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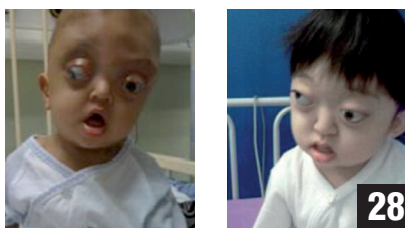
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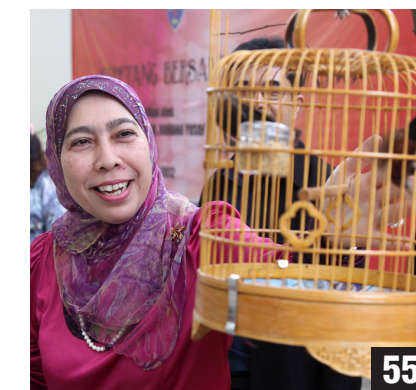
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Bicara Ketua Pengarang

Assalamualaikum w.b.t. dan Salam Sejahtera.
Syukur Alhamdulillah bertemu kita dalam Instrumental Isu 2/2012. Saya mengalu-alukan kehadiran pembaca yang budiman. Jika dalam keluaran lalu majalah ini mengenengahkan Galeri Seni Universiti Malaya sebagai kisah utama, fokus sidang pengarang pada kali ini bertemakan 'A Celebration of Intellectual Fulfillment'.

Menyingskap perjalanan 2012, coretan mengenai kisah kejayaan warga UM tidak pernah lekang di dada akhbar dan kaca televisyen mahupun corong radio, sinonim dengan budaya intelektual yang dipupuk sejak sekian lama seiring dengan status UM sebagai menara gading terlung di negara ini.

Isu kali ini berkisar coretan kisah kegembiraan dan kemeriahan para mahasiswa menjejakkan kaki buat pertama kali ke menara gading dan pengalaman pahit-manis dalam memenuhi impian memburu segulung ijazah. Rampaian artikel kali ini juga turut memaparkan kejayaan, pengiktirafan dan pencapaian cemerlang staf dan pelajar dalam pelbagai bidang sama ada di peringkat nasional mahupun antarabangsa.

Tidak dilupakan, liputan majlis-majlis khas telah diatur oleh Pengurusan UM bagi meraikan kejayaan demi kejayaan yang ditempa sepanjang tahun 2012. Ini meliputi Istiadat Konvokesyen, Anugerah Cemerlang UM dan Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang/Setia.

Justeru, pemilihan tema 'A Celebration of Intellectual Fulfillment' begitu tepat untuk menggambarkan cabaran dan dugaan yang diharungi oleh warga kampus dalam usaha menimba ilmu, memperkasakan penyelidikan dan memenuhi potensi diri ke arah memartabatkan budaya intelektual.

Saya tidak bercadang untuk berbicara panjang kerana ingin menjemput pembaca menatap, membaca serta menghayati paparan artikel-artikel pada isu kali ini. Semoga ia dapat menyemarakkan semangat warga UM yang lain untuk mencontohi mereka.

*Bangunan Canseleri bermotif Islamik,
Sebuah mercu tanda berwajah arca;
Majalah Instrumental bukan polemik,
Wadah transformasi kepada pembaca.*

*Bangunan Canseleri dibina tinggi,
Mengadap tasik suasana nyaman;
Instrumental menjadi wadah transformasi,
Saluran informasi perkukuh hubungan.*

Silakan menatap Instrumental.
Wassalam

Zarina Zainol Abidin
Ketua Pengarang
31 Disember 2012



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The CEO's Discourse on Stepping up with Mega Projects to Achieve Higher Ranking

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and greetings.

Welcome to the second issue of Instrumental. It's been a wonderful 2012 for the University of Malaya. There's nothing that can compare to the exhilarating feeling of being ranked as the best university in Malaysia. It certainly has not been an easy task, facing up to the challenges and working diligently to inspire my team to reach out for that goal – to be competitively ranked among the top 100 world class universities. It requires a 100% effort from all. No less! This is the real challenge.

The UM team is working tirelessly to achieve that goal. No compromise. I demand the best effort from my team if we want to be the best. The reputation of the iconic brand, University of Malaya is at stake. The organization has the responsibility to deliver up-to-date knowledge to the students while ensuring the advancement in notable fields of research and development that benefit the society.

Education in Malaysia has undergone a rapid transformation. We have been welcoming international students to our universities and sending out our local students abroad to acquire exposure, knowledge and experience. This is not brain drain but a win-win situation with both parties standing to gain from this sharing of expertise. UM will also continue to collaborate actively with academic icons, renowned universities and established researchers as part of its internationalization efforts.

Since the beginning of 2012, there has been a non-stop hive of activity on campus – from welcoming the new students with the Orientation Week to the lectures, followed by the examinations, culminating with the Convocation, synonymous with the celebration of the triumphs and success of the graduates and family members.

This is our pride and joy. We accomplish this service year after year without fail as it is our duty to the nation providing good education and producing leaders who will sustain our nation building for future generations. This is our responsibility at UM. It is what we uphold to do best.

This issue is a special dedication to eternalize the achievements and celebrate not only our graduates but also the people of UM – academicians, administrative and support staff who have strived for excellence in their services.

With the upcoming mega projects, many job opportunities will be created in various capacities. Likewise, the UM Transformation Plan will benefit UM covering academic, research, development, human resource and finance. We will keenly pursue our development projects, establishment of a private university, plantation sector locally and abroad as well as capital investments.

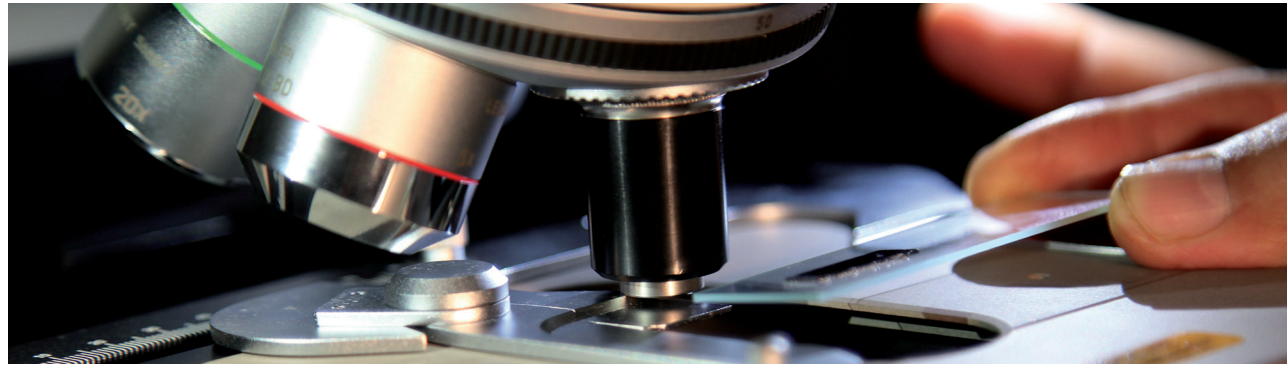
This is not something that can be achieved by me alone, I will need everyone's support to realize our ultimate dream of reaching the world's top 100 universities by 2015 and top 50 universities by 2020. Together, I am convinced that the initiatives and efforts to be implemented such as a new private university, Health Metropolis and plantation will enable UM to compete at the international stage.

Happy New Year. May the year 2013 brings good tidings to all.

Enjoy reading Instrumental.

Thank you. Wassalamualaikum w.b.t.

GHAUTH JASMON



UM Rises to 156th Spot

Aims Higher with Mega Projects Underway

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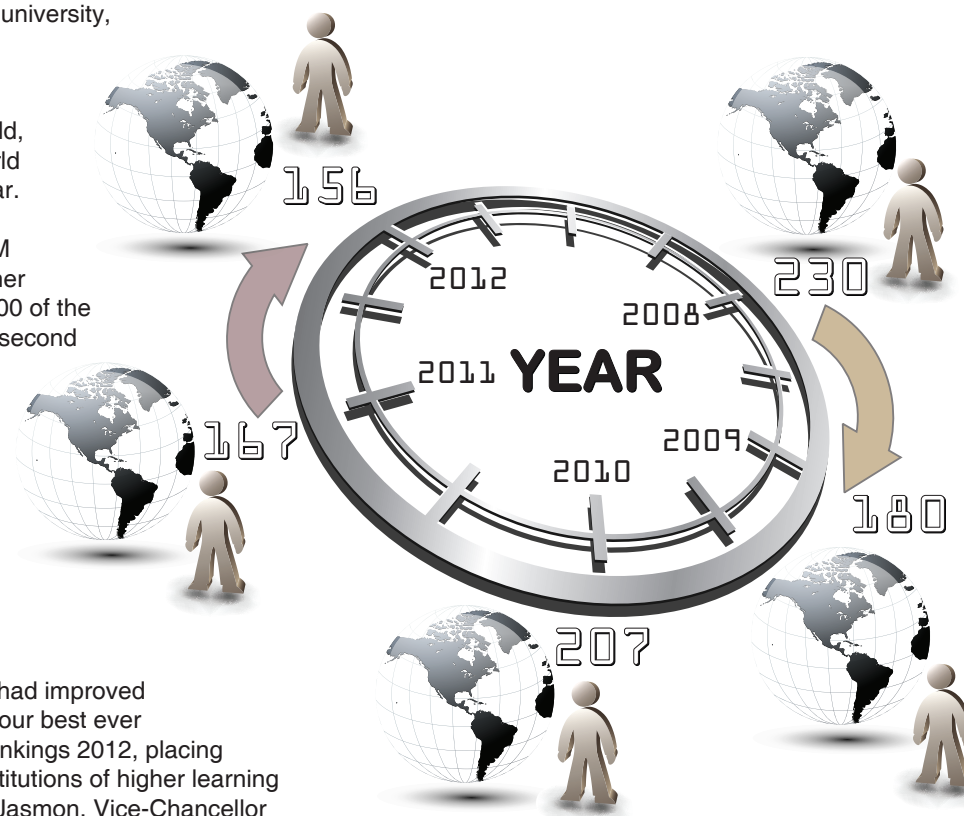
Malaysia's premier research university, University of Malaya (UM) continued its rise towards becoming the Top 100 institution of higher learning in the world, when it was placed 156 in the QS World University Rankings published this year.

Moving up 11 places from last year UM is the only Malaysian institution of higher learning to have made it into the top 200 of the QS World University Rankings for the second consecutive year.

The university has shown remarkable improvement compared to the previous year with an overall improvement of 55.6 from 50.9 overall score. According to the rankings, UM scored 61.1 for academic reputation compared with 56.3 previously.

"This improvement is expected as we had improved our ranking earlier when we achieved our best ever position in the QS Asian University Rankings 2012, placing 35th overall and the first among all institutions of higher learning in Malaysia," said Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth Jasmon, Vice-Chancellor of UM.

"UM is aiming to be one of the world's Top 100 universities by 2015 and top 50 universities by 2020. To achieve that objective, we are currently implementing massive projects that include a campus shopping mall, a new private university and an expansion of our UM Specialist Centre (UMSC)," he added.



QS World University Ranking
UM's Position in the QS World University Ranking (2008-2012)



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Through these mega projects, the university would be able to provide at least 30,000 jobs in the next five years. Furthermore, with the projects being operational in the future, UM should be able to sustain 30% of its operating cost by 2015 and 50% by 2020.

"It's not just about the ranking. It is actually about nation-building and how we, as the premier university may elevate our society with a better quality of life. With all of the facilities in place, UM academia would be able to conduct quality High Impact Research which translates directly to our nation's development."

According to the rankings, in terms of subject areas, UM consistently improved its rankings with the exception of the Social Science

& Management area which saw a decrease from 165 to 169 this year. Arts & Humanities climbed from 191 to 165, Engineering & Technology from 180 to 165, Life Sciences & Medicine from 147 to 113 and Natural Science from 296 to 257.

In other QS criteria, UM showed tremendous improvement in Faculty Student increase from 76.4 last year to 83.4 this year while Citations per Faculty increased from 76.8 to 77.4.

He added that apart from having the best infrastructures, a top university needs to have the best personnel. There will be no room for complacency since the competition amongst the top universities in the world is very high.

In 2011, UM successfully improved its position in the QS World University Ranking from 207 to 167 and also being ranked 39 in the QS Asian University Ranking. For the first time that year, UM is listed in the 500 world's best universities by Shanghai Jiao Tung, China (Academic Ranking of World Universities).



International Affairs

By International Unit ICR



- 7. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UM and the National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan on 8 September 2012
- 8. Delegates from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, on December 6, 2012
- 9. Visit to the iNanoscience Center at Aarhus University, Denmark on 17 October 2012
- 10. Prof. Hasan U. Akay, Provost of Atılım University and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Faisal Rafiq Mahamd Adikan, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, during the MoU signing ceremony: 28 August 2012
- 11. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International), Professor Dr. Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor with Prof. Dr Handoko Karjantoro, Rector of the International University of Batam during their visit on September 4, 2012.
- 12. Delegates from the Hunan Provincial Department of Education China: 8 August 2012



- 1. Signing of the Student Exchange Programme Agreement between UM and Harbin Engineering University, China: 30 November 2012
- 2. Tan Sri Ghauth Jasmon presenting a token of appreciation to Professor Dr Meshaal Abdelgadir Salih, President of Kordofan University, Sudan during their visit to UM on October 8, 2012
- 3. Visit by the International University of Batam, Indonesia to UM on September 4, 2012
- 4. Prof Nigel Weatherill, Vice Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University, and colleague during their visit to UM on 8 November 2012
- 5. Tan Sri Ghauth Jasmon and the Rector of Technological University of Yogyakarta, after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on September 4, 2012
- 6. Visit by the University of Dundee on September 3, 2012





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Rekabentuk Futuristik Pemangkin Aktiviti Penyelidikan Inovatif UM



Papan tanda glob mengalu-alukan kedatangan penyelidik dan pengunjung ke bangunan IPPP

Oleh Harris Rajahdin

Menyelusuri laluan ke pintu Damansara, pastinya sukar buat sesiapa untuk terlepas papan tanda glob yang tersergam indah mengalu-alukan kedatangan pengunjung ke Kompleks Pengurusan Penyelidikan & Inovasi (UMRC).

Dengan rekabentuknya yang futuristik dan moden, tidak hairanlah mengapa bangunan UMRC menjadi antara pilihan popular dalam kalangan graduan UM sebagai lokasi fotografi pada Istiadat Konvokesyen yang lalu selain Dewan Tunku Canselor.

Siap dibina pada 14 September 2011 selepas tempoh pembinaan dua tahun, bangunan UMRC adalah nadi kepada segala aktiviti pengurusan dan pemantauan penyelidikan dan pengkomersilan di segenap pelosok kampus Lembah Pantai ini.

Uniknya, kedua-dua bangunan ini dihubungkan oleh laluan berbumbung yang melindungi daripada sinaran terik mentari dan hujan.



Memiliki ketinggian lapan tingkat termasuk aras bawah, bangunan UMRC diilhamkan oleh Juhari & Hashim Chartered Architects untuk menggabungkan fungsi dua bangunan dalam satu blok - Bangunan Utama dan Auditorium.

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Dengan keluasan 14,565 meter persegi dan ketinggian 38.150 m, mercu tanda terbaru UM ini turut menempatkan Dewan Pameran di aras bawah dengan keluasan 1000.2 meter persegi, bilik seminar berkembar di tingkat satu yang memuatkan 200 orang dan Auditorium di tingkat 1 dan 2 yang memiliki kapasiti 480 orang.

Auditorium ini dihubungkan dengan bilik seminar, dewan bankuet dan kafeteria di tingkat pertama yang turut memuatkan ruang pameran luas yang boleh dimanfaatkan para penyelidik



untuk memperagakan inovasi terbaru mereka kepada khalayak umum.

Bangunan Utama memuatkan pusat penyelidikan, makmal, pejabat, bilik mesyuarat dengan kesemua kemudahan ini diletakkan berdepan pemandangan menarik, menghadap Bukit Pantai dan Rimba Ilmu di timur

dan Menara Telekom di tenggara.

Pemandangan menarik ini pastinya mampu menjelmakan suasana kondusif dalam usaha untuk mencetuskan idea kreatif para akademik dalam menjana penyelidikan bertaraf dunia.



Dr. Mohd Amin receiving his Eminent Scholar award from D.Y.M.M. Raja Dr. Nazrin



1. International Phd students posing with their excellence awards
2. Prof Dr. Hany Ariffin from the Faculty of Medicine receiving her Excellent Lecturer (Clinical Discipline) award
3. Phd student receiving her excellence award from Toh Puan Dr. Aishah
4. Mohammad Othman (Library) receiving his Excellent Support Staff Award from Raja Dr. Nazrin



UM Honours the Best at ACUM 2012

By Harris Rajahdin

Amongst them were Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Amin Jalaludin from the Faculty of Medicine who was honoured with the top award of UM Eminent Scholar. Dr. Mohd Amin who served UM in his capacity as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 2006 to 2009 is a renowned expert in the field of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck surgery. He is also recognized as the pioneer cochlear surgeon in Malaysia.

The former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Director of University of Malaya Medical Centre received his award from Tuanku Pro-Chancellor, Duli Yang Maha Mulia Pemangku Raja Perak Darul Ridzuan, Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah alongside other esteemed scholars while Pro-Chancellor, Toh Puan Dato' Seri Hajjah Dr. Aishah Ong presented the awards for the Phd categories.

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-Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth Jasmon

In his opening speech, Vice-Chancellor, Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth Jasmon lauded the achievements of the recipients hailing them as 'globally excellent' and being the 'true strength of the university'.

“The strength of a university does not lie with beautiful and grand buildings. The true strength of a university lies with its staff and students who are globally excellent.”

“University of Malaya is very fortunate to have such outstanding and dedicated staff. This is evident from the

many staff members who were nominated for excellence awards annually for various contributions in academic or research, both at national and international levels,” he added.

A total of 37 UM staff received awards in 18 categories for their achievements in 2011.

Meanwhile, the Faculty of Science's Photonics Research Centre received the award for Most Productive Centre of Research and a RM10,000 cash prize.

Representing the centre was its director Prof. Dr. Harith

Ahmad. Prof. Harith, along with Prof Dr. Sulaiman Wadi Harun of the Engineering faculty, also received the award for the Most Cited Journal Article and a cash prize of RM10,000 for their co-authored academic article.

The university also expressed its gratitude towards its corporate partners, namely the Japanese Chamber of Trade and Industry, Malaysia, the Employees Provident Fund, and Ambank Group Chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim.

APC & APS MERCU PENGIKTIRAFAN WARGA KERJA UM

Oleh Harris Rajahdin

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Nasihat saya kepada warga staf yang lain adalah untuk tidak kekal dalam zon selesa dan membuka minda terhadap apa yang berlaku di universiti lain yang lebih maju. Kita perlu sentiasa peka dengan perkembangan di universiti dan cuba menerapkan amalan mereka dalam kerja seharian kita.”

- Khairul Nizam Roslan



Khairul Nizam menerima anugerahnya daripada Timbalan Naib Canselor (Penyelidikan & Inovasi), Profesor Dr. Awang Bulgiba Awang Mahmud

Berkhidmat di institusi pengajian tinggi tersohor negara selama tujuh tahun, Khairul Nizam Roslan mengakui berdepan pelbagai cabaran sepanjang tempohnya bersama Fakulti Sains.

Bergelar fakulti terbesar dari segi jumlah pelajar dan pensyarah, Penolong Pendaftar berusia 29 tahun itu perlu bijak melayan kerenah kesemua pihak di samping memastikan kerjanya memenuhi

kriteria yang ditetapkan pihak pengurusan.

Pengorbanannya menghabiskan masa di lapangan kerja tanpa mengira siang malam akhirnya berbaloi apabila dirinya dan 317 warga staf UM dihargai dengan Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang pada Majlis Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang dan Perkhidmatan Setia (APC & PS) UM yang dilangsungkan di Dewan Tunku Canselor pada 29 November lalu.

“Saya sebenarnya tidak pasti kriteria pemilihan saya tetapi saya merasakan bahawa penghargaan ini adalah hasil usaha saya mendalami selok belok fakulti ini sepanjang tujuh tahun.

“Bukan mudah untuk berkhidmat di Fakulti Sains yang memiliki jumlah pelajar dan pensyarah yang paling ramai di UM. Petua yang saya amalkan adalah mematuhi masa dan mengelakkan membuat kerja pada saat terakhir.

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Saya sentiasa bekerja dengan niat untuk membuat yang terbaik. Alhamdulillah penanugerahan APC ini memberikan saya semangat dan kesungguhan untuk terus berusaha dengan cemerlang di masa hadapan.”

- Dr. Jaafar Jambi

kita,” tambahnya yang mendapat sijil dan wang tunai RM1000 sebagai penghargaan atas usaha kerasnya selama ini.

Seorang lagi penerima, Pensyarah Kanan Ambang Asuhan Jepun, Dr. Jaafar Jambi pula menyifatkan anugerah ini sebagai pembakar semangat untuk terus berusaha dengan lebih gigih pada masa akan datang.

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semangat dan kesungguhan untuk terus berusaha dengan cemerlang di masa hadapan.”

Selain Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang yang menghargai warga kerja yang memberikan komitmen terbaik dalam mencapai kecemerlangan kerja, pihak pengurusan UM turut menyampaikan Sijil Perkhidmatan Cemerlang kepada 426 orang penerima.

Ia disusuli pula oleh Anugerah Perkhidmatan Setia yang merupakan penghargaan kepada staf-staf yang setia berkhidmat dengan penuh berdedikasi.



Anugerah ini dibahagikan kepada dua kategori iaitu setia 20 tahun dan setia 30 tahun yang memperlihatkan seramai 78 orang dan 58 orang penerima masing-masing.

Sijil Penghargaan Persaraan pula akan diberikan kepada seramai 54 orang pesara yang telah bersara dalam tempoh setahun ini dalam majlis yang lain.

Pensyarah Kanan Ambang Asuhan Jepun, Dr. Jaafar Jambi menerima Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang



Penerima APC dan APS



Festival Konvokesyen Universiti Malaya 2012 Padat dan Meriah

Oleh Mohd Julian Borhanudin

Festival Konvokesyen Universiti Malaya 2012 (FESKUM'12) yang berlangsung dari 1 hingga 6 Oktober 2012 bersempena Istiadat Konvokesyen Universiti Malaya 2012 berlangsung dengan aktiviti yang padat dan meriah.

FESKUM'12 yang diterajui oleh Pengarah, Ahmad Syahmi Naim Mohd, meriah dengan pelbagai aktiviti seperti Pameran Galeri Seni, Kempen Derma Darah, Perkampungan 1Malaysia 1UM, Chinese Mooncake Festival, Malam Ekspresi Seni, Pertandingan Melukis Piala Ketua Pustakawan, Liga Bola Sepak Piala Naib Canselor, Pertandingan Debat Inter-Kolej dan Wacana Ilmu Islam. Ia berjaya menarik tajaan daripada syarikat telekomunikasi gergasi Maxis serta Koperasi Kedai Buku Universiti Malaya Berhad.

DYMM Pemangku Raja Perak Darul Ridzuan Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah, Tuanku Pro-Canselor Universiti Malaya (UM) telah menyempurnakan Majlis Perasmian Festival Konvokesyen Universiti

Malaya 2012 (FESKUM'12) yang berlangsung di Auditorium Kompleks Perdanasiswa, UM pada 27 September lepas. Turut hadir semasa majlis perasmian ini ialah DYTm Raja Puan Besar Perak Darul Ridzuan Tuanku Zara Salim, Toh Puan Datuk Seri Hajjah Dr. Aishah Ong, Toh Puan Pro-Canselor, UM, dan Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth Jasmon, Naib Canselor, UM.

FESKUM'12 yang bertemakan "Ke Arah Kepelbagaian" bertujuan untuk mengumpul dana bagi Tabung Kebajikan Pelajar Universiti Malaya melalui penyertaan atau penglibatan pelbagai sektor sama ada badan kerajaan, badan bukan kerajaan, syarikat korporat, badan amal, fakulti-fakulti, kolej-kolej kediaman, pihak awam dan swasta.

Program kali ini diperkaya dengan pelbagai input berguna yang memanfaatkan para mahasiswa. Sukan, akademik, kesihatan, keagamaan, kesenian dan kebudayaan merupakan aspek-aspek yang menjadi tonggak utama FESKUM '12 kali ini.



1. DYMM Pemangku Raja Perak bersama DYTm Raja Puan Besar Perak memerhati demonstrasi lukisan Maamor Jantan
2. Seorang pelajar mencuba nasib dalam Kejohanan Futsal Piala Timbalan Naib Canselor 2012
3. Antara gerai yang memeriahkan lagi FESKUM'12
4. Pelajar UM sedang mendaftarkan diri dalam salah satu acara FESKUM'12
5. Persembahan Perarakan Van Berhias Kolej Kediaman Za'aba

Berikut adalah keputusan pertandingan-pertandingan yang berlangsung sepanjang FESKUM'12

Acara	Johan
Kejohanan Futsal Piala Timbalan Naib Canselor 2012	Bagai FC
Pertandingan Ekspresi Seni	Kolej Kediaman Kelima
Bola Sepak Piala Naib Canselor	Kesebelasan
Pertandingan Debat Kategori Bahasa Inggeris	<i>Pendebat Terbaik: Sharifah Nor Nadilah (KK4)</i>
Pertandingan Debat Kategori Bahasa Melayu	Kolej Kediaman Pertama
Pertandingan Melukis Piala Ketua Pustakawan	Aliaa Binti Khalid
Booth Terbaik Minggu Promo Badan Pelajar	PERMASA (Persatuan Mahasiswa Sabah)
Anugerah Khas Juri Bagi Minggu Promo Badan Pelajar	Jawatankuasa Pelajar Luar Kampus
Gerai Jualan Pelajar Terbaik	Persatuan Buddhist Universiti Malaya
Perarakan Van Berhias	Kolej Kediaman Kelapan
Persembahan Terbaik Perarakan Van Berhias	Kolej Kediaman Ketiga
Kontinjen Harapan Perarakan Van Berhias	Kolej Kediaman Keduabelas



Kemeriahan Minggu Haluanasiswa UM Sesi 2012/2013

Oleh Rohaizan Ramli



3335 Pelajar Baru Mendaftar di UM

Universiti Malaya (UM) mengalu-alukan kehadiran 3335 mahasiswa baru ke kampusnya pada hari pendaftaran pelajar baru bagi sesi 2012/2013 September lepas.

Daripada jumlah itu, 3,238 adalah pelajar tempatan dan 97 pelajar antarabangsa. Mereka mendaftar di kesemua 12 buah Kolej Kediaman UM. Menurut perangkaan, bilangan mahasiswa perempuan mengatasi mahasiswa lelaki iaitu 2,090 berbanding 1,148. Begitu juga dengan pelajar antarabangsa, di mana jumlah pelajar perempuan adalah 56 berbanding 41 pelajar lelaki.

Minggu Haluanasiswa UM yang bermula dari 2 – 7 September 2012 menyediakan pelbagai aktiviti bagi mendedahkan pelajar kepada selok-belok kehidupan

Para pelajar baru melafazkan Ikrar Aku Janji

kampus, mengenali UM secara lebih dekat serta menambahkan pengetahuan mereka melalui aktiviti-aktiviti yang bersifat ilmiah.

Mohamad Zulkarnain Ketua Lafaz Ikrar Aku Janji

Hari ketiga Minggu Haluanasiswa UM menyaksikan 3335 pelajar baru melafazkan Ikrar Aku Janji yang diketuai oleh Mohamad Zulkarnain Kamisan dari Kolej Kediaman Ke-12.

Intisari ikrar menjurus ke arah penerapan semangat juang yang bertujuan membentuk pelajar menjadi insan dinamik dan holistik. Ikrar dilafazkan sejeurus selepas

ucapan perasmian oleh Tan Sri Dato' Seri Arshad Ayub, Pengerusi Lembaga Pengarah, UM.

Datuk Johan Jaafar, Mejar (Dr.) Faiz dan Lisa Surihani Kongsi Pengalaman Bersama Pelajar

Dewan Tunku Canselor (DTC), UM gamat dengan kehadiran tiga nama besar yang dinanti-nantikan oleh setiap pelajar iaitu angkasawan Malaysia, Mejar (Dr.) Faiz Khaleed, Pengerusi Media Prima Berhad, Datuk Johan Jaafar dan pelakon terkenal, Lisa Surihani.

Ketiga-tiga idola dari tiga lapangan berbeza ini ditampilkan khas dalam program "Malam Bersama Idola" untuk berkongsi kejayaan masing-masing dan memberi motivasi kepada para pelajar baru untuk turut menjejak langkah mereka.



Menteri Pengajian Tinggi mula Program Walkabout di Kolej Kediaman UM

Menteri Pengajian Tinggi, Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin memulakan program walkabout ke institusi-institusi pengajian tinggi awam negara di Kolej Ke-3 dan Kolej Ke-4, UM.

Ketibaan Datuk Seri Khaled disambut oleh sejumlah 314 mahasiswa dari Kolej Ke-3 dan 281 mahasiswa di Kolej Ke-4. Sesi walkabout ini berlangsung dalam suasana santai di mana Datuk Seri Khaled beramah-mesra bersama mahasiswa baru.

Majlis Dialog Mahasiswa Bersama Negarawan

Tun Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad, Mantan Perdana Menteri, menjadinya negarawan pertama dijemput berdialog bersama mahasiswa dalam program "Dialog Mahasiswa Bersama Negarawan" Siri Pertama anjuran Gagasan Aman Kampus Nasional dengan kerjasama UM.

Objektif dialog adalah untuk menyediakan ruang interaksi dua hala antara tokoh-tokoh negara dengan golongan anak muda di institusi pengajian tinggi, menyuntik semangat bersyukur dan nila-nilai kenegaraan kepada generasi muda dan menghargai jasa dan pengorbanan yang telah dicurahkan oleh tokoh-tokoh negara dahulu dan sedia ada.

Isi dialog oleh Mantan Perdana Menteri adalah berkisar perihal menghargai budi dan membalas jasa khususnya bekas-bekas mahasiswa yang dibiayai pelajaran mereka oleh kerajaan tetapi sebaliknya memilih untuk bekerja di luar negara.

Malam Integrasi Pupuk Semangat Perpaduan dan Setiakawan antara 3335 Pelajar Baru UM

Semangat 1Malaysia bergema di Dewan Tunku Canselor, UM apabila 3335 pelajar baru meraikan kepelbagaian budaya di Malaysia dan semangat perpaduan melalui persembahan muzik, tarian dan drama pada Malam Integrasi sempena dengan Minggu Haluanasiswa.

Tema "Celebrating Friendship & Unity" bertujuan memupuk perpaduan dan keharmonian dalam kalangan pelajar yang akan memulakan kehidupan baru di kampus UM.

Para pelajar dihiburkan dengan persembahan orkestra oleh kumpulan "The Friendship Group of Inter-religious Service" (FGIS) yang terdiri daripada pelbagai pertubuhan keagamaan seperti Angkatan Belia Malaysia (ABIM), Buddhist Maha Vihara, Malaysian Hindu Sangam, Catholic Church, Council of Churches Malaysia, Malaysian Hindu Sangam, Sikh Gurdwara. Persembahan ini diselenggarakan oleh Sathya Sai Baba Central Council of Malaysia.



Seorang pelajar istimewa yang mendaftar di Kolej Kediaman Ketujuh dibantu oleh ahli keluarganya semasa pendaftaran.

1. Datuk Khaled berbual bermesra dengan pelajar-pelajar UM

2. Tun Dr. Mahathir tampil sebagai tetamu "Dialog Mahasiswa Bersama Negarawan" yang dipengerusikan oleh Ahmad Fedtri Yahya (kiri)



CERIA...Riak wajah senyuman menceritakan kegembiraan sekumpulan graduan menantikan giliran menerima segulung ijazah

Istiadat Konvokesyen 2012

Menyambung Legasi Kecemerlangan UM

Oleh Harris Rajahdin

Sejajar dengan tradisi UM, Istiadat Konvokesyen sekali lagi menjengah di Dewan Tunku Canselor dengan sejumlah sembilan bahagian istiadat dilangsungkan dengan 353 penerima Ijazah Doktor Falsafah (PhD), 1,784 graduan Ijazah Sarjana dan 3,657 graduan Ijazah Sarjana Muda.

Istiadat Konvokesyen Bahagian Pertama, kedua dan ketiga dipengerusikan Duli Yang Maha Mulia Pemangku Raja Perak Darul Ridzuan Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah, Tuanku Pro-Canselor dengan Bahagian Keempat hingga keenam dipengerusikan oleh Yang Amat Berbahagia Toh Puan Dato' Seri Hajjah Dr. Aishah Ong, Toh Puan Pro-Canselor manakala Bahagian Ketujuh, kelapan dan kesembilan dipengerusikan oleh Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Seri Siti Norma Yaakob, Tan Sri Pro-Canselor UM.

Bahagian Pertama menyaksikan pengurniaan Ijazah Kehormat Doktor Ekonomi kepada Gabenor Bank Negara, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz serta Tan Sri Yohei Sasakawa (Ijazah Kehormat Doktor Kemanusiaan), Profesor Dato' Dr. Ibrahim Ahmad Bajunid (Ijazah Kehormat Doktor Pendidikan) dan Dato' Seri N.S. Selvamany (Ijazah Kehormat Doktor



PUAS... Pengorbanan mahasiswa yang tidak pernah jemu berusaha siang dan malam dibalas dengan segulung ijazah



1. Bentara membawa masuk cokmar sewaktu perarakan masuk
2. DYMM Tuanku Pro- Canselor bertitah sewaktu pembukaan Istiadat Konvokesyen

Ketiga, iaitu Allahyarham Saiful Fitri Jamil (Sarjana Pengajian Melayu) yang telah pulang ke rahmatullah Februari lalu akibat kemalangan jalan raya.

Pendidikan).

Selain itu, Bahagian Pertama turut menyaksikan pengurniaan gelaran Profesor Emeritus kepada pakar kajian radiasi plasma, Profesor Dr. Lee Sing dan pakar perubatan Obstetrik dan Ginekologi, Dato' Dr. V. Sivanesaratnam.

Di sebalik lautan ribuan graduan, tidak ramai yang menyedari kehadiran dua pasangan suami-isteri yang akan menerima ijazah Doktor Falsafah pada Bahagian Pertama.

Pasangan, Low Kah Hin dan Teo Yin Yin dari Fakulti Sains serta Lim Khoon Siang dan Ng Peng Lan mencuri tumpuan di atas pentas DTC sebaik naik ke atas pentas untuk menerima ijazah daripada Raja Dr. Nazrin.

Mereka antara 3 pasangan suami isteri yang menerima ijazah pada Istiadat Konvokesyen bersama-sama pasangan, Siddiq Hafiz Hassan dan Husna A. Hamid yang dikurniakan Sarjana Sains dalam Kimia Analisis dan Analisis Beralatan pada Bahagian Keempat.

Kegembiraan turut dirasai Mohd Naufal Mohd Tarmizi (Akademi Pengajian Islam) dan Yee Lee Ling (Fakulti Sains) yang akan menerima Anugerah Pelajaran Diraja khusus buat pelajar cemerlang pada Bahagian Keempat.

Menariknya, terdapat dua pasangan kembar yang menerima ijazah serentak daripada fakulti sama, Hazman dan Hazwan Hafiz, 23 serta Yong Shi Hao dan Yong Shi Bin, 24 masing-masing dalam bidang kejuruteraan pada Bahagian Kelima.

Tidak dilupakan, tiga graduan Orang Kelainan Upaya yang dikurniakan ijazah pada kali ini, Siti Ezaleila Mustafa yang berkerusi roda yang menerima gelaran Doktor Falsafah dari Fakulti Sastera & Sains Sosial, graduan cacat penglihatan, Lim Tien Hong (Sarjana Ekonomi) manakala Mohd Shah Rizal Abdul Rahman pula menerima Ijazah Sarjana Muda dari Akademi Pengajian Melayu.

Istiadat Konvokesyen pada kali ini turut disulami perasaan hiba buat ibu graduan, Kamariah Binti Othman yang mewakili anaknya menerima Ijazah Sarjana pada Bahagian



Perarakan keluar akademik sebaik berakhirnya Istiadat Konvokesyen

ISTIADAT KONVOKESYEN 2012 Mengimbau Pengorbanan Sebelum Bergelar Graduan

By Harris Rajahdin

Sesuai dengan ungkapan 'rezeki anak-anak', kehadiran cahaya mata sulung ke dalam hidup pasangan Low Kah Hin dan Teo Yin Yin jelas membakar semangat mereka berdua untuk mendaki puncak kejayaan dalam bidang sains di peringkat Doktor Falsafah.



Pasangan suami isteri, Kah Hin dan Yin Yin berbangga dengan kejayaan mengenggam ijazah Doktor Falsafah daripada Fakulti Sains

“Kami mengambil keputusan untuk berkahwin selepas menyelesaikan kesemua urusan berkenaan pengajian kami. Kami tidak mahu membebankan diri dengan urusan merancang perkahwinan dan menyiapkan tesis pada waktu sama.”

-Yin Yin

Kegembiraan pasangan ini terserlah pada Istiadat Konvokesyen 2012 yang dilangsungkan Oktober lalu menyaksikan Yin Yin and dan Kah Hin meraikan pencapaian menggenggam segulung ijazah PhD bersama anak mereka yang baru dilahirkan, Low Qian Qian.

“Ia adalah sesuatu kejayaan yang hebat untuk menamatkan tesis dan berpeluang untuk meraikan kejayaan bersama anak kami,” kata Yin Yin sambil menjulang Qian Qian yang menginjak usia 6 bulan ketika itu.

Yin Yin mendedahkan bahawa mereka berdua mengambil keputusan untuk berkahwin pada akhir kajian tesis mereka dan dia melahirkan Qian Qian ketika kertas penyelidikan mereka diperiksa.

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Selain Yin Yin dan Kah Hin, tidak ramai yang menyedari kehadiran dua



Pasangan suami isteri, Khoo Siang dan Peng Lan dengan ijazah Doktor Falsafah yang diterima daripada Fakulti Pendidikan



Pemain hoki kebangsaan, Kevinder Singh meraikan kejayaan menerima ijazah Sains Sukan bersama ibunya, Narenjit Kaur dan teman istimewa

lagi pasangan suami-isteri yang turut menerima ijazah pada Istiadat Konvokesyen pada kali ini iaitu Lim Khoo Siang dan Ng Peng Lan serta Husna Abdul Hamid dan Siddiq Hafiz Hassan.

Khoo Siang dan Peng Lan, masing-masing dari Fakulti Pendidikan mencuri tumpuan sebaik naik ke atas pentas Dewan Tunku Canselor untuk menerima ijazah Doktor Falsafah daripada Tuanku Pro-Canselor, Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah pada bahagian pertama manakala Siddiq Hafiz dan Husna pula dikurniakan Sarjana Sains dalam Kimia Analisis dan Analisis Beralatan oleh Pro-Canselor, Toh Puan Dato' Seri Hajjah Dr. Aishah Ong pada bahagian keempat.

Dalam pada itu, kegembiraan graduan menerima skrol ijazah, terdapat juga kisah pilu yang menyelubungi Istiadat Konvokesyen pada kali ini dengan pemergian Allahyarham, Saiful Fitri Jamil yang kembali ke rahmatullah, pada Februari lalu kerana terlibat dalam kemalangan jalan raya.



Kamariah dan Jamil Taib, menahan sebak ketika menunjukkan gambar Allahyarham Saiful yang hanya tinggal kenang-kenangan dalam telefon bimbit

“Saya begitu bangga dan terharu berdiri di atas pentas menerima ijazah Sarjana bagi pihak Apit. Tetapi saya begitu terkilan kerana dia tidak dapat memenuhi cita-citanya untuk menerima ijazah daripada Tuanku Raja Nazrin, yang menjadi idolanya sekian lama dan hajatnya untuk mengambil gambar studio bersama semua ahli keluarga.”

- Kamariah

Tiada siapa di dalam Dewan Tunku Canselor yang mampu menahan sebak sebaik melihat Kamariah Othman, 53 berjalan di atas pentas untuk menerima Ijazah Sarjana Pengajian Melayu bagi pihak anaknya daripada Pemangku tuanku Pro-Canselor UM, Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Perak Darul Ridzuan, Raja Dr Nazrin Shah pada hari kedua Istiadat Konvokesyen.

Sungguh pun pilu dengan pemergian anaknya, Kamariah tetap menggagahkan diri untuk membuka kisah mengenai perasaan terkilannya tidak dapat melihat anaknya memenuhi cita-citanya untuk menerima Ijazah Sarjana daripada Raja Nazrin.

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“Apit ada memberitahu saya bahawa dia bercita-cita untuk menyambung pengajian di peringkat PhD satu hari nanti,” kata Kamariah yang turut ditemani suaminya, Jamil Taib, 58 dan adik-beradik arwah Saiful yang

berasal daripada Bandar Tenggara, Kulai Jaya.

Menceritakan kembali mengenai detik yang meragut kebahagiaan hidupnya, Kamariah berkata Saiful menunjukkan kelakuan pelik seolah-olah petanda beberapa hari sebelum tragedi kemalangan yang menimpanya pada 8 Februari lalu.

“Pada hari sebelum beliau terlibat dalam kemalangan beliau langsung tidak mahu keluar dari rumah walaupun diajak beberapa kali oleh adiknya. Dia juga menolak pelawaan ibu untuk ke kedai buku yang biasanya menjadi tempat yang paling digemari, dengan alasan telah berjanji untuk menunggu seorang rakan yang akan datang menemuinya pada hari berkenaan.”

“Walaupun rakan yang dijanjikan tidak dapat datang, beliau hanya menghabiskan masa bergurau senda bersama adik-beradik di rumah sehingga tengah malam.”

“Tidak seperti lazimnya, Apit keluar rumah diwaktu subuh untuk pulang ke UM tanpa memberitahu sesiapa, dan tidak sempat untuk bersalaman dengan kedua ibu bapanya dengan alasan tidak mahu mengganggu ibu bapanya yang masih tidur walaupun sebenarnya bersalam dengan ibu bapa merupakan rutin wajib arwah meski pun sekadar keluar rumah sekejap saja.”

“Apit terbabit dalam kemalangan jalan raya pada pagi 8 Februari dalam kes langgar lari di Kilometer 145 Lebuhraya Utara Selatan sekitar kawasan Pagoh. Kemudian beliau dikejarkan ke Hospital Pakar Sultanah Fatimah Muar dan selama 9 hari Arwah terlantar dalam keadaan koma di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) sebelum menghembuskan nafas terakhir pada 5.45 petang 16 Februari 2012 disisi semua ahli keluarga.”

“Seandainya, arwah masih ada, usianya kini sudah memasuki 26 tahun. Semoga roh arwah dicucuri rahmat dan ditempatkan dalam kalangan golongan yang beriman,” katanya mengenai arwah Saiful yang sepatutnya menyambut hari lahirnya 9 Jun lalu.”

Ketokohan Disanjungi Jasa Dihargai

By Harris Rajahdin



Dari kiri: Dato' Seri Selvamany, Dato' Dr. Ibrahim, Tan Sri Zeti dan Tan Sri Yohei Sasakawa bergambar bersama DYMM Raja Dr. Nazrin

TAN SRI DATO' SERI DR. ZETI AKHTAR AZIZ (Ijazah Kehormat Doktor Ekonomi)

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, anak tunggal kepada Yang Mulia Profesor Diraja Ungku Aziz dan Puan Azah Aziz melakar sejarah negara dilantik sebagai wanita pertama berjawatan Gabenor Bank Negara Malaysia dan juga wanita pertama menjadi Gabenor Bank Pusat di rantau Asia.

TAN SRI YOHEI SASAKAWA (Ijazah Kehormat Doktor Kemanusiaan)

Tan Sri Yohei Sasakawa bergiat secara aktif dalam bidang kemanusiaan menerusi pembabitannya dalam Nippon Foundation sebagai Pemegang Amanah dan kemudiannya dilantik ke jawatan Presiden dari tahun 1989 sehingga 2005. Kemudian, beliau diberi tanggungjawab dan amanah untuk menerajui Nippon Foundation sebagai Pengerusi sejak 1 Julai 2005 hingga kini.

PROFESOR DATO' DR. IBRAHIM AHMAD BAJUNID

(Ijazah Kehormat Doktor Pendidikan)
Nama Profesor Dato' Dr. Ibrahim Ahmad Bajunid tidak asing dalam dunia pendidikan di Malaysia dan persada antarabangsa. Sumbangan beliau merentasi seluruh masyarakat, dari kampung dan sekolah terpencil hinggalah ke peringkat antarabangsa khususnya di Botswana di mana beliau menjadi Komisioner bagi Reformasi Sistem Pendidikan Negara Botswana (1993-2000).

DATO' SERI N.S. SELVAMANY (Ijazah Kehormat Doktor Pendidikan)

Ketokohan dan sumbangan Dato' Seri Selvamany dalam pembangunan pendidikan negeri dan negara terbukti

dengan penganugerahan gelaran Tokoh Guru Perak pada tahun 1996 dan gelaran Tokoh Guru peringkat Kebangsaan pada tahun 1997.



Dari kiri: Dr. Lee Sing dan Dr. Sivanesaratnam yang dikurniakan gelaran Profesor Emeritus

PROFESOR EMERITUS

Profesor Dr. Lee Sing

Beliau adalah seorang pakar dalam kajian radiasi plasma dan berperanan menubuhkan Institut Kajian Fokus baru-baru ini serta mengendalikan beberapa bengkel eksperimen berkaitan fokus plasma untuk lingkungan 100 saintis dari 12 negara.

Profesor Dato' Dr. V. Sivanesaratnam

Profesor Dato' Dr. V. Sivanesaratnam adalah pakar perubatan yang disanjung di Universiti Malaya dan beliau begitu dihormati atas kepakarannya dalam bidang perubatan Obstetrik dan Ginekologi.

Afiq (right) striving to advance the nation's nuclear technology.

A Celebration of Intellectual Fulfilment

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin

When the going gets tough, the tough gets going. This old Chinese proverb wisely predicts that when a situation becomes more difficult, the tough person will meet the challenge while the weak person may falter.

In the current global setting with the rapid technological advancements, changing economical dynamics, increasing customers' expectations and extreme competitions have made the 'going' gets tougher by the day. The 'toughs' must consistently get tougher and constantly creates their own achievements so as to fulfil the intellectual requirements posed to them while creating opportunity for others.

The University of Malaya, as the premier institution of higher learning in the nation embraces these challenges by transforming them through the UM Strategic Plan Phase 1 and 2. Currently, as it embarks on the second phase of the Strategic Plan, UM aims at achieving financial stability, higher



1. Proud winners of iENA and ITEX, Dr. Ishenny and his research team who produced the BioPro Diesel.
2. UM's top academics with their Top Research Scientists Malaysia.

impact research outputs, greater collaboration with world-renowned institutions of higher learning and generally higher performance all round.

The fruits of our labour

The Strategic Plan has changed UM's landscape towards a more prestigious terrain. Specifically, the year 2012 has witnessed a steady progress on what UM strives to fulfil as UM has achieved so many remarkable milestones and breakthrough. The most prominent is the QS World University Rankings where UM improved its position to 156 from 167 previously. This particular Key Performance Indicator, newly set by the Ministry of Higher Education through the National Higher Education Strategic Plan (NHESP), validates the hard

work produced by the campus community due to its scoring criteria that covers specific academic aspects of the university. These include Citation per Faculty, Subject Area, Faculty Student, Academic Reputation and Employer Reputation. UM also improves its standing in the QS Asian University Rankings 2012, placing 35 from 39 previously.

Being the only Malaysian university that is listed in the top 200 of the ranking seems to drive home the fact that this is a hard endeavour which is significant if not the most important achievement UM has attained. To make the victory even sweeter, UM is still the only Malaysian university listed in the 500 world's best universities by Shanghai Jiao Tung's Academic Ranking of World Universities.

Apart from the rankings, the university has won several awards internationally that boosted the institution in terms of recognition. Among these highly prestigious

awards include UM's winning 2 gold, 3 silvers and 1 bronze at the Seoul Invention Fair (SIIF 2012), 5 gold, 2 silvers and 2 bronze at the International Trade Fair Ideas-Inventions – New Products (iENA) and, 8 gold, 4 silvers and 1 bronze out of the 15 products submitted during the 23rd International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition (ITEX) 2012 recently.

Locally, our research teams performed as well as they did internationally, bagging 2 gold, 2 silvers and 4 bronze medals at the BioMalaysia 2012, and 2 gold, 3 silvers and 3 bronze at the Malaysia Technology Expo.

The people we love

This year also witnesses a number of UM's researchers being recognized for their

individual achievements both internationally and locally. This group of highly talented and dedicated people have worked tirelessly to advance beyond the limit of knowledge in their respective areas.

Amongst the most prominent include Professor Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Dean of Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya (UM) who was selected as the winner of the inaugural Advance Global Australian Award in the Alumni category. Ms. Chai-Hong Yeong from the Department of Biomedical Imaging, Faculty of Medicine, won a Certificate of Merit for the scientific paper submitted to the 2012 European Congress of Radiology (ECR) held in Vienna on March 1 – 5, 2012 and Dr. Ng Char Hong, from the Department of Surgery, University of Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC), was selected as the First Award Winner of the Breast Journal Awards 2012 based on his abstract "Do Clinical Features and Survival of Single Hormone Positive Breast Cancers Differ from Double Positive Hormonal Breast Cancers".

Three of the University of Malaya's top academicians received the ultimate accolade of 'Top Research Scientists Malaysia' (TRSM) at a special inauguration ceremony by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM). Professor Dr. Mustafa Ali Mohd (Biotechnology), Professor Dr. Phang Siew Moi (Biotechnology) and Professor Ir. Dr. Ramesh Singh Kuldip Singh (Material Sciences, Engineering Sciences) were honoured for their outstanding achievement and performance as well as their contribution towards wealth creation and societal well-being.

It was also a memorable occasion for former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Amin Jalaludin, a specialist in the field of Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose & throat) at the University of Malaya Specialist Centre when

he was conferred the prestigious Fellowship alongside Clinical Neurology expert, Professor Dato' Dr. Tan Chong Tin and high energy physics expert, Professor Dr Wan Ahmad Tajuddin Wan Abdullah from the nation's leading think tank for science, engineering and technology.

A glimpse on our future

The prospect for our students has shone throughout the year as they have won several competitions that cover many disciplines. Bryan Nickson Lomas, a student from the Sports Centre with his diving partner Huang Qiang clinched Malaysia's first ever World Cup bronze medal and a quota Olympic spot in the 3m springboard synchro discipline.

The University of Malaya has emerged as the champion of the Royal Debate Competition 2012 Malay Language Category after defeating Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). Muhammad Azzairi Rosle, Chan Keng Fai, Mohd Firdaus Ahmad and Mohd Asri Abdul Jani claimed victory with Mohd Firdaus announced as the Best Debater.

At the Shell Eco-Marathon Asia 2012 Competition held at the Sepang F1 International Circuit, two teams from the University of Malaya's (UM) Faculty of Engineering (Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering) won two trophies in the Prototype (Hydrogen) category and in



Bryan Lomas created national history for his diving achievements.

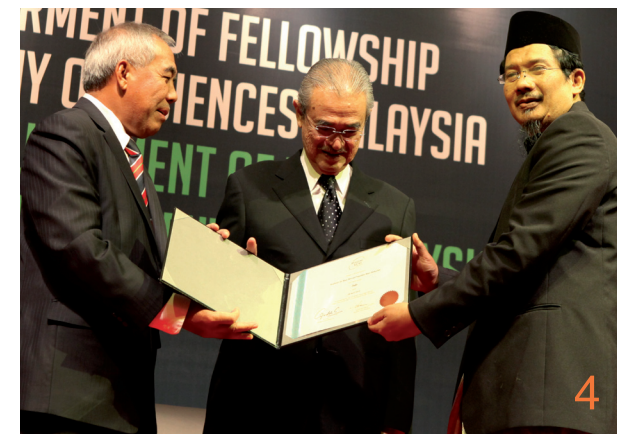
the Urban Concept (Gasoline).

It makes UM proud when Afiq Aizudin Anuar, who took the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Physics, was selected along with four others for the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) Summer Programme held in Geneva, Switzerland. Being selected for the programme indirectly demonstrated the level of UM's academic programme.

Extraordinarily, Rasyidah Abd Rahim from the Faculty of Science who is currently pursuing the BSc in Biohealth Science won first place in the Bintang Klasik 2012 singing contest. She trained for 45 minutes every day via telephone with her father who lived in Johor. The four highlighted are among the many achievements by UM students this year which give an assurance of the bright future ahead for UM.

A pat on the back goes a long way

All in all, it has been a wonderful year that is tempered with a solemn determination to create more. For the achievements mentioned here and the countless omitted, we acknowledge them with pride, admiration and appreciation by celebrating



these 'tough individuals' who endured the challenges expected of them.

The celebrations, the Annual Convocation Ceremony which is steeped in tradition, the Excellent Service Awards (Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang) and the Excellence Awards, are some of the motivating ways in which UM shows its appreciations. They serve a greater purpose of reminding us, the campus community, of our identity, our singular mission and our values. In a sense, they unite us and rejuvenate our resolve to work harder and be the best.

These celebrations of intellectual fulfilments do not mark the worthy conclusions of efforts; rather, they fuel the journey we will continuously embark on. For as the tough gets going, the going will get tough.

3. Former Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Hamzah Abdul Rahman receiving the Excellence Service Award
4. Dr. Wan Ahmad Tajuddin (right) selected as a fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia.

Kumpulan Pakar Bedah PPUM Cipta Sejarah

Pembedahan Menggunakan Regangan 'Osteogenesis Monobloc' Beri Sinar Baru kepada Pesakit Sindrom Crouzon

Oleh Rohaizan Ramli

Bertarung selama 28 jam bagi memberi sinar baru kepada dua kanak-kanak penghidap sindrom 'Crouzon' melakar sejarah baru dalam sejarah perubatan negara apabila sekumpulan pakar bedah di Pusat Perubatan Universiti Malaya (PPUM) berjaya melakukan pembedahan 'kranofasial' menggunakan regangan 'osteogenesis monobloc' yang pertama seumpamanya di Malaysia.

Diketuai oleh Profesor Dato' Dr. Zainal Arif Abdul Rahman yang merupakan Pakar Runding Pembedahan Oral dan Maksilofasial, kejayaan pembedahan ini membantu mengurangkan kebergantungan negara kepada pakar dari luar negara bagi merawat sindrom 'Crouzon'. Sebelum ini, penghidap sindrom terpaksa dihantar ke luar negara bagi menjalani pembedahan.

Menurut Profesor Dato' Dr. Zainal prosedur



“Prosedur pembedahan ini berisiko tinggi kerana melibatkan bahagian tengkorak, otak dan organ penting.”

pembedahan melibatkan beberapa peringkat dengan mengesan masalah yang dihadapi pesakit; membuat penilaian dan gambaran klinikal; diikuti dengan penghasilan biomodel 3D tengkorak bagi tujuan simulasi pembedahan; dan perancangan pembedahan

Profesor Dato' Dr. Zainal mengetuai pembedahan yang mencatat sejarah sebagai yang pertama di Malaysia.

sebelum pembedahan sebenar dilakukan.

“Prosedur pembedahan ini berisiko

tinggi kerana melibatkan bahagian tengkorak, otak dan organ penting. Penglibatan pakar-pakar PPUM dalam pelbagai disiplin amat penting bagi memastikan semuanya berjalan lancar dan mengurangkan risiko berlakunya pendarahan melampau, kerosakan otak dan kematian yang boleh berlaku semasa prosedur berlangsung,” tambah Profesor Dato' Dr. Zainal.

Semasa prosedur pembedahan ini, Profesor Dato' Dr. Zainal dibantu

oleh pakar pediatrik, neurologi, oftalmologi, pembedahan plastik, pembedahan oral dan maksilofasial, pakar telinga dan tekak, pakar anesthesiologi dan makmal biokejuruteraan yang membina biomodel 3D tengkorak disamping kerjasama pakar bedah maksilofasial dari University of Hong Kong.

Dua kanak-kanak yang berjaya menjalani pembedahan ini tanpa komplikasi besar adalah Muhammad Adam Faiq yang berusia 2 tahun 8 bulan dan Chen Yu Ying, 3 tahun 2 bulan. Kedua-dua mereka dikesan menghidap penyakit ini selepas dilahirkan.

Sindrom Crouzon yang boleh dikesan pada peringkat awal kelahiran bayi berlaku disebabkan oleh mutasi gen yang dibawa dari generasi ke generasi yang mengakibatkan tengkorak tidak dapat membesar selari dengan perkembangan otak bayi



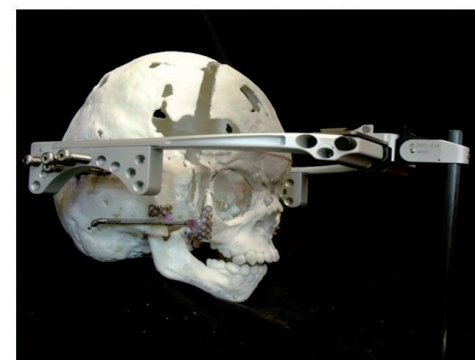
Adam (kiri) dan Yu Ying dikesan menghidap sindrom 'Crouzon' sejak dilahirkan

dan akibatnya bayi boleh terdedah kepada pelbagai komplikasi.

“Pembedahan ke atas kedua-dua pesakit ini berupaya mengembalikan struktur tengkorak terutama bahagian mata dan otak kepada keadaan normal dengan memasang alat regangan 'osteogenesis monobloc'.”

“Penghidap sindrom 'Crouzon' biasanya mengalami kesukaran untuk menutup mata semasa tidur dan sukar bernafas disebabkan orbit mata dan ruang pernafasan yang kecil dan sempit. Apabila kedua-dua ruang menjadi sempit, maka ruang

Alat regangan 'osteogenesis monobloc' yang dipasang kepada Adam dan Yu Ying semasa pembedahan.



untuk otak berkembang semakin sukar dan pengaliran keluar masuk bendalir juga menjadi tidak mencukupi sehingga boleh menyebabkan jangkitan kuman.”

“Semasa pembedahan itu dijalankan, pasukan kami terpaksa membuat bukaan pada bahagian leher dan membawa tulang bahagian kepala pesakit ke depan.”

“Alat regangan 'osteogenesis monobloc' yang dipasang pada bahagian atas muka dan bahagian belakang telinga hanya boleh dibuka setelah kita mencapai keputusan yang diinginkan iaitu jangkaan bukaan 20 hingga 30mm yang mungkin mengambil masa sehingga 3 atau 6 bulan bergantung kepada kesihatan pesakit.”

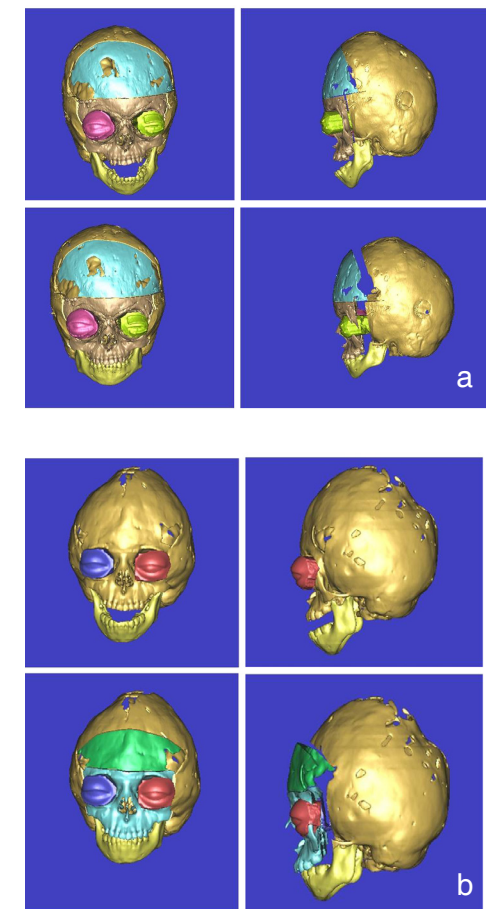
Tambah beliau lagi, sejak dibedah pada 21 November lalu, Muhammad Adam telah mencapai pembukaan tulang kepala sehingga 1.6 sm manakala Yu Ying yang menjalani prosedur pembedahan pada 23 November telah mencapai pembukaan tulang sehingga 1.4 sm setakat ini.

Kedua-dua pesakit akan mempunyai peluang 90 peratus bagi mendapat keadaan muka normal. Pembedahan susulan seperti kosmetik dapat membantu untuk memperbaiki struktur wajah sekiranya berlaku ketidakseimbangan pada wajah, tetapi hanya boleh dilakukan setelah pesakit mencapai usia sekurang-kurangnya 15 tahun.

Anggaran keseluruhan kos pembedahan ini adalah sekitar RM160,000

dan dibiayai dari geran penyelidikan UM.

Kaedah pembedahan menggunakan regangan 'osteogenesis monobloc' dapat mengatasi masalah pembedahan konvensional yang terhad di mana kaedah ini membantu pembentukan tulang secara semulajadi bagi memenuhi ruang yang renggang berbanding kaedah konvensional yang memerlukan graf tambahan.



Simulasi 3D menunjukkan perbezaan tengkorak kedua-dua pesakit sebelum dan selepas pembedahan (a) Adam (b) Yu Ying

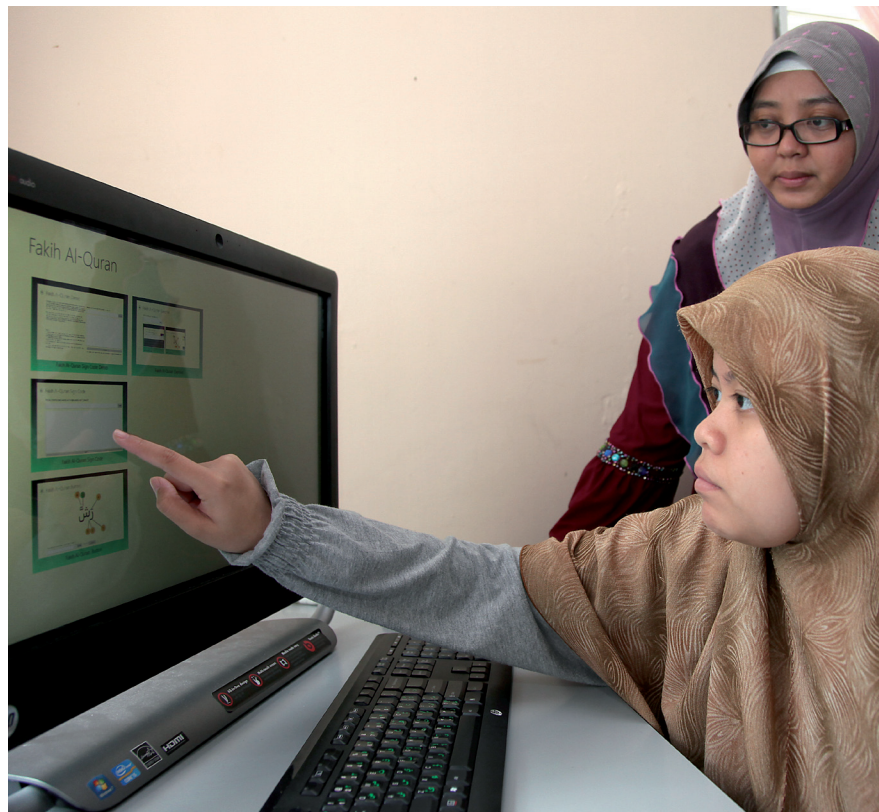
RINTIS FAKIH Al-Qur'an

Speaking to Allah Through Sign

By Harris Rajahdin

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-Dr. Nazean



suffering from autism, down syndrome and hearing impairment. Some of them will never hear the verses of the Holy Book read to them.

Their only form of recognition is through the sign code, with each hand gesture representing a letter in the Arabic scripture. It is through their 'language' that they show their love to Allah, the Almighty.

Despite all the obstacles facing them, lies hope in the form of the Fakih Al-Qur'an teaching tool designed by Head of the Rintis Fakih Project in UM, Dr Nazean Jomhari in collaboration with Akademi Fakih Inteltek founder, Nor' Aziah Daud to help students with various learning disabilities read and understand Qur'an.

Using the framework of the Fakih Al-Quran Typography software developed by Alif Abdol Aziz for his software engineering final year academic project, Dr Nazean, Senior Lecturer from the Department of Software Engineering, took 4 months to transform Nor' Aziah's magnetic

number and colours learning board into a computer application that enabled students with learning disabilities read the holy verses by spelling out each Arabic letter on an LCD touch screen application.

To give an idea of the difficulty faced by Dr Nazean, a senior lecturer from the Department of Software Engineering who supervised Alif for his final year project, and her team in designing the application, they first had to design the typography (font) of Arabic letters in hand code (sign language) and later convert it into the Fakih numbering order.

The idea for this revolutionary breakthrough was sparked by Dr Nazean's difficulty in finding a willing tutor for her 10 year old son, Asyraf Zakwan Mohd Zaini who did not respond positively to their efforts in teaching him to read the Qur'an.

"I went to mosques and asked whether he could learn the Qur'an but they told me that they didn't have anyone to help me. Then I called an *ustazah* to my house, but Asyraf shouted at her and told her to go away.

"Autistic children can be very difficult at times, but I have noticed that he behaves differently when I played a CD of Quranic verses in my car during a trip to Kuala Terengganu. This is the beauty of the Qur'an, the *mukjizat* miracle that it brings to all mankind.

"It provides a calming effect on him and from there on, I began to play Quranic VCD's at home. From there on, I began to understand that they (autistic people) learn from visuals and not through words," she said.

Dr Nazean then suggested the idea for the formation of the Intellectual Fakih Academy to the Director of Centre for Quranic

Research, Professor Datuk Dr Zulkifli Yaacob in collaboration with Akademi Fakih Inteltek, a learning centre catering for students with learning disabilities.

"The idea received positive response from Dr Zulkifli with the centre providing financial aid and the use of a bungalow and other facilities.

"From only 5 children in February which we started with a group of students from my son's school, Sekolah Pendidikan Khas Shah Alam we have grown to 30 students. The youngest is one year old and we even have an autistic student who is 27 years old.

"We have a group of dedicated teaching staff who provide lessons to all the special needs students on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 2.30 to 4.30 pm. We also organize classes for normal students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7.00 to 9.00 pm.

"Ustazah Nor' Aziah Daud also drops by every Sunday to provide her personal touch to all the students," she added.

After witnessing the enthusiastic response towards the Fakih Al-Qur'an, Dr Nazean and her team now plan to develop the application in tablet form for the convenience of users.

"Our prototype is almost complete after 4 months of development and we plan to introduce it in tablet devices which mostly supports interactive touch screen. We are looking to collaborate with interested parties to further promote our application not just in Malaysia but also to the Muslim world," added Dr. Nazean.

One of the classes conducted by Dr Nazean's staff



Dr Nazean guiding one of her students, Nasuha Roslan, 24 to read the Qur'an using the Fakih Al-Qur'an Typography Software

Recited 17 times a day by Muslims around the world in *salat*, the holy verse Al-Fatihah can be heard from a bungalow outside just a stone's throw away from UM's quarters.

But look inside closely and you will be surprised to find out that this melodious recitation emanating from the bungalow comes from a group of children, ranging from a year old to in their teens, aided by the use of a computer software.

Not just any group of ordinary children, they have been identified as special needs children



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UP CLOSE AND PROFESSIONAL Prof. Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman

By Jany Tan Poo Choo



Receiving the Excellence Awards 2012 for the Excellent Lecturer and Outstanding Researcher Awards

After watching the popular American television medical drama *Grey's Anatomy*, you might have thought, "Women doctors don't look that neat and good in real life," then you have not met Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman. A mother of two boys, Luqman 15, and Karim 13, physician and Head of Infectious Diseases Unit with the University of Malaya Medical Centre, Prof. Dr. Adeeba has the best equilibrium of her attitude, beauty and brain.

On April 19, Prof. Dr. Adeeba won the 2012 Advance Global Australian Alumni Award. In addition, she was also the recipient of the Excellent Lecturer and Outstanding Researcher Awards during the recent University of Malaya Excellence Awards Ceremony held on 10 December 2012. Prof. Adeeba is also the former Chairperson for the Council of AIDS, Malaysia in 2010 and founder of the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA), UM.

She obtained her medical degree from Monash University in Australia. She was trained in internal medicine at the Monash Medical Centre and later in infectious diseases at Fairfield and Austin Hospital in Melbourne. Prof. Adeeba shares with us her thoughts on AIDS awareness.

What is your advice to those infected by HIV?

HIV has changed so much since the early days. People should be aware that there is now better treatment available. Essentially, if you know that you are infected and take the medications as prescribed you can lead a normal life.

There are still those who continue to discriminate and remain seemingly unaware of the disease and the public are still not comfortable to talk about it. How can we improve on this?

The media plays a very, very important role to disseminate accurate information. Nowadays, with the many media channels, especially the social media – reaching the youth should be made more creative and easier.

The correct information has to be delivered through a structured, institutionalised way – that is, through sex education in schools. The information has to be age appropriate and started at a relatively young age. We know that many children including Malaysian children reached puberty around the age of 15 – thus they have to be educated early on this.

How else would you like to contribute more to the society?

I would like to see a change in the Malaysian Drug Policy and I would like to see work towards ending AIDS – an idea that may sound improbable but it is possible.

With your busy schedule, how do you juggle between career and family?

Whenever possible, I take my family along on my local and international travels. For instance, they came to the US recently when I attended the AIDS Conference in Washington District Council. We spent some time together in New York and Los Angeles. They were also with me in Mexico City four years ago. My husband, Umar Swift and I travel a lot in the course of our work and it has given our children an opportunity to see the world that not many children their age would otherwise have.



With her sons, Luqman 15 and Karim 13.

The Herculean Tasks of a Humble Scholar

Dr. David Asirvatham Takes on Transforming UM ICT from Old Legacy to Global Legitimac

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin

Always wearing a shy smile and known as a man of subtle authority, Dr. David Asirvatham dreams of the days when the University of Malaya's campus community may work from anywhere, at any time and using any device.

Dr. David was born in Kuala Kangsar, Perak in 1959. He received his primary education in Cathor Avenue, Ipoh and secondary education at Anderson School. After finishing his Form Six, Dr. David went to University of Malaya (UM) to pursue his Bachelor of Science in Education, studying mathematics and physics. In 1984 he obtained his Post-graduate diploma in Computer Science from UM before going offshore to pursue his Masters in Digital Systems at Brunel University, United Kingdom in 1992. He consolidated his academic qualifications with a Philosophical Doctorate in Information Technology from Multimedia University in the year 2009.

He is married to Christina since 1997, who is currently a teacher in the Kelana Jaya Elementary School and together they have three children, Sherwin Diva, Shamita Diya and Shamella Diya.

He was the Senior Director of IT Service Division and has handled multi-million projects such as the Multimedia and IT Infrastructure Project for MMU, Multimedia Learning System and Smart-Card Applications. As an academic, Dr. David also published about 30 articles on information technology.

For all this achievements and many others, Dr. David has won the Best Lecturer Award in University Technology Mara in 1995, the Asia Pacific Multimedia Super Corridor Information Technology & Telecommunications Awards 2000 (APMITTA) for Best Smart Learning Application,

the Asia Pacific Information Communication Technology Award for Best Learning Application in 2001 and the Smart Community International Network (SCIN) for SCIN Best Practice Award in 2004 (Holland).

Since he moved to UM in 2009, Dr. David had changed the landscape of UM's communication system and planning to add more.

"Right now the Centre had implemented many applications so that UM may operate under a paperless environment. We have

upgraded the email storage capacity from 200 mega-bytes to 25 gigabytes. The way we manage our documents has also gradually changed. Right now UM is centralizing its document management system." And there are more to come.

"We are really serious in setting up the Multimedia Centre which is located in Wisma R&D. The Centre is helping academics to convert materials into digital

format. The materials include lectures and seminars."

"We are also planning to have a mini-studio that may record lectures which then will be uploaded into YouTube Channel and Facebook."

These Herculean tasks, although hard and may be met with some resistance, are important to the University. Dr. David explained that all of these changes are important in meeting up with the industrial requirements and rising competitiveness.

"I believe that we must do the best in everything that we do. That applies especially to our effort in creating a working environment where space and distance will no longer be an issue. Time and money is our constant enemy, but I think we will get there."





1. Sukarelawan memakai kad bersaiz besar bagi menyampaikan mesej kepada masyarakat bahawa HIV/AIDS tidak merebak melalui sentuhan dan pelukan.
2. Binaan kreatif riben merah yang digantung dengan kad-kad dedikasi menjadi tarikan utama pengunjung.

Pelajar Perubatan UM Prihatin

Hapuskan Stigma dan Diskriminasi Terhadap Penghidap HIV/AIDS

Oleh Rohaizan Ramli

"Saya HIV positif, adakah anda akan memeluk saya?"

Apakah reaksi anda sekiranya seseorang menghampiri dan bertanya soalan tersebut? Adakah reaksi refleks anda menjauhi dan mengelakkan diri daripada mereka? Atau anda spontan akan memeluk mereka?

Realitinya, HIV dan AIDS tidak akan merebak melalui sentuhan dan pelukan. Itulah mesej yang cuba disampaikan

di leher mereka kad bersaiz besar yang tertera perkataan *If I were HIV+, will you hug me* dan berlegar-legar di sekitar pusat membeli-belah *Times Square* bagi menyampaikan mesej kepada masyarakat bahawa HIV/AIDS tidak merebak melalui sentuhan dan pelukan.

Pelbagai reaksi yang diterima daripada pengunjung. Ada yang membuat mimik muka yang tidak menyenangkan, menjauhi diri dan tidak kurang juga yang memandang rendah dan menyindir.

Menurut jurucakap MedSoc, Annabella Diong, E.R.A.S.E yang dianjurkan bersempena dengan sambutan Hari AIDS Sedunia bertujuan

menghapuskan stigma dan diskriminasi yang membelenggu masyarakat terhadap penghidap HIV/AIDS.

"Program ini mendedahkan masyarakat kepada fakta-fakta mengenai HIV/AIDS termasuklah cara transmisi dan cara mengelakkan jangkitan virus ini," tambah beliau.

Selain aktiviti *free hugs*, MedSoc

turut bekerjasama dengan Public Arts Crew UM (PAKU) dalam menghasilkan binaan kreatif riben merah yang dipamerkan di perkarangan *Times Square* yang menjadi tarikan utama para pengunjung.

Skulptur yang berukuran 30m panjang, 10m lebar, dan 3m tinggi itu dibina dengan menggunakan 20,000 biji botol air mineral terpakai. Ia digunakan untuk menggantung kad-kad dedikasi untuk penghidap HIV/AIDS.

Kad dedikasi ini ditulis oleh orang ramai bagi menunjukkan sokongan dan memberi kata-kata semangat kepada penghidap HIV/AIDS.

Terdapat empat jenis kad yang dijual kepada orang ramai. Hasil jualan ini akan disumbangkan kepada Yayasan AIDS Malaysia.

Program selama dua hari yang dijayakan dengan kerjasama Majlis AIDS Malaysia (MAC) juga diisi dengan aktiviti-aktiviti lain seperti *freeze mob* di mana para pengunjung membekukan diri selama 1 minit dan juga *flash mob* yang menggabungkan tarian dan aksi drama pendek mengenai HIV/AIDS hasil kreativiti pelajar UM sendiri. MedSoc turut mencipta sebuah lagu bertajuk *Carry Them Home* yang ditujukan khas kepada penghidap HIV/AIDS.

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oleh Persatuan Perubatan Universiti Malaya (MedSoc UM) melalui aktiviti *free hugs* bersempena dengan penganjuran program kesedaran mengenai HIV/AIDS yang bertajuk E.R.A.S.E [Eradicate – (AIDS + HIV) = Equality] baru-baru ini.

Sukarelawan dalam kalangan pelajar Universiti Malaya (UM) dan institusi pengajian tinggi lain telah menggantung

Walkathon Tingkatkan Kesedaran Kanser Mulut

Oleh Rohaizan Ramli

Di Malaysia, kanser mulut tidak sehebat diperkatakan berbanding kanser jenis lain seperti kanser payudara tetapi kanser mulut juga boleh dikesan pada peringkat awal melalui pemeriksaan sendiri.

Namun, disebabkan tiada kesedaran mengenai tanda-tanda, simpton dan punca penyakit ini, kebanyakan pesakit kanser mulut hanya akan mendapatkan rawatan pada peringkat lewat walhal penghidap kanser ini mempunyai peluang sebanyak 80% untuk sembuh sekiranya dikesan pada peringkat awal.

Mesej inilah yang cuba disampaikan kepada orang ramai melalui penganjuran Minggu Kesedaran Kanser Mulut (MCAW 2012) yang berlangsung dari 18 – 24 November lepas. Program tahunan ini merupakan anjuran bersama Fakulti Pergigian, Universiti Malaya (UM) dan Pusat Penyelidikan & Penyelarasan Kanser Mulut (OCRCC), UM dengan

kerjasama Bahagian Kesihatan Pergigian, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia.

Menurut Dekan Fakulti Pengigian yang juga Pengarah OCRCC, Profesor Dr. Rosnah Mohd Zain, objektif penganjuran MCAW yang mula dianjurkan pada tahun 2006 bertujuan meningkatkan kesedaran orang ramai

“Antara amalan berisiko tinggi yang boleh menyebabkan kanser mulut termasuklah penggunaan tembakau seperti menghisap rokok, pengambilan sيره bercampur kapur, pinang dan pengambilan alkohol yang berlebihan,”
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Kanser mulut boleh dirawat sekiranya dikesan pada peringkat awal melalui kaedah pembedahan, kemoterapi dan radioterapi.

Simbolik kepada pembukaan MCAW adalah penganjuran *walkathon* yang mula menjadi acara tetap sempena MCAW sejak tahun 2009. Seramai 300 peserta terdiri daripada warga UM dan orang awam mengambil bahagian dalam acara ini. Mereka mengelilingi Taman Tasik Shah Alam sejauh 3 kilometer.

Selain *walkathon*, pembukaan MCAW turut diisi dengan aktiviti pemeriksaan gigi dan kesihatan secara percuma, gerai jualan amal, gerai pendidikan, pameran poster dan permainan tradisional.

Pada mulanya penganjuran *walkathon* dilakukan secara skala kecil di UM sahaja. Ekoran sambutan yang memberangsangkan, *walkathon* dijadikan sebagai aktiviti pembukaan untuk MCAW pada tahun-tahun berikutnya.

Majlis pelancaran *walkathon* disempurnakan oleh Dr. Khairiyah Abdul Mutalib, Pengarah Kanan (Kesihatan Pergigian), Kementerian Kesihatan diiringi oleh Profesor Dr. Rosnah dan juga dekan dan wakil dekan dari Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) dan Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM).

Sepanjang seminggu MCAW berlangsung, orang ramai turut berpeluang untuk membuat saringan kanser mulut secara percuma di Fakulti Pergigian, UM dan di semua klinik pergigian kerajaan. Manakala pada 16 November lepas telah berlangsung satu bengkel tentang penyaringan kanser mulut khas untuk pengamal-pengamal pergigian dan perubatan.



terhadap kanser mulut.

“Walaupun rakyat Malaysia sedar tentang kanser mulut tetapi kebanyakan mereka tidak tahu mengenai punca dan tanda-tanda awal penyakit ini.

Disebabkan itu, kanser ini menyumbang kepada kadar jangka hayat atau *survival* 5 tahun rendah iaitu kurang daripada 50%, yakni lebih rendah berbanding kanser payudara dan kanser serviks,” kata Profesor Dr. Rosnah.

1. Peserta melakukan senaman ringan sebelum memulakan walkathon

2. Kira-kira 300 peserta berpakaian kemeja-t walkathon di garisan permulaan.

UMAG Celebrates a Wonderful Year as Fascinating Exhibitions Captures the Imagination of the Public

By Harris Rajahdin

It has been a wonderful year for the University of Malaya Art Gallery (UMAG). Since its opening in October 2011, UMAG has been a constant hive of activity with numerous exhibitions held at its impressive 1500 square meters of viewing area on the 5th floor of the Chancellery Building.

Among the exhibitions that have captured the imagination of the public were Rapt in Maya, *Jendela Jiwa* and Faces 2012 – The exhibition. These art displays were certainly the highlight for UMAG in 2012. Here's hoping there's more to come for 2013.

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- Royal Professor Ungku Aziz



Rapt in Maya



Erti

Rapt in Maya

The former Vice-Chancellor of UM, Royal Professor Ungku Aziz Ungku Abdul Hamid said it best in his speech during the opening ceremony, inviting visitors to fully understand the true meaning behind all of the paintings on display.

He said, "Someone needs time to see all the paintings on display entitled "Rapt In Maya" and think deeply the meaning of 'maya' to understand the true meaning of 'maya'"

He added, "The word 'maya' comes from the Sanskrit language 3000 years ago. The word maya has been used in the Malay language since 1811. Maya is the realm in your mind that is in your vision but it is not actually there. After visiting all the paintings in the exhibition, only then will you truly understand the meaning of maya."

Featuring the works of Sivam Selvaratnam in her second solo exhibition, "Rapt in Maya" which was on display from the 15th August to 15th September showcasing more than 100 paintings from various genres, among them Textile, Nature, Raga and Chroma.

Jendela Jiwa

The demise of Othman Ahmad, the

father of Associate Professor Dr. Abdul Jalil Othman had a profound effect on this academician cum artist.

Dr. Abdul Jalil, who was in the midst of completing his first solo exhibition "Jendela Jiwa" when his father passed away paid tribute to his late father, who was also a talented artist, for inspiring him to convey his thoughts and ideas on canvas.

"This exhibition is a tribute to my late father who was also an artist, has been my biggest inspiration and strength in the course of pursuing my art.

"My biggest regret, he is not with us today to celebrate the launch of my first solo exhibition after being in a coma for 40 days," added the lecturer from the Department of Language and Literary Education who exhibited his works from 24th September till 24th October.

FACES The Exhibition'

With watercolours being the unifying factor, 'FACES' – The Exhibition brought four veteran artists together, Dr. Wong Seng Tong, Calvin Chua Cheng Koon, Maamor Jantan and Yong Look Lam, each with their own impressions of people, places and their livelihoods.

Their works, on display from 29th October till 29th November, captured the changing faces of tradition and modernity while offering glimpses into rural communities and the simple pleasures of life like that of riverside picnics and fishing villages including the Pulau Mabul stand-alone stilt-houses far away from shore.

The focus was not only on both East and West Malaysia and also the immediate Nusantara areas like Indonesia. More than a travelogue, it also gave insights into the close rapport of the communities despite modern encroachments.

With a combined total of 120 years of experience in the local arts scene, the members of the Malaysian Watercolour Society works were divided into five broad categories, namely Portraits, Water World, Landscapes, the

Malay World and Culture. There were also two mini-rooms devoted to small works.

ERTI: Giving Meaning to an Idea, Transforming Students into Artists

What is the meaning of art? The philosophy of art as 'giving MEANING to an IDEA' was unanimously selected to be the title by the participants and the committee of Art Ventura. The main idea behind the exhibition title is to offer its participants a rather wide theme to encompass their work, allowing them much freedom and diversity.

This interesting philosophy became the basis for the formation of 'Art Ventura' to provide a platform for UM student-artists to establish themselves.

As part of one of its yearly event agendas it was decided by its committee members, that Art Ventura must have its yearly exhibition. That is how ERTI was conceived.

Erti, featuring 20 budding artists was launched by Chief Librarian, Dr. Nor Edzan Che Nasir in a simple ceremony on 14th December with the exhibition running for 3 weeks onwards.



Jendela Jiwa



Faces 2012



Komuniti kubikel berkumpul untuk berkongsi berita pejabat.

Etiket Kerja dalam Pejabat Berkonsep Kubikel

Oleh Wan Mazni W. Mohd Woojdy

Pejabat berkonsep kubikel

Budaya kontemporari bekerja dalam ruang pejabat berkonsep kubikel sudah bermula sejak lewat 1960an. Seseengah organisasi mengamalkan kombinasi konsep bilik pejabat tradisional dan kubikel. Banyak kebaikan konsep kubikel ini terutama sekali menjimatkan ruang pejabat, mudah disusun, dipasang atau dirombak dan lebih murah.

Pekerja yang bekerja dalam sistem begini perlu merubah cara berfikir dan mempunyai kesedaran tentang etiket sistem kubikel untuk membina suasana kerja yang harmoni. Memang kurang privasi, kadangkala agak bising selain perlu bersabar dengan kerengah ramai jiran sekerja dalam kubikel

lain. Sebenarnya pekerja kubikel masih boleh bertahan, mempunyai privasi dan hidup dalam dunia kubikel apabila berkompromi sebagai satu komuniti yang berdisiplin.

Komuniti dalam sistem kubikel tidak berseorangan. Pada amnya, lapan jam dari waktu berjaga setiap hari dihabiskan di pejabat. Kubikel memberi cabaran harian kepada pekerja yang bekerja dalam konsep kubikel ini. Mereka harus membiasakan diri dengan telatah rakan sekerja dan mengawal perilaku diri dari menjadi gangguan kepada pekerja di kubikel lain.

Menghormati ruang kerja rakan sekerja dan memastikan suasana aman di sekitar tempat kerja dapat menghasilkan

hari bekerja yang produktif dan meningkat hubungan di antara pekerja. Namun begitu dengan mengamalkan beberapa peraturan yang dinyatakan boleh menjadikan ia persekitaran tempat kerja yang lebih menyenangkan.

Perlahankan suara

Bercakaplah dengan suara perlahan sewaktu berbual dengan rakan sekerja dan di telefon supaya tidak mengganggu rakan kubikel yang lain. Jangan menjerit seberang dinding kubikel untuk bertanya soalan kepada jiran kubikel sebelah. Bangun dan pergi bercakap dengan mereka jika perlu atau ajak berbincang di bilik mesyuarat atau di tempat lain.

Melawat kubikel rakan

Kubikel juga sebuah bilik pejabat hanya tiada pintu untuk ditutup. Jika perlu melawat kubikel rakan sekerja, ketuk dinding kubikel sebelum masuk. Dapatkan kebenaran sebelum mengambil sesuatu barang. Kalau terpaksa meminjam barang seperti kerusi atau 'stapler' semasa ketiadaannya maka seeloknya ditinggalkan sekeping nota menyatakan barang yang dipinjam dan kembalikan secepat mungkin.

Jangan membaca surat, nota atau faks di kubikel orang lain. Jangan sering bersidai di atas dinding kubikel untuk melihat apa yang dilakukan oleh jiran kubikel atau saja-saja singgah untuk berbual. Hormati masa bekerja rakan sekerja yang sibuk sedangkan anda tidak melainkan jika ia perbualan yang sangat ringkas.

Kebersihan dan menghias kubikel

Kubikel yang bersih dan kemas mencerminkan penghuninya bersikap pembersih dan prihatin terhadap keselesaan orang lain. Sampah dibuang ke dalam tong sampah. Fail, dokumen dan kertas bersusun rapi dan hiasan tidak berlebihan. Meletakkan hiasan seperti lukisan, foto keluarga dan kaktus dalam pasu kecil boleh menjadi sumber inspirasi dan melegakan tekanan.

Menukar susunan atau hiasan sekali sekala memastikan persekitaran kubikel sentiasa segar. Jangan pameran bahan yang mungkin menyinggung perasaan orang lain yang melintas atau menjengah ke kubikel anda.

Bercakap di telefon

Bersikap profesional. Jawab panggilan sebelum deringan ketiga dan bercakap dalam suara perlahan supaya tidak mengganggu komuniti kubikel berdekatan. Hadkan dan ringkaskan perbualan telefon peribadi melainkan panggilan kecemasan. Ubah telefon bimbit pada mod bergetar ('vibrate') semasa waktu bekerja melainkan jika penggunaannya berkaitan urusan kerja.

Jangan berlegar-legar menunggu rakan kubikel habis bercakap di telefon untuk bertanya soalan atau memberi dokumen. Tinggalkan dahulu dan kembali kemudian. Bercakap tentang perkara peribadi dan sulit di tempat lain. Jika terdengar perbualan peribadi jiran kubikel jangan endahkan atau cuba mencuri dengar.

Mendengar Muzik atau Ceramah

Perlahankan bunyinya jikalau perlu mendengar muzik atau rakaman ceramah supaya pekerja lain dapat menyiapkan kerja tanpa gangguan. Hormati rakan sekerja yang sukakan suasana tempat kerja yang tenang. Namun begitu terdapat juga organisasi yang membenarkan muzik dipasang agak perlahan untuk menimbulkan suasana ketenangan dalam persekitaran pejabat. Pilihan lain adalah dengan menggunakan 'headphone' atau 'earphone' untuk mendengar muzik bersendirian.

Makanan dan bau yang mengganggu

Kedudukan fizikal jiran kubikel yang rapat bermakna komuniti berkongsi satu ruang udara yang sama. Ada jenis makanan yang berbau kuat dan cepat merebak ke seluruh ruang udara seperti gulai rebung, sup herba, sambal tumis belacan, dan yang seumpamanya. Sebaiknya makan di pantri atau kafetaria sahaja. Jika ingin menyimpan sebalang kecil gula-gula atau snek di atas meja kubikel hendaklah bersedia untuk berkongsi dengan rakan sekerja supaya tidak dicap tiada semangat sepasukan.

Elakkan makanan yang berbunyi seperti menghirup, mengunyah kerepek atau keropok rangup dan bersendawa. Bersihkan sampah makanan selesai makan ke dalam tong sampah di pantri atau luar pejabat supaya kubikel bersih dan bebas daripada bau berlarutan. Awas juga bau wangian yang berpotensi menyinggung atau menyucuk hidung mungkin mengganggu ketenangan jiran sekerja yang mempunyai alahan.

Pakai Kasut

Bersopan. Jangan letak kaki di atas meja. Pakai kasut semasa bekerja kerana berkaki ayam atau berselipar membawa imej negatif.

Menggendang jari atau kuku

Jangan biasakan 'klik' kuku panjang pada 'keyboard' anda atau bergendang jari di atas meja apabila sedang berfikir, menunggu ilham datang atau tidak sabar menunggu sesuatu kerana bunyi ini juga mengganggu ketenteraman.

Maklumat Rahsia dan Sulit

Jangan cuba membaca fail atau skrin komputer dari belakang rakan sekerja atau semasa mereka tiada di kubikel. Kawal dan jangan biarkan data atau maklumat yang sensitif terpapar pada skrin komputer atau dibiarkan di atas meja anda bila meninggalkan kubikel.

Akhir kata, semoga beberapa peraturan tentang adab dan tertib bekerja dalam kubikel ini dapat membantu dalam menyemai persefahaman dan silaturahim dalam kalangan komuniti kubikel.

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ANDA Protokol dan Etiket Sosial

Oleh Mohd Khairi Md Jaafar

Kefahaman tentang protokol dan etiket sosial akan mengurangkan kegusaran kita terhadap hal protokol dan etiket pelengkap tertib diri. Pengetahuan yang terhad berkenaan protokol dalam mengurus majlis dan keyakinan membawa gaya diri dalam sesuatu majlis dapat diselesaikan melalui rujukan kepada panduan atau perunding dalam bidang ini.

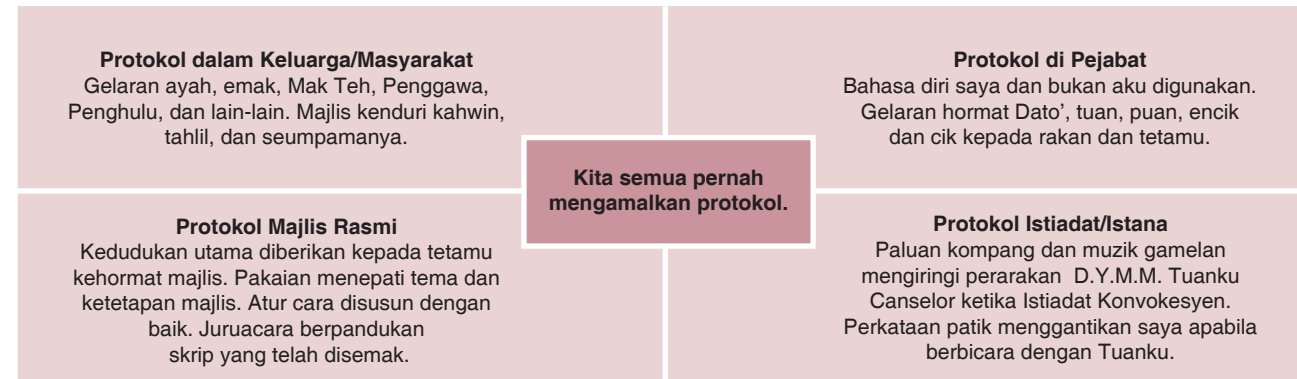
Justeru itu, mulai keluaran ini, Instrumental akan memaparkan maklumat ringkas dalam memahami protokol majlis serta etiket sosial sebagai panduan mudah kepada warga Universiti Malaya dalam melaksanakan tugas harian dan mengurus majlis.

- Istilah 'protokol' berasal daripada bahasa Greek — "Protos" bererti 'yang pertama' dan "Kolla" bererti 'pelekat' digabung

menjadi 'protokol' bermaksud pelekat yang pertama merujuk kepada suatu tanda taraf atau status.

- Definisi Protokol: Susunan adat istiadat dan peraturan-peraturan yang telah ditetapkan terutamanya oleh wakil-wakil kerajaan dalam upacara rasmi.
- Definisi Etiket Sosial: Peraturan-peraturan terhadap tingkah laku atau sopan santun sebagai satu amalan yang diterima oleh masyarakat. Amalan etiket menunjukkan rasaimbang rasa dan mejadi ukuran imej diri seseorang.

Sebenarnya kita sudahpun merasai pengalaman protokol dalam kehidupan harian bermasyarakat dan di organisasi tempat kita bekerja. Pengalaman dan kefahaman mengenai protokol ini telah saya terjemahkan dalam bentuk carta.



Sampai di sini sahaja buat kali ini. Dalam keluaran akan datang saya akan memperkatakan aspek lain pula tentang protokol dan etiket sosial. Penutup kata, terimalah dari saya:

Protokol itu tidak menyusahkan la hadir untuk menyenangkan Marilah tuan, marilah puan Panduan mudah ICR paparkan Bersama-sama kita amalkan.

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UM Welcomes Prof. Dr. Awang Bulgiba as the New DVC (Research & Innovation)

By Harris Rajahdin



Professor Dr. Awang Bulgiba Awang Mahmud as the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation)

UM is proud to welcome Professor Dr. Awang Bulgiba Awang Mahmud as the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) for a three year term with effect from 16th of August.

Professor Awang, 49, succeeds Professor Dr. Hamzah Hj Abdul Rahman, whose term ends on the 15th of August. Prior to this, Professor Awang served as the Director of the Centre for Global Planning and Strategy, a position he held from the 1st of July 2011.

During his tenure as Director of the Global Planning and Strategy Centre, he spearheaded the centre's efforts in managing the auditing system which led to UM being granted autonomy status (one of 5 public universities in Malaysia to

achieve this), revising UM's Strategic Plan, setting up an Executive Information System, streamlining the Academic Icon Programme, revamping UM's Key Performance Index, setting up a new model of UM's Excellence Awards and restructuring UM's Management.

Tasked with revolutionizing the global brand name of UM, Professor Awang used his extensive experience as the Deputy Dean for Undergraduate and Diploma programmes in repositioning UM as one of the premier research universities in Asia.

His appointment as deputy dean on 1st September 2009 was the culmination of an extraordinary rise from an ordinary lecturer to full professorship in just 10 years, a record in the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine.

Keeping UM's Leadership Legacy Alive

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin



Tan Sri Lim Wee Chai and Tan Sri Muhammad Ali Bin Hashim during the Q&A session

The University of Malaya (UM) through the Alumni Advancement Office of the Institutional Advancement Centre (IAC) held the Alumni Leadership Series (ALS) programme at the Auditorium, Institute of Research Management and Monitoring.

Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam, Executive Chairman of Westports Malaysia, Tan Sri Lim Wee Chai, Chairman

of Top Glove Corporation Berhad and Tan Sri Muhammad Ali Bin Hashim, Founder, Waqaf An Nur Corporation Bhd, Malaysia and President of the Malaysian Islamic Chamber Of Commerce were the panelists for the inaugural forum.

With the topic "Alumni and Entrepreneurship: Sharing Experiences & Insights for Alumni Networking", this series hopes to ensure that the relationship between UM's alumni and their

alma mater remains dynamic while at the same time promote networking among alumni.

The programme was designed to enable UM to engage with those alumni who provide leadership in the various sectors as mentors and positive role models, who are able to provide guidance and assistance via sharing their experiences and insights with other alumni, especially the younger ones with leadership potential.

Mentoring Young Researchers By Nobel Laureate Professor Peter C. Doherty

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin



The University of Malaya (UM) in collaboration with National Professors Council (NPC) organized a Dialogue entitled 'Mentoring Young Researchers'. Nobel Laureate Professor Peter C. Doherty of the University of Melbourne delivered the talk followed by a dialogue which was held at the Auditorium, Research Management & Innovation Complex, UM. The moderator for the dialogue was Profesor Datin Dr. Hamimah Hj. Hassan from the Department Of Medical Microbiology, Faculty Of Medicine, UM.

The dialogue was part of a more comprehensive visit of Professor Doherty to Malaysia from the 26th to 28th September 2012. The first day of visit covered the 6th National Conference for Clinical Research

(NCCR) 2012 Plenary Lecture held at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), Dialogue on 'Career Pathway for Young Researchers in Clinical Research' and Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Distinguished Speaker Series at Sunway University.

The second day covered the Dialogue on 'Building National Commitment in S & T' hosted by ASM & Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation (MOSTI) at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), Dialogue on 'Creating the Research Culture' hosted by Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) held at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), and Dinner with the Academy of Sciences Malaysia Council Members at the Royal Lake Club.



1. The UM team at the Great Wall of China.
2. UM delegates with Malaysian students the studying Mandarin at BFSU.



In Pursuit of Knowledge and Friendship

By Wan Mazni W. Mohd Wooljdy

Suatu ketika dulu, laman web mereka dianggap antara yang paling tidak memenuhi piawaian dalam kalangan Pusat Bertanggungjawab (PTj) sehinggakan dikenakan laporan ketidakakuran pada sesi audit tahun lalu.

Namun segala-galanya tinggal kenangan pahit saja, dengan laman web Fakulti Pergigian melalui perubahan drastik 180 darjah untuk dinobatkan sebagai laman web terbaik UM sempena Majlis Penyampaian Hadiah Pertandingan Laman Web Pusat Bertanggungjawab (PTj) 2012.

Jelas ia adalah sesuatu kejayaan yang tidak disangka unit informatik Fakulti Pergigian yang bertungkus lumus sejak tahun lalu untuk memperbaiki reka bentuk dan kandungan laman <http://dentistry.um.edu.my> sehingga mengatasi 107 pesaingnya untuk menggondol anugerah utama.

Fakulti Pergigian Lalui Perubahan 180°, Dinobatkan Laman Web Terbaik PTj 2012

Oleh Harris Rajahdin

Laman web Pusat Perubatan UM (PPUM) meraih gelaran naib juara dengan Fakulti Alam Bina di tempat ketiga. Timbalan Naib Canselor (Pembangunan), Profesor Dr. Kurunathan Ratnavelu menyampaikan hadiah kepada pemenang pada majlis ringkas yang dilangsungkan di Wisma R & D akhir Ogos lalu.

Timbalan Dekan (Pembangunan) Fakulti Pergigian, Profesor Madya Dr. Fathilah Abdul Razak yang ditemui pada majlis tersebut, menyifatkan kemenangan itu adalah hasil usaha pengendali laman web (webmaster), Profesor Ngeow Wei Cheong dan unit informatik yang diketuai Penolong Pegawai Teknologi Maklumat, Haspalila Md Harith yang memulakan kerja-kerja pembaikan sejurus menerima laporan ketidakakuran tersebut.



Dr Fathilah dan Haspalila bergambar berlatar belakang laman web Fakulti Pergigian

“Beijing huanying ni.” It was a memorable visit to Beijing, China for the University of Malaya (UM) delegation organised by HANBAN (Ministry of Education, China) and the Kong Zi Institute for the Teaching of Chinese Language at UM, from 14 until 10 October 2012. The trip was sponsored by the Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU). We had a great opportunity to further develop the collaboration and relationship on knowledge exchange other than the interest in the Chinese language.

Discussions were held in relation to the MoU between BFSU and UM on the exchange of students, staff, publications, academic materials and joint-

research activities including programmes in areas of mutual interest. Our UM delegation was led by Professor Dr. Mohd. Hamdi Abd. Shukor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) and the 16 staff team holding different offices.

We visited historical places in China such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Water Cube and the Bird's Nest. We savoured halal Chinese dishes which were uniquely different from Malaysia's Chinese cuisine, and watched a fascinating acrobatic show.

We also met Malaysian students at BFSU who are potential Mandarin teachers, send by the

Ministry of Education, Malaysia. It is a known fact that Mandarin is fast gaining in importance as a language for international business in the world. Being multilingual, we will have a better advantage in a world of increasingly keen competition in education, business, trade, international politics, culture, economic and friendship. And also, when looking for competitive jobs.

Our heartfelt appreciation to HANBAN, BFSU and Kong Zi UM. The socio-cultural experience has enriched us in so many ways especially in embracing new friends and understanding China better. It is UM's sincere wish to reciprocate the gesture with an invitation to UM.



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UM Album

1. Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak attentively listening to the debate at the finals of the Prime Minister's Debate Trophy at Dewan Tunku Canselor
2. Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Dr. Rosnah Mohd Zain receiving a memento from the President & Chief Executive of SIRIM Berhad, Prof. Dr. Jasmy Yunus as signifying the agreement ceremony between SIRIM Berhad and UM in the production of dental fixation plates
3. Delegates from the Chief Information Officers (CIO) Forum listening intently to one of the speakers



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UPCC – The University of the Philippines Concert Chorus (UPCC) performed to a crowd of 500 at the Experimental Theatre



Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak at a book launch ceremony co-organized by the Indian Studies Department and Yayasan Sakti held at Dewan Tunku Canselor

Majlis Berbuka Puasa Bersama Kerabat Diraja Perak Cetus Pengalaman Baru

Oleh Harris Rajahdin

Majlis Berbuka Puasa bersama kerabat diraja Perak pada bulan Ramadan lalu memberikan pengalaman baru buat sekumpulan pelajar UM yang diberi peluang untuk menghadiri majlis penuh adat istiadat itu di Istana Iskandariah, Bukit Chandan, Kuala Kangsar.

Diketuai oleh Timbalan Yang Dipertua 1 Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar UM, Ahmad Syahmi Naim, rombongan sekitar 50 orang bersama-sama Pemangku Dekan, Fakulti Perniagaan & Pentadbiran, Profesor Dr Noor Azina Ismail dan pegawai ICR memulakan perjalanan pada pukul 2 petang ke bandar Diraja itu.

Setibanya rombongan UM ke Istana Perak, pihak istana membawa mereka ke dewan santapan sambil menantikan waktu berbuka puasa. Khabar maklum daripada Raja Dr. Nazrin memohon maaf kerana tidak dapat menghadiri majlis berbuka puasa itu kerana berada di London untuk menemani ayahandanya, Sultan Azlan Shah Canselor UM yang menjalani pembedahan bahu pada akhir Julai.

Begitu pun, ketiadaan Raja Dr Nazrin diubati dengan kehadiran Raja Puan Besar Perak, Tuanku Zara Salim yang menyambut kehadiran rombongan dari UM berserta wakil daripada pertubuhan bukan kerajaan.



Rombongan MPP UM bergambar kenang-kenangan di Istana Iskandariah

Sejurus berakhirnya santapan, hadirin kemudiannya kembali ke masjid untuk menunaikan solat Isyak disusuli Tarawih secara berjemaah.

Tidak berhenti di situ, rombongan UM disajikan dengan 'moreh' sebelum berangkat pulang ke UM pada 12 malam. Menaiki bas khas yang disediakan, rombongan UM tidak melepaskan peluang bergambar di sekitar Istana Iskandariah, membawa pulang seribu kenangan manis.

Oleh Mohd Julian Borhanudin

Kemeriahan Aidilfitri disambut bersama warga kampus dengan penganjuran Majlis Hari Raya Aidilfitri Universiti Malaya 2012 yang berlangsung di Dataran Canseleri pada 30 Ogos 2012. Majlis berkonsepkan 'rumah terbuka' berkenaan telah diserikan dengan kehadiran Naib Canselor, Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth Jasmon, Pengurusan UM dan Ahli-ahli Lembaga Pengarah Universiti.

Seramai hampir 5000 warga kampus yang terdiri daripada kakitangan akademik, Pengurusan & Profesional, Sokongan, dan pelajar dijamu dengan pelbagai juadah tradisional seperti lemang, ketupat dan rendang serta variasi kontemporari seperti daging masak kari, bubur caca, rojak buah dan roti jala bermula dari jam sebelas pagi. Selain dari lagu raya, para tetamu juga dihiburkan dengan lagu-lagu patriotik bersempena dengan sambutan Hari Kebangsaan yang jatuh pada keesokan harinya.

Keistimewaan sambutan kali ini adalah sesuai dengan semangat hari kebangsaan Malaysia, semangat majmuk nyata terpamer dalam kalangan tetamu pelbagai bangsa dan agama. Tetamu antarabangsa yang datang dari pelbagai negara seperti Indonesia, Iran, China, Jepun, Korea, Australia dan Pakistan dilayan dengan mesra jelas menonjolkan budaya toleransi masyarakat Malaysia khususnya warga kampus.



Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth bermesra dengan para tetamu majlis

Kepelbagaian dan Perpaduan Menyerikan Majlis Hari Raya Aidilfitri Universiti Malaya 2012

Fifteen countries represented by more than 250 participants gathered for a four-day conference to foster closer regional cooperation through scientific collaborations. Y.Bhg. Professor Datin Paduka Dr. Khatijah Mohd Yusoff, Deputy Secretary General, on behalf of YB Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili J.P, the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Malaysia, officiated the ceremony in the Auditorium, Institute of Research Management and Innovation, UM on 22 October 2012.

In her keynote lecture, Profesor Dato' Dr. Nor Aieni Haji Mokhtar, Organising Co-Chairperson and Director of the National Oceanography Directorate, MOSTI, said that regional scientific cooperation can help "ease the tension in this region and improve the mutual trust and understanding" amongst the nations in the region.

According to Professor Dr. Phang Siew Moi, Organising Chairperson of SCS2012 and Director for the



Professor Datin Paduka Dr. Khatijah trying some of the products with the DVCs

Building Bridges Over Troubled Waters in SCS 2012

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin

Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences (IOES), UM, this is the second conference on the South China Sea, which was first held in Kuantan in 2008. There have been many regional initiatives resulting

from the Kuantan SCS 2008, including the development of the Coral Triangle Initiative, ASEAN Algae Biofuel Consortium and SHIVA EU-Malaysia programme on atmospheric chemistry. The

conference is also timed to commemorate the launch of the IOES Marine Research Station at Bachok, Kelantan.

Intercivilizational Dialogue Towards Peace, Harmonious Co-Existence and Sustainability Symposium

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin



The Centre for Civilizational Dialogue of the University of Malaya (CCDUM), Malaysia and the Institute of Oriental Philosophy (IOP), Japan organized the "Intercivilizational Dialogue towards Peace, Harmonious Co-Existence and Sustainability" Symposium in collaboration with the Soka

Gakkai Malaysia (SGM) and the Department of National Unity and Integration (JPNIN), Malaysia.

Tun Mahathir presented the keynote address and witnessed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between the Centre for Civilizational Dialogue of the University of Malaya (CCDUM) and the Institute of Oriental Philosophy of Japan (IOP). The areas of the MoU include cooperation in conducting international symposia, seminars, lectures, scholarly meetings and exhibition, exchange of information, and promoting scholarly research. Also attending the sessions were Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr. Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukur, Deputy Vice-

Chancellor (Student Affairs), Prof Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, Director of Institute of Oriental Philosophy (IOP), Japan, Dr. Yoichi Kawada along with ambassadors and other distinguished guests. The symposium, held on 23 – 24 October 2012 featured some of the most prominent thinkers as its speakers. The speakers were Prof Dr Syed Farid Alatas, Dr Yoichi Kawada, Prof Datin Dr Azizan Baharuddin, Dr Shuichi Yamamoto, Prof Dato' Dr Ibrahim Ahmad Bajunid, Dr Hideyuki Matsumori, Prof Dato' Dr Zaleha Kamaruddin, and Dr Toshie Kurihara. They addressed issues of peace, environment, co-existence and gender.

The Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong Public Lecture 2012 by Professor Dr Jeffrey D. Sachs

By Rohaizan Ramli & Harris Rajahdin

As part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, the University of Malaya (UM) and Genting Berhad (GENTING) organized the Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong Public

Lecture 2012 by the world renowned economics expert, Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs at the Lim Goh Tong Lecture Hall, Faculty of Business & Accountancy, UM.

The chosen topic, "Macroeconomic Challenges

in the US, Europe and China" provided an opportunity for the business community, academics, practitioners, university students and the public, the chance to meet and listen to world renowned speakers on various issues. It also provided a platform for intellectual discussion and learning.

Acclaimed as a leader in sustainable development, Professor Sachs is also recognized as a senior United Nation advisor, bestselling author and syndicated columnist whose monthly newspaper column appear in more than 80 countries. A recent survey by The Economist Magazine ranked Professor Sachs as among the world's three most influential living economists of the past decade.

The public lecture has received overwhelming response from the business community and the public, attracting more than 800 guests. Also in attendance were Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Chairman of the Genting Group; Tun Mohammed Hanif Omar, Deputy Chairman of Genting Berhad; and Professor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs), UM.

In his public lecture which lasted for an hour, Professor Jeffrey shared his insights on various topics and declared that developing countries in East Asia and South East Asia will eventually overtake the economic growth of developed countries as early as this year or the next one.



Professor Jeffrey (middle) interacts with the audiences during the Q and A session

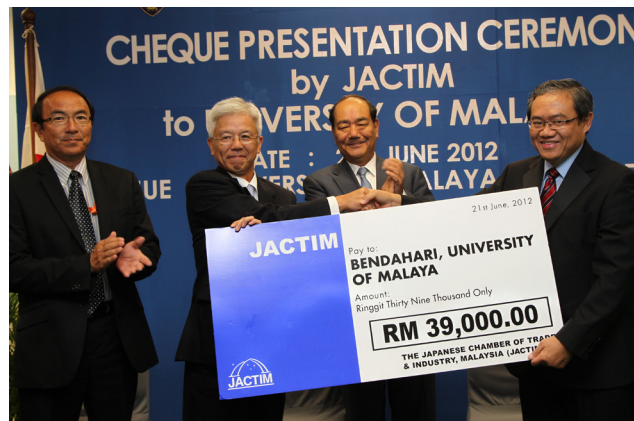
The Japanese Chamber of Trade and Industry Malaysia (JACTIM) Foundation continued its support to the University of Malaya by awarding RM 60,000 through the JACTIM Foundation Support 2012 Awards held at the University of Malaya Art Gallery in a ceremony on 3rd of December 2012.

Since 1996, JACTIM has contributed about RM1 million to UM as its initiative to spur the activities related to Japan Studies, especially for excellent students majoring in Japan Studies and exchange programmes since 1996.

This award is the second contribution made by JACTIM this year as earlier this June, it has contributed RM39,000 for the International Seminar on "30 Years Celebration Of The Look East

UM - JACTIM Relations Continued Through The JACTIM Foundation Support 2012 Awards

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin



Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth receiving the cheque from JACTIM

Policy: Sustainability And Achievement" organised by the Centre for Foundation Studies in Science.

Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth Jasmon said that "The University greatly appreciates the continued support by JACTIM especially during this period of transformation. This award represents the loyalty and friendship that is synonym to the Japanese culture."

"Japan always has been and will continue to be a nation that is special to UM. The strong relationship between UM and Japan is reflected from events such as this auspicious ceremony and others. For example, this year UM awarded Y.Bhg Tan Sri Yohei Sasakawa with an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities," he added.

FIRST X-LAB IN HIGHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING OPENS IN UM

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin

The first X-Lab, a joint-project with Ruijie Networks in Wisma R&D, University of Malaya (UM) was opened on the 8 December 2012. The opening ceremony was officiated by Gao Wei, the Director, First Secretary, Cultural Office, Embassy of China represented H.E Chai Xi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Malaysia.

UM and Ruijie Networks are working as the networking course training center in Malaysia and UM has developed networking courses based on the X-LAB solution

provided by Ruijie Networks. The X-LAB is a networking lab management system specially designed and developed by Ruijie for universities to carry out networking classes.

UM and Ruijie Networks will work together to develop core and future lab technologies by operating this X-LAB. Through this initiative, UM can offer more networking classes to students, professionals and public. This cooperation between UM and Ruijie Networks can help to reduce the gap for network engineering in Malaysian market.



Tan Sri VC discusses the features of the lab with a Ruijie Networks representative

20 UM STUDENTS RECEIVED KOREAN FELLOWSHIP AWARD

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin



Mr. Choi Si Young, President of POSCO South Asia with some of the recipients

Twenty UM's undergraduates from various faculties were awarded the 2012 POSCO Asia Fellowship Award by the TJ Park Foundation held at the University of Malaya Art Gallery on November 29th, 2012. POSCO, Pohong Iron and Steel Company are the world's second largest steelmaker company based in South Korea.

The recipients, cited as having "outstanding result" and "the potential to become future leaders" received USD 16,000 (RM 49,000) in total and USD 800 (RM 2,400) each. They are from different faculties and pursuing various degrees.

The Vice-Chancellor of UM, Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth Jasmon asked

for the recipients to understand and emulate Korean work ethics and values so they may share it with others in Malaysia.

"South Koreans are the most hardworking people in the world. Geographically a small nation, they aggressively conquered technology and due to that, we can see Korean products everywhere."

The POSCO Asia Fellowship Award offers its recipients an opportunity to experience a short-term study at prestigious Korean Universities. This allows the students to hone their abilities as well as compete in an increasingly globalized world.

Student Mall Merintis Pelbagai Kemungkinan

Oleh Harris Rajahdin



Datuk Dr. Rohana menikmati Kebab Turki Baba Rafi bersama sekumpulan pelajar pada hari perasmian Student Mall

Kesukaran menemui salon dan spa berkonsepkan muslimah di Universiti Malaya menyaksikan mahasiswa Akademi Pengajian Islam, Afiza Lary mengambil langkah berani membuka premis salon dan spa wanita pertama di Student Mall, Kompleks Perdanasiswa, UM.

Afiza, 23, yang mengambil jurusan Dakwah & Pembangunan Insan begitu peka dengan kehendak aurat muslimah, namun mendapati tiada kedai gunting rambut atau salon yang menawarkan perkhidmatan gunting rambut yang memenuhi ciri-ciri Islam yang mengikut syariat yang ditetapkan.

"Saya mendapat idea untuk membuka 'Peach Salon & Spa' ini selepas mendapati bahawa kesemua kedai gunting rambut di UM, di Kolej Ke-12 dan KPS ini adalah khusus untuk lelaki saja.

"Kedai ini adalah hasil usaha bersama dua rakan niaga yang lain. Jikalau, saya menghadiri kelas, mereka akan mengambil alih tugas menjaga kedai. Kebiasaannya pada setiap Rabu, saya tidak ada kelas, jadi saya boleh menghabiskan masa di sini," katanya yang ditemui pada majlis perasmian Student Mall, Oktober lalu.

Selain Afiza, terdapat 5 lagi premis yang memulakan operasi sejak 3 September lalu di perkarangan KPS - Ilham Printing Shop (percetakan), Fadle Sport (barangan sukan), Velovia Collections (pakaian wanita), All Out Bun Stop (roti/bun) dan Famy Enterprise (bubble tea).

Tiga lagi kedai berbentuk kiosk - Kebab Turki Baba Rafi (kebab, burger), Meda Medina Enterprise (ayam goreng) dan TNTee Gift Shop (cenderamata) menjadikan keseluruhannya 9 usahawan yang menjadi perintis Student Mall.



Pemilihan Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar UM Berjalan Lancar

Catat sejarah apabila pengundian semula dilakukan ekoran jumlah undi sama

Oleh Rohaizan Ramli

Pemilihan Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar Universiti Malaya (MPPUM) sesi 2012/2013 yang berjalan dengan lancar mencatat sejarah tersendiri apabila pengundian semula dilakukan ekoran terdapat jumlah undi yang sama bagi dua kerusi fakulti iaitu di Fakulti Sains Komputer & Teknologi Maklumat (FSKTM) dan Fakulti Pendidikan.

Semasa pengundian pada 25 September lalu, calon Fakulti Pendidikan, Maiyamin Md Nor dan Malik Syam Mohammed mendapat 163 undi. Manakala calon FSKTM iaitu Muhamad Alif Jamaluddin dan Neo Yew Boon mendapat 99 undi. Pengundian semula yang diadakan pada 28 September menyaksikan Maiyamin dan Yew Boon diisytiharkan sebagai pemenang.

Pengumuman keputusan oleh Naib Canselor

Kemuncak proses pemilihan MPPUM adalah pengumuman keputusan oleh Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth Jasmon, Naib Canselor UM di Dewan Semarak, Akademi Pengajian Melayu (APM) petang tersebut.

Ratusan pelajar UM membanjiri persekitaran APM seawal jam 5.00 petang iaitu sejurus selepas pengundian tamat bagi mengetahui keputusan pemilihan yang menyaksikan persaingan sengit antara calon-calon yang bertanding.

Keputusan yang diumumkan disambut dengan sorakan para penyokong dari dalam dan luar dewan. Tangisan kegembiraan mengiringi mereka yang menang, manakala yang kalah ditenangkan oleh penyokong masing-masing.

Walau bagaimanapun, 4 kerusi iaitu masing-masing 2 di Fakulti Undang-Undang dan Pusat Kebudayaan telah diisytiharkan menang tanpa bertanding selepas berakhir proses penamaan calon yang berlangsung pada 20 September 2012. Tan Sri Dr. Ghauth meluangkan masa ke Kolej Kediaman Ketujuh untuk membantu pelajar kelainan upaya (OKU) mengundi selepas beliau mengaktifkan sistem e-undi di APM. Suasana di 18 lokasi pemuangan undi tenang dan berjalan dengan lancar

Pembaharuan pemilihan sesi 2012/2012

Pemilihan MPPUM yang dibahagikan kepada dua bahagian

iaitu kawasan Umum dan kawasan Fakulti/Pusat/Akademi memperuntukkan 43 kerusi. Daripada jumlah itu, 34 kerusi adalah untuk kawasan Fakulti/Pusat/Akademi dan 9 kerusi lagi untuk kawasan Umum.

Seramai 22,883 pelajar UM yang layak mengundi ditetapkan untuk memilih 2 calon bagi kerusi Umum dan 2 calon bagi kerusi Fakulti. Langkah baru yang diperkenalkan dalam pemilihan sesi ini adalah pembahagian kerusi Umum mengikut zon iaitu Sains dan Bukan Sains yang dikenali sebagai zon A1, A2, S1, S2 dan zon Institut Pengajian Siswazah (IPS).

Buat kali pertama juga, kerusi bagi IPS dipertandingkan pada tahun ini setelah tidak dipertandingkan pada pemilihan lepas kerana ketiadaan calon. Ini menjadikan keseluruhan 3 kerusi diperuntukkan untuk IPS iaitu 2 kerusi bagi kawasan Fakulti/Pusat/Akademi dan 1 kerusi Umum.

Mengikut rekod, UM mempraktikkan penggunaan sistem penamaan calon secara atas talian (online) yang dikenali sebagai e-penamaan calon buat tahun kedua, manakala pengundian secara atas talian (e-undi) dilakukan untuk tahun ketiga.



Ruang legar di APM dibanjiri oleh para pelajar bagi mengikuti pengumuman keputusan pilihanraya.

Gerai Makanan Halal Cina Dibuka, Bukti Keprihatinan UM

Oleh Mohd Julian Borhanudin

Universiti Malaya merancang untuk memberi peluang kepada lebih ramai lagi pengusaha makanan halal bukan Melayu untuk berniaga di dalam premis kampusnya kerana prihatin dengan kehendak pelajar yang berbilang bangsa. Demikian menurut Profesor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, Timbalan Naib-Canselor (Hal-Ehwal Pelajar & Alumni), UM dalam Majlis Perasmian Gerai Makanan Halal Cina di Medan Selera berhampiran Kolej Kediaman Ibnu Sina pada 13 Disember 2012.

Antara lokasi yang dikenalpasti sebagai sesuai untuk pembukaan premis seperti itu adalah di Kolej-kolej Kediaman Ke-3, 4 dan 7. Walaubagaimanapun, terdapat beberapa kriteria yang perlu dipatuhi oleh mana-mana pengusaha sekiranya berminat untuk membuka perniagaan di dalam kampus UM.

Pada September yang lepas, beberapa pelajar UM berbangsa Cina telah menyerahkan memorandum kepada



Datuk Dr. Rohana merasmikan gerai sambil disaksikan oleh kepimpinan MPPUM

HEP memohon agar gerai makanan halal Cina dapat dibuka. Permohonan itu berdasarkan kepada faktor-faktor seperti kesulitan pelajar yang terpaksa keluar walaupun pada waktu tengah malam untuk mendapatkan makanan, kualiti dan kebersihan makanan luar yang tidak dikawal, kos makanan luar yang tinggi dan keperluan pelajar yang mahukan kepelbagaian jenis makanan.

Gerai ini dikendalikan oleh Puan Marlina Wong Abdullah dan beroperasi sehingga jam 10 malam setiap hari. Ia menawarkan masakan-masakan Cina yang halal seperti Nasi Campur, Nasi Ayam, makanan sempena perayaan "Winter Soltice" dan 10 jenis minuman herba.

PELUANG KERJAYA BUAT PELAJAR OKU

Oleh Rohaizan Ramli

Bermatlamat untuk menyediakan peluang dan membantu golongan pelajar kurang upaya (OKU) mendapatkan maklumat pekerjaan, Universiti Malaya (UM) menerusi Seksyen Kaunseling, Kerjaya & OKU, Bahagian Hal Ehwal Pelajar menganjurkan program *Career Day for Students with Disability*.

Program yang dianjurkan buat kali kedua ini menjadi platform kepada pelajar OKU untuk mendapatkan maklumat mengenai syarikat-syarikat yang bersedia mengambil mereka bekerja selain peluang berinteraksi dengan bakal majikan. Mereka juga diberi taklimat mengenai Skim Bantuan Galakan Perniagaan OKU (SBGP) dan taklimat persediaan kerjaya.

Majlis perasmian "Career Day for Students with Disability" disempurnakan oleh Dato' Saifuddin menggesa agar semua Menteri Pengajian Tinggi II Malaysia di Auditorium, Kompleks Perdanasiswa, UM. Turut hadir adalah Profesor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, Timbalan Naib Canselor (Hal Ehwal Pelajar), UM.

Dalam ucapannya, Datuk Saifuddin menggesa agar semua sektor pekerjaan menyediakan peluang kerja sama rata kepada graduan OKU kerana mereka juga mempunyai kemampuan yang setanding dengan golongan normal yang lain.

Profesor Datuk Dr. Rohana pula berkata, "Di UM melalui Seksyen Kaunseling, Kerjaya & OKU, kita menyediakan pelbagai kemudahan kepada OKU seperti sukarelawan bagi membantu pelajar cacat penglihatan membaca, bantuan untuk mengambil nota



Dato' Saifuddin bermesra dengan salah seorang pelajar istimewa sambil diperhatikan oleh Profesor Datuk Dr. Rohana

kuliah, bantuan kaunseling, exam proctoring dan banyak lagi."

UM yang diiktiraf sebagai universiti mesra OKU mempunyai 48 pelajar OKU yang mendaftar dengan Seksyen Kaunseling, Kerjaya & OKU. Kebanyakan daripada mereka ditempatkan di Kolej Kediaman Ketujuh yang mempunyai kemudahan khas seperti kemudahan lif, bilik penginapan dan bilik belajar khas untuk pelajar OKU, kemudahan pengangkutan dan ramp.

Program sehari ini melibatkan penyertaan 10 buah syarikat seperti Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Pelajaran Malaysia; Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB); Service Source International (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd; Omron Malaysia Sdn Bhd; Pusat Jobs Malaysia; dan VADS.

lanya turut disertai oleh para pelajar dari Institusi Pengajian Tinggi Awam (IPTA) yang lain seperti Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia dan Universiti Sains Malaysia. Seramai 69 orang pelajar OKU menyertai program ini.

Majlis Perasmian Pelancaran "Sepetang Bersantai di Gazebo"

Oleh Mohd Julian Borhanudin

Bahagian Hal Ehwal Pelajar (HEP) Universiti Malaya (UM) telah mengadakan Majlis Perasmian Pelancaran "Sepetang Bersantai di Gazebo", yang telah dirasmikan oleh YBhg. Profesor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, Timbalan Naib Canselor HEP, UM pada 17 Oktober 2012.

Majlis yang bermula sekitar 5.00 petang itu dihadiri oleh lebih 200 hadirin yang terdiri daripada Pengetua Kolej-kolej Kediaman UM, kakitangan dan pelajar. Dalam ucapan perasmian, Datuk Dr. Rohana berkata bahawa selain daripada menumpukan perhatian dan usaha terhadap bidang pengajian yang diceburi, pelajar UM turut perlu mengambil peluang untuk mempelajari budaya etnik bangsa lain. Ini amat perlu sebagai persiapan untuk menceburi kehidupan berkerjaya selepas tamat pengajian.

Beliau merasmikan "Sepetang Bersantai di Gazebo" dengan melepaskan burung-burung dari dalam sangkar. Ia simbolik kepada pelajar yang perlu bebas berbudaya selepas memerah akal dan keringat untuk menuntut ilmu.

Acara diteruskan dengan persembahan perasmian berbentuk tarian etnik kaum oleh gabungan pelajar-pelajar Kolej-kolej Kediaman Universiti Malaya. Kemuncak acara adalah persembahan kolintang yang amat jarang dipentaskan.



SIMBOLIK... TNC (HEP) membebaskan burung dari sangkar sebagai tanda perasmian

Melihat situasi semasa masalah kesihatan mental yang semakin meningkat dalam kalangan rakyat Malaysia terutamanya generasi muda, Student Empowerment and Research Unit (SERU), Universiti Malaya (UM) mengambil inisiatif menganjurkan program *2nd Love & Life 2012 Roadshow: Mental Health*.

Program ini diadakan secara berperingkat untuk tiga minggu berturut-turut di Kolej Kediaman Ke-11, Keenam & Ketujuh bermula pada 10 Oktober iaitu serentak dengan sambutan Hari Kesihatan Mental Sedunia, diikuti peringkat kedua dan ketiga pada 17 dan 24 Oktober.

Program ini memberi pendedahan perihal penting menjaga kesihatan mental dan emosi yang sihat serta stabil. Pelajar juga diberikan petuadalam mengimbangi kehidupan masakini dengan tumpuan kepada kehidupan di kampus yang penuh dengan

Penjagaan Kesihatan Mental Melalui Tiga Siri Roadshow

Oleh Rohaizan Ramli

cabaran.

Roadshow peringkat pertama menampilkan Mejar Dr. Faiz Khaleed sebagai tetamu undangan bagi sesi ceramah khas, peringkat kedua diisi dengan forum yang bertajuk *Healthy from Within: Spirituality and Mental Health* dari tiga perspektif berbeza iaitu agama Islam, Kristian dan pengamal yoga.

Roadshow terakhir mendedahkan pelajar kepada penjagaan kesihatan emosi melalui ceramah bertajuk *Emotional Mental Health Issue*. Program turut diisi dengan aktiviti *educational games* seperti *Jump of Faith* dan *Black Box* yang memberi peluang kepada pelajar untuk berfikir sambil berhibur.

Bersempena program



Educational games perlukan pelajar berfikir sambil berhibur

ini, SERU turut menganjurkan Pertandingan VLOG bagi menghasilkan video pendek yang mempromosi kesedaran kesihatan mental dan tajuk-tajuk lain yang relevan dengan tema program iaitu BLISS.

BLISS merupakan akronim *Balanced Living in a Serene Campus* yang menggambarkan kehidupan

kampus yang seimbang, persekitaran yang menarik dan memberangsangkan; dan komuniti kampus yang sihat fizikal dan mental.

Ciri menarik mengenai pertandingan ini adalah penyertaan setiap kumpulan yang bertanding mestilah terdiri daripada pelbagai bangsa atau sekurang-kurangnya dua bangsa dalam satu kumpulan, sekaligus mewujudkan dan menggalakkan perpaduan kaum di kampus UM.

Majlis penutup dan penyampian hadiah Pertandingan VLOG disempurnakan oleh Profesor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, Timbalan Naib Canselor (Hal Ehwal Pelajar), UM di Kolej Kediaman Ketujuh. Kumpulan Life Lovers dinobatkan sebagai johan Pertandingan dengan wang tunai bernilai RM2,000.

PTUM 2012 Gabung Elemen Budaya Tionghua Moden & Tradisional

Oleh Harris Rajahdin



Persembahan kumpulan Gendang 24 musim

Bertemakan "Budaya Asas Perpaduan", Pesta Tanglung UM 2012 yang dilangsungkan pada 19 November lalu, menggabungkan elemen persembahan budaya Tionghua tradisional dan moden dalam suasana penuh warna-warni yang menggamit kehadiran ribuan penonton di Dewan Tunku Canselor.

Sekitar 2,000 hadirin yang membanjiri DTC dihiburkan dengan persembahan artis tempatan Cina terkenal seperti kumpulan Gendang 24 musim, Orkestra Klasik Cina UM (OKCUM) dan Mastro yang menampilkan barisan pemain muda alat muzik harmonika, Mastro. Di samping itu, hadirin turut disajikan dengan alunan suara Geraldine dan Jie Ying, juara dan naib juara Astro Star Quest 2011 dan kumpulan tarian, Katon network & Intoxicators dan Tsing-Nian Diabolo.

Malam penuh gilang-gemilang itu dimulakan dengan ucapan perasmian Pengarah Pesta Tanglung UM 2012 (PTUM), Yew Zhen Xuan sebelum pentas diserahkan kepada Pemangku Naib Canselor, Profesor Dr. Awang Bulgiba Awang Mahmud.

Dr. Awang dalam kata-kata

aluannya memuji penganjuran PTUM 2012 sebagai satu acara yang berjaya menaikkan profil UM dalam kalangan masyarakat luar.

"Saya lihat terdapat banyak *bunting* mempromosikan Pesta Tanglung yang digantung di sekitar PJ (Petaling Jaya). Projek seperti ini dapat meningkatkan nama UM di kawasan sekitar di luar kampus. "Pelajar tidak seharusnya memfokuskan terhadap bidang akademik semata-mata tetapi menyertai program berfaedah seperti ini," katanya.

Seterusnya, tiba giliran Timbalan Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani, Datuk Chua Tee Yong naik ke atas pentas untuk memberikan ucapannya sebelum merasmikan PTUM 2012 dengan secara simbolik menyalakan obor ke tanglung khas.

Skim Biasiswa UM Olympian & Tabung Pandelega

UM Olympian Pemangkin Lahirkan Atlet Cemerlang dalam Sukan & Pelajaran

Oleh Harris Rajahdin



Barisan pemenang Malam Anugerah Sukan & Rekreasi UM 2012

Ratu terjun negara yang juga pemenang pingat gangsa temasya Olimpik 2012, Pandelega Rinong Anak Pamg diumumkan sebagai penerima sulung Skim Biasiswa UM Olympian yang julung kali diperkenalkan, pada majlis Malam Anugerah Sukan & Rekreasi UM 2012.

Menerusi pemberian biasiswa itu, gadis Bidayuh berusia 19 tahun itu yang kini membahagikan masanya antara sesi kuliahnya di Pusat Sukan dan berlatih di Pusat Akuatik Nasional Bukit Jalil akan menikmati pengecualian yuran pengajian dan penginapan serta elaun sara hidup dan latihan masing-masing bernilai RM30,000 untuk setiap tempoh pengajian.

Penerjun negara itu layak menerima biasiswa tersebut sepanjang tempoh pengajian beliau di UM bermula pada September 2012 hingga Februari 2015.

Pihak UM sendiri menyumbangkan sebanyak RM25,000 untuk tabung ini. Sumbangan juga diterima daripada agensi luar seperti Kementerian Belia & Sukan, kerajaan Negeri Sarawak serta tokoh-tokoh korporat dan individu persendirian.

Anugerah Olahragawan/Olahragawati UM

- * Olahragawan (Pelajar): Bryan Nickson Lomas (Terjun)
- * Olahragawati (Pelajar): Daphne Ng Chiew Yen (Badminton)
- * Olahragawan (Kakitangan): Ahmad Radzi Abu (Tenpin Bowling)
- * Olahragawan (Kakitangan): Noor Haslinda Mohd Arif (Karom)
- * Anugerah Lencana Biru Universiti (Pelajar): Ryan Chong Wy Lunn (Taekwondo); Yati Akhtar Mahtar (Bola Jaring); Nurul Shaffa Mustafa (Bola Jaring); Jerusha Chan Poe Yin (Tenpin Bowling)
- * Anugerah jurulatih terbaik (Kakitangan): Azmi Ismail (tarik tali); (pelajar): Asnan Md Zuki (bola sepak)
- * Pengurus terbaik: Pengurus (kakitangan): Mohd Fairosz Abdul Karim; Pengurus (pelajar): Abdul Jalil Khalid (bola sepak)
- * Anugerah pasukan cemerlang Universiti (kakitangan dan pelajar): Bola sepak, renang, ping pong, olahraga, taekwondo, kayak, badminton, tenpin bowling, futsal wanita (pelajar); tarik tali, karom (kakitangan).

12 Puncak Gunung Ditawan Serentak

Oleh Rohaizan Ramli

Pada tarikh yang begitu simbolik iaitu 12.12.12, sekumpulan pelajar Universiti Malaya (UM) berjaya mengibarkan 12 Jalur Gemilang di 12 puncak gunung di Semenanjung Malaysia setelah mengharungi ekspedisi pendakian yang penuh cabaran dan halangan bermula dari 8 Disember yang lalu.

Lebih unik lagi 12 Jalur Gemilang bersaiz 1.82 meter x 3.05 meter yang dikibarkan di 12 puncak gunung diwarikan sendiri oleh mahasiswa UM dengan menggunakan teknik cantingan batik. Projek yang dinamakan *The Millennia Hike* – 1 Impian, 1 Harapan, 1 Malaysia merupakan inisiatif Kolej Kediaman Ketiga.

12 buah gunung yang berjaya ditawan adalah Gunung Korbu; Yong Belar; Gayong; Yong Yap; Batu Putih; Irau; Challi; Suku; Chabang; Bubu; Yellow dan Pass; dan Batu Bujang yang terletak di Perak, Kelantan dan Pahang dan berketinggian antara 1600 meter hingga 2180 meter.

Walaupun hujan mengiringi perjalanan ianya tidak melunturkan semangat 48 pelajar ini bagi memahatkan nama UM dalam *The Malaysia Book of Records* sebagai Institusi Pengajian Tinggi (IPT) pertama yang berjaya mengibarkan Jalur Gemilang di 12 puncak gunung secara serentak.

Rekod terkini dalam *The Malaysia Books of Records* mengiktiraf sekumpulan pelajar dari Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) sebagai pemegang rekod dengan mengibarkan Jalur Gemilang di 7 buah gunung pada tahun 2005.

“Berdepan dengan hujan, permukaan tanah yang licin dan

curam dan terserempak dengan seekor ular sawa merupakan antara cabaran yang ditempuhi sepanjang ekspedisi pendakian ini. Alhamdulillah dengan panduan daripada penunjuk arah yang terlatih, kami berjaya laksanakan misi di Gunung Chabang,” kata Muhammad Redzwan, salah seorang pendaki bagi Gunung Chabang yang terletak di negeri Perak.

Bagi Alia Quraisyah Munawwarah Mohd Aji pula perjalanan menuruni gunung dalam keadaan gelap dan hujan yang lebat menguji semangat juang beliau dan rakan-rakan.

“Dalam keadaan gelap saya terjatuh di tebing. Pada masa itu perasaan takut yang amat sangat tidak dapat digambarkan dan saya hanya mampu menangis. Saya bernasib baik tidak jatuh terlalu dalam. Selama saya mendaki, inilah pengalaman yang paling mencabar yang pernah saya lalui. Tetapi dengan bantuan rakan-rakan, semangat saya kembali pulih dan berjaya meneruskan perjalanan sehingga tiba,” tambah pelajar dari Fakulti Ekonomi dan Pentadbiran yang berjaya menawan Gunung Batu Putih.

“Saya tidak menyangka trek pendakian ke puncak Gunung Pass bermula di tepi laluan air bertangga di tepi trek pendakian. Dengan keadaan tanah yang begitu licin kami mendaki dengan penuh berhati-hati bagi mengelakkan daripada tergelincir. Keadaan tanah yang berselut tebal juga menyukarkan perjalanan kami,” kata Natrah Dewi Binti Nor Shazallie dari Fakulti Perniagaan dan Perakaunan



Pendaki-pendaki Gunung Yellow dan Pass berjaya mengibarkan Jalur Gemilang di puncak gunung pada tanggal 12.12.12

Kumpulan 48 pelajar ekspedisi ini dipecahkan kepada kumpulan-kumpulan kecil yang terdiri daripada 2 hingga 8 orang dan setiap kumpulan mendaki satu gunung.

Menurut penasihat projek, yang turut serta terlibat dalam misi pendakian, Norazlisham Mohd Amin, Kolej Kediaman Ketiga telah menghantar bukti-bukti dan keperluan berkaitan kepada pihak “The Malaysia Book of Records” bagi mendapatkan pengesahan kejayaan memecahkan dan mencipta rekod baru oleh pelajar-pelajar UM.

“Kami amat bersyukur misi ini berjaya dilaksana dengan selamat walaupun segala perancangan dibuat dalam tempoh masa kurang daripada satu bulan setengah sahaja. Dengan dorongan, sokongan dan cabaran daripada semua pihak termasuk Pengetua Kolej Kediaman, terbukti pelajar-pelajar terlibat mampu melakukannya,” tambah Norazlisham.

UM Bags Five Gold Medals at iENA

By Mohd Julian Borhanudin



Researchers from the University of Malaya (UM) bagged five gold medals, two silver medals and two bronze medals at the International Trade Fair Ideas-Inventions –New Products (iENA), held in Nuremberg, Germany from 1-4 November 2012. The trio of Prof Dr. Thong Kwai Lin, Associate Prof. Dr. Chua Kek Heng and Dr. Cindy Teh Shuan Ju won one joint-gold medal for three projects. They won the gold medal through the inventions of Peakscan-A Multiplex PCR System For Simultaneous Detection Of Nosocomial Pathogens, Vibrio Mplex- A Rapid And Easy PCR Assay For Differentiation Of Human Pathogenic And Non-Pathogenic Vibrio SPP and Salmonella Ezplex- A Novel, Sensitive, Easy And Rapid Multiplex PCR For Simultaneous Detection Of Salmonellae.

Prof Dr. Thong Kwai Lin, winner of three projects

The duo of Prof Mohamed Rehan Karim and Dr. Ahmad Saifuzil Abdullah received a joint-gold medal for two projects and one silver medal. They won the gold medal through the inventions of advanced vehicle weight sorting system and advance transport data collection system. The silver medal went for their variable speed limit enforcement system.

Dr. Chong Wen Tong and team won gold for Innovative 3 in 1 wind solar hybrid renewable energy and rain water harvester and a silver medal for hybrid hydro turbine and solar power generation system with debris and waste removal feature. Other inventors representing UM were teams led by Dr. Ishenny Mohd Noor that won a gold medal for biopro organic fertilizer and a bronze for biopro diesel fuel, a team led by Prof. Thong Kwai Lin (one gold medal) and a team led by Dr. Nor Hafizah Ramli Sulong (one gold and one silver medal).

Born in the interiors of Sarawak, Dr Huang Nay Ming persevered in overcoming his difficult upbringing to become one of the most talked about researchers at the youthful age of 34.

While many of his peers are at the stage of climbing the corporate ladder or struggling to make their mark in the world, Dr Huang has achieved considerable success as an expert in the field of graphene and nanomaterials. Based in the Low Dimensional Materials Research Centre,



Physics Department, this respected academician has already garnered two of the top Young Scientist Award for this year – National Young Scientist Award by the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Young Researcher Award at the UM Excellence Awards (ACUM) in December 2012

This brilliant but modest scientist added another feather to his cap when he was awarded the Young Excellent Researcher Award at the Malaysian Solid Science & Technology Society (MASS) Conference Annual Dinner held at the Holiday Inn, Malacca last year.

Malacca last year.

"I am highly grateful for the opportunities given to me and the recognition by various parties and will work harder to achieve greater heights", commented Dr. Huang.

DR. HUANG

"I will always be indebted to my family for my success."

By Harris Rajahdin

Fruitful Harvest at BioMalaysia 2012

By Rohaizan Ramli

It was a fruitful harvest for UM at the BioMalaysia 2012 when they brought home 2 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC) from the 5th to 7th November.

Associate Professor Dr. Chua Kek Heng and his team recorded the most outstanding achievement when they won

a gold medal and a special award for the Most Promising Innovation through the invention of Hookworm Navigator – Rapid Detection Assay for Human Hookworm Species.

The second gold medal won by Professor Dr. Jaafar Ali M. Abdullah from the Faculty of Medicine for Synthetic Protein-Free Embryo Culture Medium. Professor Dr. Sharifah Bee Abd Hamid for Low Energy Chromium-Free Copper Based Catalyst for the Production of Fatty Alcohols and a

team led by Dr. Md. Eaqub Ali through the invention of Nanobiohybrid Probe for the Detection and Quantification of Short-Length Oligonucleotide brought home silver medals respectively.

Dr. Chua, who took 18 months to complete the research, described his innovation as a revolutionary breakthrough that would save countless lives through the early detection of Hookworm infection.

"Hookworm Navigator is suitable to be used in research for hookworm epidemiological study. Besides that, due to its high sensitivity and specificity, it is suitable to be used for screening before a proper preventive maintenance can be carried out in particular areas," said the esteemed professor from the Department of Molecular Medicine.

Overall, UM submitted 10 products, with 8 of them bringing home medals, achieving an 80% success rate.



Dr. Chua receiving his gold medal award from Minister of Science, Technology & Innovation, Datuk Seri Dr. Maximus Ongkili

It was a proud moment for three of the University of Malaya's esteemed academicians as they received the ultimate accolade of 'Top Research Scientists Malaysia' (TRSM) at a special inauguration ceremony organized by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) last year.

Held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), the gala event attended by all the top research minds of the country saw Professor Dr. Mustafa Ali Mohd (Biotechnology), Professor Dr. Phang Siew Moi (Biotechnology) and Professor Ir. Dr. Ramesh Singh Kuldeep Singh (Material Sciences, Engineering Sciences) honoured with their prestigious membership alongside 24 other research scientists based on their outstanding achievements and performances as well as their contributions towards wealth creation and societal well-being.

It was also a memorable occasion for former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Amin Jalaludin, a specialist in the field of Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose & throat) at University of Malaya Specialist Centre when he was conferred the prestigious Fellowship alongside Clinical Neurology expert, Professor Dato' Dr. Tan Chong Tin and high energy physics expert, Professor Dr. Wan Ahmad Tajuddin Wan Abdullah from the nation's leading think tank for science, engineering and technology.

The awards which was introduced for the first time by ASM was presented by former Prime Minister, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Honorary Fellow of ASM

who applauded the recipients contributions towards the nation's pursuit of scientific research and development.

"Tonight the Academy celebrates the appointment of a founding group of the country's research talents who have made prolific contributions to the nation's pursuit of scientific research and development (R&D)," said Tun Abdullah in his opening speech.

"The group signals the beginning of a database of the country's scientific workforce which have met the criteria of R&D excellence that the Academy has set. I hope the TRSM database will develop into the nation's reference point for high caliber scientific expertise in the country," he added.

UM Academicians Honoured with Prestigious TRSM Accolade by ASM

By Harris Rajahdin



Dr. Tan, Dr. Mustafa, Dr. Ramesh and Dr. Phang honoured with the ultimate accolade of TRSM

UM is the First Institution of Higher Learning in Malaysia with RSC Accreditation

By Harris Rajahdin

UM added to its already long list of impressive achievements when it became the first institution of higher learning in Malaysia to receive the accreditation from the Royal

Society of Chemistry (RSC) for its 4 year BSc. programme in Chemistry and Applied Chemistry. Both courses are offered by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science.

Professor Sharifuddin Md Zain, Head of UM's Chemistry Department, said: "We are honoured to be the first institution of higher learning in Malaysia to receive the RSC accreditation, "Benchmarking our programmes with those offered by other renowned universities through the RSC accreditation will help us develop and expand our programmes in line with international quality and standards.

"We hope that other universities will be inspired to follow in our footsteps, fulfilling the common goal of advancing chemistry as we strive towards becoming a fully developed nation in the field of science and technology," added Professor Sharifuddin.

UM is among a select group of institutions of higher learning from 3 countries to receive the international accreditation from RSC. Other universities bestowed with this exalted status are the University of College, Cork, Republic of Ireland and the United Arab Emirates University.



Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science

UM's Esteemed Academicians Brings Glory to the Nation at SIIF 2012

By Harris Rajahdin

UM's esteemed academicians recently did the nation proud when they garnered 2 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 1 bronze medal at the Seoul Invention Fair (SIIF 2012) held from the 29th November to 2nd December.

Our Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Professor Dr. Mohd Hamdi Abd. Shukor and his team from the Department of Computer Aided Design and



Computer Aided Manufacturing led the way with a gold medal for his invention, UML-V1 CNC LATHE Machine.

Associate Professor, Dr. Chua Kek Heng who won a gold medal for his invention at the BioMalaysia 2012 last month, again showed his prowess with his invention, PlasmoNex™- A detection kit for Human Malaria Parasites garnering the top prize.

SIIF is the biggest exhibition in Asia and acknowledged as the economic gateway to

Asia. This exhibition has drawn the attention of more than 500 research projects from all over the world.

More than 1,000 researchers involving more than 600 industries and 400 universities around the world took part in the five day exhibition.

Corporate Life Through the Eyes of Trainees

By Fatimah binti Mohd Fuad & Noor Shazrina binti Jahabar, Practical Trainees, Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), Perak

As we made our way to the 'ICR' world, we felt a huge tension building up. The feeling was not so great. Why? It felt like our hearts were going to burst. But stepping into the lobby of the Chancellery building, we noticed the wonderful surrounding and felt better. The Chancellery building painted in white with its good interior design made us speechless. It was like looking at the rainbow. The lobby was decorated with beautiful photographs and paintings. We wondered who created such beautiful masterpieces and where they originated. The environment was so peaceful. We believed that we will have an interesting time here.

That 11th June 2012 was the first day of our industrial training at the International and Corporate Relations Office (ICR). We were introduced to the staff and our first impression was "they are so kind and friendly". This was a hunch of a good start of our practical training. We were excited to be part of the ICR family. The ICR staff then were busy with their work and event. Even during our first week, we realized that there were so many events coming up. So that was what the corporate life was like. They were preparing for an upcoming event! They amazed us with the way they work. It made us realized that it took a lot of effort to be excellent in a job. They were very hardworking and professional. The way they handled a task and the way they dealt with the problems showed their professionalism. Even though they were busy with their daily business, but they make time to socialize with each other. Their relationships and teamwork were very well bonded.

Managing events represent a part of the corporate world. ICR mainly handle visits, events and functions related to UM. Therefore there were many events that we were involved. We even

participated in an event during the first week itself. This somehow showed that they trusted us. The big event was the visit of H.E He Guoqiang, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau, Secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection of the CPC Central Committee of the People's Republic of China, on 15th

Selangor. We made many friends and had much fun there. Following that, we assisted in the preparation of another big event, the 4th Rectors' Meeting and 28th B.O.T. Meeting for the ASEAN University Network (AUN) from 11 – 13th July 2012, held in Pullman Hotel, Putrajaya. From time to time, we helped out with the general office work and

the ICR's International Unit to welcome academic visitors from Indonesia, United Kingdom, China and other countries. To fill our free time, we were also given some articles to read and submit our opinions, such as on employability and interview skills.

The University of Malaya is not just a place to discover knowledge but also to gain other experiences. The obvious observation was based on the visit we made to the most interesting place in the Chancellery, the UM Art Gallery or UMAG for short. Our first time there, we felt very impressed with the beautiful collection of paintings and pictures. We had the chance to meet Mr. Yusof Gajah, the nation leading artist who is also UM's resident artist. There were a number of his impressive masterpieces on display. The place was so serene and exuded inner peace. No words can describe the precious feeling we felt.

There were so many events we were involved during

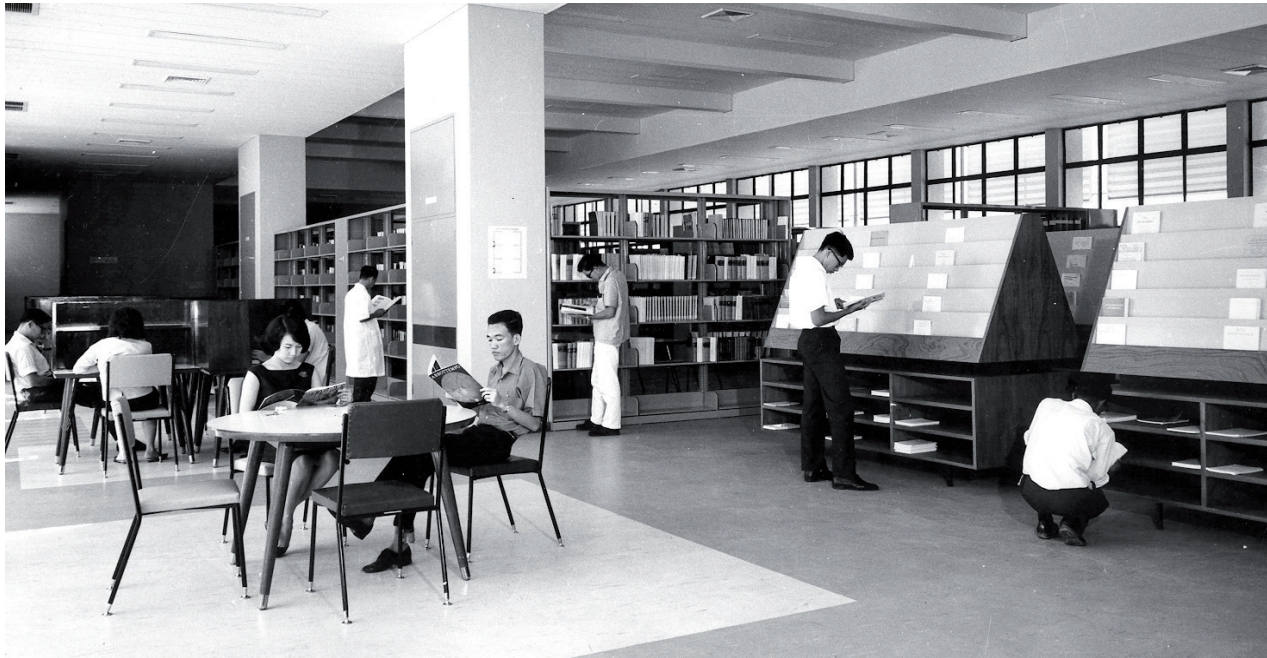
this period and each one gave us different experiences. Furthermore, the opportunity to gather more knowledge about other countries and cultures were very valuable. We felt very grateful because ICR gave us the opportunity to share our thoughts with different people and opened our eyes and realized that the world is more than just Malaysia. All the worthwhile experiences were embedded in our hearts and minds. We will never forget ICR. We appreciated their guidance and wish them all the best in their future endeavor. □



Fatimah binti Mohd Fuad & Noor Shazrina binti Jahabar

June 2012 who was on an official visit to Malaysia. We learned that he specially requested to visit the Kong Zi Institute in the University of Malaya (UM). Both of us were dressed in long red songket kebaya costumes borrowed from the Cultural Office for our role on stage to assist with the gift giving. Though we were worried stiff and had stomach cramps, we carried out our duties well.

On 23 – 24th June 2012, we were roped in as the secretariat for the UM Student Ambassadors' Workshop at Lembah Azwen Resort in Hulu Langat,



Memori Indah di Universiti Malaya

Penulis, Rohana Binti Ismail,
Pembantu Tadbir di Pusat Teknologi Maklumat, Universiti Malaya

Waktu itu akulah pekerja yang termuda di Fakulti Pergigian. Tarikh keramat 16 April 1987 sentiasa segar dalam ingatan aku apabila diberi jawatan tetap dan berpenyen. Biarpun hanya bekerja sebagai Atendan Kesihatan U1 dengan berkelulusan Sijil Rendah Pelajaran namun aku sangat gembira dan bersyukur.

Pada mulanya aku bekerja sambil dengan gaji RM12.50 sehari kerana usia yang belum mencecah 18 tahun. Genap usia 18 tahun, aku terus diterima sebagai pekerja tetap dan dibayar gaji RM320.00 sebulan. Aku ditempatkan di Jabatan Pergigian Prostetik. Ketua Jabatan pada masa itu adalah Dato' Mohd Ali Mahfuz. Bukan mudah bekerja

dengan beliau tetapi aku dapat menyesuaikan diri. Aku tidak langsung merasa tertekan dengan sikap cerewet bosku. Aku sudah terbiasa lali dengan emak yang lebih cerewet. Jadi aku tidak pernah ambil kisah. Prinsip aku mudah. Turutkan sahaja apa yang diarahkan dan tahu menghormati orang lain, pasti tidak akan ada cacat-celanya.

Semua staf di jabatan menggelar aku cucu "Atok" kerana tidak faham bahawa panggilan Dato' terhadap bos aku itu merupakan gelarannya yang rasmi. Pada fikiranku kerana bos sudah tua iaitu pesara dari Kementerian Kesihatan maka aku panggil sajalah "Tok". Dato' Ali pula langsung tidak pernah menegur aku apabila aku memanggilnya "Tok". Setelah hampir setahun bertugas dan semakin matang,

barulah aku mengerti. Aku telah memohon maaf padanya tetapi Dato' Ali hanya tergelak besar.

Sebagai pekerja Universiti Malaya, aku merasa sangat bertuah kerana semua perbelanjaan hospital ibubapaku yang sudah tua ditanggung sepenuhnya. Dulu nak ke klinik pun aku takut kerana setiap kali berjumpa Doktor, aku terpaksa membayar sebanyak RM18 hingga RM25.00. Tahun 1980an, jumlah sebanyak itu memang besar dan aku tidak mampu untuk membayarnya.

Melalui hari-hari di Universiti Malaya amatlah menggembirakan. Universiti menjadi rumah pertama bagiku kerana lebih daripada 8 jam sehari waktu celekku dihabiskan di sini. Di rumah hanya beberapa jam



“ Tanggal 13 Mei 2010, aku rasmi berjaya memiliki ijazah pertamaku iaitu Ijazah Sarjana Muda Pengurusan dengan Kepujian daripada Universiti Terbuka Malaysia. Walaupun sehingga kini aku masih berjawatan Pembantu Tadbir namun aku menerapkan ilmu yang diperolehi dalam tugas harianku. **”**

sebelum aku memejamkan mata untuk beristirahat. Bagiku suasana di tempat kerja memainkan peranan yang penting. Hubungan silaturahim sesama staf perlu dititikberatkan. Sekiranya suasana di tempat kerja kurang menyenangkan dan hubungan sesama staf tidak begitu baik, pastinya ia menjadi suatu masalah yang besar. Mood untuk bekerja juga pasti berkurangan dan kurang seronok.

Pada 1 Oktober 1995, aku telah dinaikkan pangkat secara lantikan daripada Skim U beralih ke Skim KP. Alhamdulillah daripada gaji permulaan RM320.00 beralih pula ke gaji baru sebanyak RM900.00. Aku mengenakan pakaian seragam penguatkuasa sebagai Pengawal Keselamatan di Universiti Malaya dengan tugas hakiki menjaga nyawa dan harta benda Universiti Malaya. Aku ditempatkan di Unit Cegah Kebakaran yang berurusan dengan pengambilan kad matrik staf dan pelajar, pas pekerja kontrak, dan kerja-kerja pentadbiran. Sekali dalam setahun bertugas pula di Istiadat Konvokesyen Universiti Malaya.

Aku semaiakan pula cita-cita untuk melucutkan pakaian besi (seragam) tersebut kelak. Dengan berbekalkan pengetahuan 16 tahun setelah terpaksa berhenti sekolah pada tahun 1986, aku menduduki peperiksaan SPM pada tahun 2000. Alhamdulillah aku diberiNya peluang untuk maju. Walaupun keputusan SPM aku tidaklah seberapa namun keputusan kredit Bahasa Malaysia dan Bahasa Inggeris telah memberiku peluang melamar jawatan baru sebagai Pembantu Tadbir N17 mulai 1 April 2001.

Aku yakin jika ingin lebih maju aku perlu menambah ilmu pengetahuan demi memastikan mindaku ini dapat berfungsi dengan cerdas. Aku telah meneruskan pengajian dalam bidang Pengurusan pula. Tanggal 13 Mei 2010, aku rasmi berjaya memiliki ijazah pertamaku iaitu Ijazah Sarjana Muda Pengurusan dengan Kepujian daripada Universiti Terbuka Malaysia.

Walaupun sehingga kini aku masih berjawatan Pembantu Tadbir namun aku menerapkan ilmu yang diperolehi dalam tugas harianku.

Suasana di Universiti Malaya semakin meriah. Aku suka dengan perubahan yang berlaku berbangkit dari pertukaran pucuk pimpinan. Menghitung hari, aku telahpun menjadi warga universiti lebih daripada 25 tahun. Pelbagai perubahan penting telah berlaku. Bangunan yang indah, tinggi dan juga menarik mewarnai ruang tanah universiti. Pertukaran demi pertukaran pemimpin aku rasai. Pelbagai perubahan dasar dibuat mengikut konsep kepimpinan. Pelbagai konsep diperkenalkan. Ada konsep mengeratkan hubungan, ada konsep perubahan prasarana, ada konsep penyelidikan dan sebagainya. Semuanya bertujuan penambahbaikan. Konsep kepimpinan semasa pula menekankan soal disiplin staf. Pada pandanganku ianya terlalu baik dan mengagumkan. Sepatutnya dari dulu lagi sudah dipraktikkan.

Aku masih ingat lagi, jabatan yang paling mementingkan masa adalah Jabatan Kejuruteraan Bioperubatan. Tahun 2005 dahulu, staf telahpun diperkenalkan dengan penggunaan mesin thumb print untuk merekodkan kehadiran staf dan memastikan staf berada di tempat kerja. Mustahil sesiapa boleh membantu untuk clock-in, kecuali jika sanggup memotong jari dan diberi kepada kawan untuk di'scan'. Walaupun seluruh staf Universiti Malaya sekarang perlu login kehadiran (e-attendance) menggunakan komputer, sistem ini masih belum telus sebab masih boleh diselewengkan.

Setiap perubahan diharap mendatangkan kebaikan. Perubahan ini mulanya mendapat tentangan dari sebilangan staf. Lama kelamaan cara ini diterima juga. Kini diperhatikan semua staf sudah berada di tempat bertugas lebih awal. Lantas kerja dapat dilaksanakan dengan lebih baik dan efisien. Bukan menjadi masalah yang besar pun untuk dipraktikkan di Universiti Malaya. Staf yang menepati masa dan mempunyai disiplin yang baik, sentiasa harus tertanam dalam minda bahawa kerja itu adalah satu ibadah.

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