

PROMOTING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE AMONG RESEARCHERS THROUGH USBET



Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Perak Branch once again hosted another undergraduate seminar after two successive years, aiming to inculcate interest in doing research among undergraduate students in the built environment and technology field.

The 3rd Undergraduate Seminar of Built Environment and Technology (3rd USBET) was held on May 15, 2018 by the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying (FSPU) and successfully led by the Project Coordinator, Dr Lilawati Ab Wahab. This year's USBET, in continuation of the previous USBET debuted in 2016, has seen an increase in participation for both oral and poster presentation, with 35 and 65 presenters respectively, amounting to an overall of 100 presenters from five local universities.

After the gradual number of student intakes for bachelor's degree programmes in UiTM Perak Branch with six offered by the FSPU, this seminar is seen as a perfect medium for the campus undergraduate students to present and share the research findings for their final year project.



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The programme was officiated by the Head Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr Norlizaiha Harun, followed by a speech by the Key-note Speaker, Assoc. Prof. Dr Mohd Sabrizaa Abd Rashid in the presence of other FSPU Programme Coordinators who came to show their support to the participating students. The presentation kicked off shortly after and presenters of each mode were divided according to three major clusters, namely Practice and Management, Architecture and Planning, and Technology and Engineering.

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There were several awards won including “Best of The Best” award for each mode of presentation. The winner for “Best of The Best” for Oral and Poster presentation were Nur Aqilah Azahar and Anisah Mat Serudin respectively. Both winners were from Universiti Sains Malaysia. Each presenter was awarded with certificate of participation and each extended abstract submitted is going to be published in eProceeding which is believed to be a huge advantage for the young researcher.

Dr Lilawati, who led the organizing team, hopes that this seminar will instill students’ interest towards research work thus motivate them to further their studies to Masters and PhD level in the future. As this seminar was opened to other local public and private universities including UiTM Shah Alam, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), SEGi University and Universiti Tun Hussein Onn (UTHM), a network and potential collaboration among other local researchers can be formed through this event.

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RECTOR'S SPEECH

Life as students at a university is filled with 1001 activities that require them to have exceptionally excellent time management skills. University students are extremely busy most of the time. They need to learn how to balance between classes, homework, projects, family, friends, co-curricular activities and other commitments constantly. There can be a lot of balancing to be made. However, we have never stopped from welcoming and promoting the students in getting involved and joining the students' led activities and organization be it at university, community, state or national level. One might ask why should the students be involved in these activities when they have more than enough on their plates? The answer is simple. It is because these activities can impact their career and the students will experience a lot of things in a hugely positive way.

Michael Corbett, Bentley's associate director of Graduate Student and Academic Services stated that, "Being an involved university student is a sacrifice, as all students have a rigorous academic schedule, and many other work and personal lives to balance. He added that, "Students will certainly continue to get involved in campus activities because they could see that the sacrifice of their time is worth the benefits they receive the friendships, the level of involvement across campus, the expansion of their professional network, and the amount of fun they can have as a team and not to mention the benefits that they will get after they have graduated and when they are looking for jobs."

Student organisations and activities have a lot to offer. Whether the student joins as a member or chooses to lead one, by taking part in an extracurricular group will definitely enhance his university experience where gaining skills, making connections and broadening his knowledge through a student organisation and activities will undeniably help him in becoming a more well-rounded individual who is ready to take on his future career. Therefore, all students should take the opportunity to get involved in organisations, societies or activities conducted so that they can learn as much as possible when they are in the university. As for the lecturers and officers at the university, they should create the conducive environment to attract the students to be involved in organisations, societies and activities

COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH REGISTRAR OF SOCIETY

TAPAH, April, 2018. Following the previous consultation workshop and dialogue series, Faculty of Accountancy of UiTM Perak Branch, Tapah Campus recently accepted the fourth invitation from Registrar of Society Malaysia, Perak Branch to share their knowledge in submitting proper and accurate financial annual return of all societies and clubs in Perak. This programme was officiated by the Director of Registrar of Society, Perak Branch, Puan Nor Hasmaliana Ismail.



The aim of the workshop and dialogue session was to increase the submission rate of financial annual returns from societies and clubs in Perak via the online system called e-ROSES. The participants of this workshop consisted of the treasurer and secretary of each society or club. Through a briefing and a detailed hands-on consultation, they were guided on how to accurately classify the items that are subsequently needed to be keyed into the system. An accurate classification will enable the Registrar of Society to render accurate reports of the societies and clubs' activities.

The workshop and dialogue session were also aimed to increase the awareness on the risks of unethical behavior as well as money laundering activities faced by the societies and clubs in Perak. The relevant Acts, Guidelines, and Rules and Regulations that each society or club needs to be aware of were highlighted in order to avoid being a victim of the members' unethical behaviour or money laundering. Some previous cases involving society or club members who were guilty of unethical conducts such as fund embezzlements and thefts were also shared with the attendees. Through this sharing session, it is hoped that societies and clubs are aware of such risks to take proper precautions and strengthen their internal control. Encouraging feedbacks were given by the attendees as they understood the ways to submit their financial annual returns better.



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BUILDING LECTURERS' INNOVATION RECOGNISED IN 4TH INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION, DESIGN AND ARTICULATION (i-IDEA™) PERLIS

FSPU once again is proud of its staff's recent achievement in an international innovation competition.

A team of creative lecturers from the Building Department led by Dr. Siti Akhtar Mahayuddin and supported by her counterparts, Mr. Wan Akmal Zahri Wan Zaharuddin, Dr. Ida Nianti Mohd Zin and Mdm Azira Ibrahim won a Bronze Medal in the recent 4th International Innovation, Design and Articulation (i-IDEA™) in UiTM Perlis Branch on April 24-26, 2018.

The team's innovation project entitled '3D Visual Model for Building Quantities Take-off (3D-ViMO)' is a teaching and learning aid for building quantity course. Students are expected to utilise it by downloading the 3D visual model which consists of every building element involved in the building quantity course. This 3D-ViMO can facilitate them in visualizing the building elements that need to be quantified. In line with the emergence of the Industrial Revolution (IR) 4.0, the methods of teaching embrace the latest learning and teaching technologies. Hence, 3D-ViMO was proposed to replace the traditional method of learning with a more interactive approach involving 3D visual model and cooperative learning.

The team's first-hand experience of teaching this subject revealed a few issues with regard to students' understanding of the subject hence the solution proposed. The initial idea, to tackle students' interest in understanding building quantities elements, has come into fruition by winning the Bronze Medal in Crown Category although it was still at the development stage.

i-IDEA™ is an annual event organised by UiTM Perlis Branch to promote the culture of research and innovation among local and international participants with this year's theme "Empowering Research, Innovation Idea and Entrepreneurship Towards Sustainable Economy". This is the 4th year since it first took place and is a platform for the investors, researchers and industries to share their creative ideas and products that have the potential to be commercialised.



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EMPOWERING UiTM STUDENTS To BECOME FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS



TAPAH, April 25, 2018. The ‘SIFU (STARTUP, INNOVATION, FUTURE and UNDERTAKING) CREATING YOUR JOBS’ programme had been successfully organised by The Faculty of Applied Sciences (FSG), UiTM Perak Branch, Tapah Campus.

The participants were enlightened with a talk and sharing session by Dr Maryam Al-Batul Azizuddin, Chief Executive Officer cum Founder of Mary Jardin and Dr Muhammad Al-Athiq Marzuki, Co-Founder of Mary Jardin. Mary Jardin is a brand founded by a medical doctor who specialises in the area of organic natural skin care products and cosmetics. The participants, consisting of the university’s staff and students, were also exposed to entrepreneurial skills and marketing strategies shared by these doctors from Mary Jardin. These include setting suitable range of ages, planning goals for business development, understanding customer’s target and mastering the importance of friendly customer service. Effective techniques on entertaining customers were also deliberated by the speakers.

This programme has been a good platform to instill entrepreneurial attitudes and behaviours among the students in the effort to produce outstanding graduates who are holistic, balanced and competitive, both locally and globally. This sharing session has also empowered UiTM Diploma in Science students and the staff to become future entrepreneurs.



ACKNOWLEDGING MIND POWER THROUGH NLP



TAPAH, April 14, 2018. Faculty of Accountancy had organised a programme with aims to enhance students' confidence and self-esteem called Neuro-Linguistic Programme (NLP). This programme promoted students' confidence by acknowledging the role of the power of mind in achieving success by imagining the desired future. The future that is desired by a person will then be transferred into a picture that can be visualised by the person. This is a method called as "paint yourself". It is also the objective to improve students' confidence and to sow the perception that dreams will come true if they are nurtured by high determination to achieve success.

The programme was conducted by Ustaz Hamdi Rahman Mohd Yaacob, the Head of Unit Kepimpinan Pelajar, under Students' Affair Department, UiTM Perak Branch. The programme commenced at 8.30 a.m with the first session of introducing participant on the objectives of the program, followed by team coaching slot that started at 11.00 a.m until 5.15 p.m. The programme concluded by naming three students to be awarded prizes for being able to visualise their future and turn it into a picture that can be visualised by that student.

The feedbacks from students were encouraging as they felt that this programme was beneficial in terms of motivating them and making them aspire for better future once they graduated. Furthermore, the involvement of Faculty of Accountancy lecturers in this programme also helped the students to be more invested and thus achieving the objective to enhance students' confidence and self-esteem.



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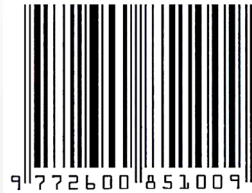
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