are available and sufficient.

“My family do not worry about my situation here because UMP provides the assistance needed.

“I am deeply indebted to the UMP staff who always give the best support to us,” he said.

In the effort of raising awareness among the UMP associates and the local community about Covid-19 a
washing hands, UMP also organised short video, photo, and poster competitions.

Students are advised to obey the directive by the National Security Council and the rules and regulations o
health are in good condition.

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