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UMPSA receives delegates from NPO Turkiye and MPC

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PEKAN, 23 August 2023 - Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA) welcomed delegates from the National Productivity Organization (NPO) Turkiye along with the Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC).

This visit is a continuation of the 'Multicountry Observational Study Mission on Best Practices in Lean and Digital Transformation for SMEs' programme that took place in Konya, Turkiye last June, attended by representatives from the Faculty of Industrial Management (FIM), Ts. Syed Radzi Rahamadulla.

The delegates arriving at UMPSA Pekan was greeted by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Ts. Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli.



Also present were the Dean of the Faculty of Industrial Management (FIM), Dr. Mohd Hanafiah Ahmad, and the Director (University-Industry Relations Division) of the Industrial and Community Network Centre, Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Chin Sim Yee, as well as representatives from FIM and the Centre for Design & Innovation of Technology (PRInT).

Representing NPO were Professor Dr. Ilker Murat Ar, General Director for Strategic Research and Productivity at the Ministry of Industry and Technology and, who was accompanied by Dr. Onder Belgin, Veli Ozel, and Zeynep Ozge Demirci.

Meanwhile, MPC was represented by Abigail Anbalakan, Liaison Officer for the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Malaysia.

According to Professor Ts. Dr. Kamal, the visit by the NPO Turkiye and MPC delegation aims to share the best practices implemented by UMPSA in establishing a learning factory as a result-oriented learning and training centre.

"It is based on the industrial environment, as well as forging cooperation in various aspects, including student placements for industrial training, research, and more.



One of the main goals of establishing a factory on campus is to expose students to the real industrial world.

Through learning in this factory, lecturers can provide theory while simultaneously demonstrating to students the practical use of equipment in a situation similar to being in the industry," he said.

Through this visit, both parties can exchange information regarding the concept of operating a learning factory in practice.

The 'Model Factory' in Turkiye serves as a centre for training industrial workers on techniques and methods to solve problems and increase productivity.

Meanwhile, UMPSA's learning factory focuses more on a real industrial-based learning environment.

During this two-day programme, the delegation visited the learning factories, namely the Manual Operation Learning Factory and the Smart Operation Teach Factory, located at UMPSA's Gambang Campus on the first day.

On the second day, they had the opportunity to visit the Bosch Modular System and Mechanical Learning Factory, which are learning factories located at UMPSA Pekan.

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