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## THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REBUILDING PLACE (ICRP) 2018

The 3rd International Conference on Rebuilding Place (ICRP) 2018 was again held this year on 13 and 14 September 2018 at Impiana Hotel, Ipoh, Perak. This year's event carried the theme "Towards Safe Cities and Resilient Communities".

It started in 2011 from the collaboration between the Department of Architecture, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Perak Branch with Syiah Kuala University, Banda Aceh, Indonesia, and Jeju University, South Korea. The second conference involved the collaboration between ICRP, Asian Vernacular Architecture Network (AVAN) in conjunction with Aceh International Conference (AIC 2017) and Syiah Kuala University. This conference once again reflects the union between UiTM Perak Branch, which acts as the main organiser, with Syiah Kuala University, Indonesia, Kyoto Institute Technology, Japan and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang, as the co-organisers.



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*The* ICRP2018 opening ceremony was officiated by YB Dr. Abdul Aziz bin Bari, Chairman of the Education, Environment, Green Technology and Information Department of Perak. Apart from that, Assoc. Prof. Sr. Dr. Md. Yusof Hamid, Rector of UiTM Perak Branch and Dato' TPR Hajah Rokibah Abdul Latif, Director General of PLANMalaysia were also present, together with the Department of Town and Regional Planning staff and nearly 100 other guests.

The conference had attracted researchers not just from Malaysia but also from other countries. There were participants from Islamic Azad University, Kyoto Institute Technology, Syiah Kuala University, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, University of Malaya, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan and also from Universiti Teknologi MARA. A total of 51 papers were successfully compiled on issues related to the theme of the conference which, involved the context of culture and art, sustainability strength and spirit, and urban well-being.

As a result of this successful collaboration, the 4th International Conference on Rebuilding Place (ICRP) 2019 will be held in Penang, with Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) as the main organiser. All researchers from UiTM are welcomed to join the ICRP 2019.



“ THE THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE INVOLVED THE CONTEXT OF CULTURE AND ART, SUSTAINABILITY STRENGTH AND SPIRIT, AND URBAN WELL-BEING. ”



*In* the midst of Industrial Revolution 4.0, the challenge of finding a work-life balance surfaces up as our schedules are getting busier than ever before in achieving all the Key Performance Indicators (KPI). More often than not, each of us struggles to strike the balance between time allocated for work and other aspects of life; be it family, personal interests, social activities or most important, health. We demand a greater control over our own lives or career, at least. The workplace stress with other pressures of family, friends or even our own selves can be a good stress if it is handled in a good way but the adverse would harm us inside out.

Acknowledging this, the university has undertaken many initiatives to improve productivity, relationships and stress management among the staff for a lasting work and life balance. At workplace, the implementation of Public Sector Conducive Ecosystem (EKSA) offers a conducive environment, work culture and positive values for the staff.

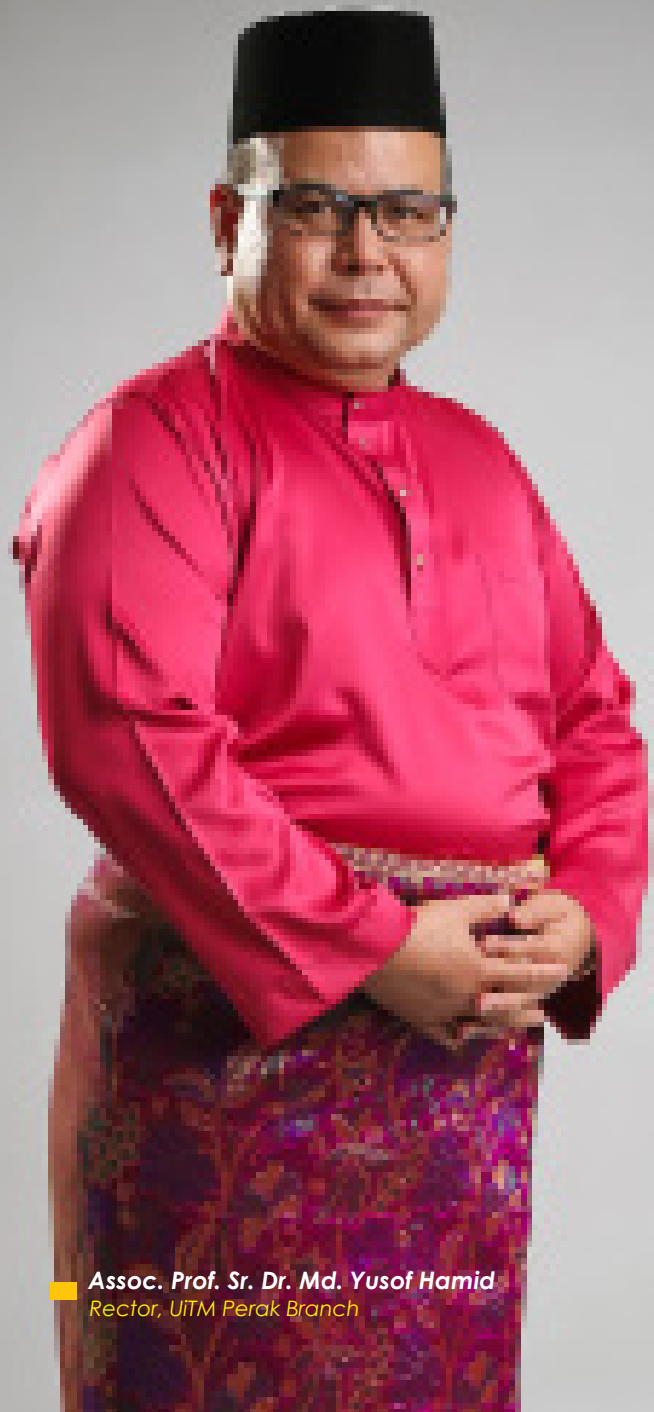
At university level, the Health Unit frequently organises programmes on health or physical related programmes such as Fun Ride and 10k-step activities involving all departments in the university due to the numerous health benefits they offer. The Counselling and Psychology Unit, meanwhile, arranges courses on stress management, mental health and other relevant needs which take place periodically.

On the other hand, the Sports & Recreation Unit and the Welfare Club provide platforms for staff to engage actively in sports and recreational activities at both national and international levels such as the annual Kejohanan Sukan Antara Staf UiTM (KARiSTA), Karnival Sukan Badan Berkanun (SUKANUN) and sports competitions organised by Majlis Kebajikan dan Sukan Anggota Kerajaan Malaysia (MAKSAK).

On top of that, the newly introduced flexible working hours, though it is still in its pilot stage, has definitely uplifted the happiness index among the staff as they can now give equal balance to work and family. Beyond doubt, it allows them to devote some time for their personal interests and engage themselves in healthy activities outside the workplace.

Sustaining work-life balance through such initiatives is not only essential for the staff's personal health but also helps in developing a better relationship with their employers and colleagues. Ultimately, keeping the staff's well-being at its best will result in better productivity and performance thus, delivering mutual gains for both employees and employers.

## RECTOR'S SPEECH



**Assoc. Prof. Sr. Dr. Md. Yusof Hamid**  
Rector, UiTM Perak Branch

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*A Day* with Alumni programme was organised by the Faculty of Applied Science (FSG), UiTM Perak Branch, Tapah Campus on May 7, 2018. The sharing session with the UiTM Diploma in Science alumni was an eye opener for the AS120 Diploma in Science students and its staff.

The three invited alumni were: En Mazlan Bin Simbak, the Engineering Manager at Petronas LNG, Ir. Zema Zamanee Bin M. Saad, Head Engineer of Penang International Airport and Lt. Col. Mohd Faizal Bin Md Jani. This programme was launched by Dr. Ahmad Nazib Bin Alias, Head of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, UiTM Perak Branch, Tapah Campus, with the aim to share their experiences and challenges as motivation for the FSG students. The panels shared on how they succeeded with the struggles and obstacles in managing their working lives.

This programme was also aimed to expose the students on the application of the science skills and techniques to increase their confidence at the workplace. Besides, this programme also showed how committed the alumni in giving back to the UiTM community. This meaningful sharing session has created awareness among FSG students and inspired them not to give up on their future goals and dreams.



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## OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO APB'S MUET SUPER WORKSHOP

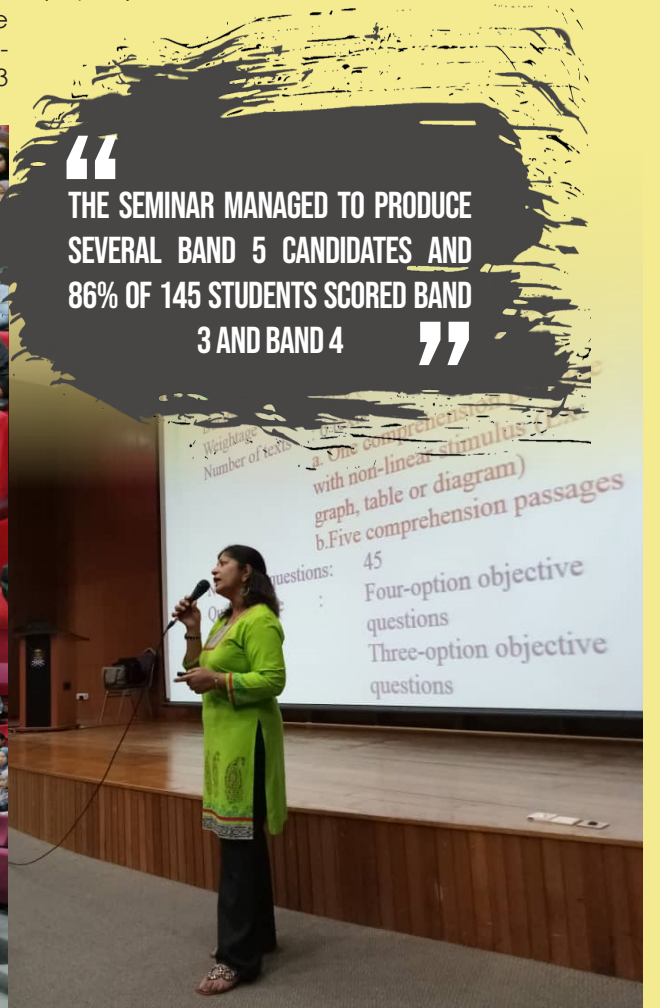
Norasyikin Abdul Malik  
(APB)

*A total* of 493 UiTM diploma students from Seri Iskandar and Tapah participated in Good English Language Learner (GELL): Malaysian University English Test (MUET) Band 6 Super Seminar organised by the Academy of Language Studies, UiTM Perak Branch. 257 students from UiTM Seri Iskandar attended the one-day workshop on September 22, 2018, while another 236 from UiTM Tapah attended two and a half-day workshop sessions on 21 and 28 September 2018. They were provided with comprehensive notes, updated past year paper samples and meals at the workshop.

The aim of the seminar was to assist the students to score in the MUET Band. In the previous exam, it managed to produce several Band 5 candidates and 86% of 145 students scored Band 3 and Band 4, and none scored Band 1.

The workshop was conducted by APB lecturers who are also experienced MUET examiners for several years. These speakers provided guidance with hands-on exercises on the four skills with an additional focus on the writing component as these students were not familiar with the nature of the exam format. The speakers also shared fruitful tips, the dos and don'ts of the exam as well as the general rules and regulations of the exam. The students benefited a lot from the workshop.

The department will be organising another MUET workshop before the next MUET exam in March. The fee is RM50 for UiTM students and RM90 for outsiders. The workshop will be held at Dewan Seri Iskandar at UiTM Seri Iskandar, and Auditorium Zeta at UiTM Tapah. Seats are limited. For enquiries, call or whatsapp Johana Yusof at 013 448 8093 (Seri Iskandar) or Muhd Syahir Abdul Rani at 016 601 0136. (Tapah)



“ THE SEMINAR MANAGED TO PRODUCE SEVERAL BAND 5 CANDIDATES AND 86% OF 145 STUDENTS SCORED BAND 3 AND BAND 4 ”

Weightage  
Number of tests  
a. One comprehension passage with non-linear stimulus (graph, table or diagram)  
b. Five comprehension passages  
Questions: 45  
Four-option objective questions  
Three-option objective questions

## YOUNG BUMIPUTERA ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

Suzaina Ismail  
(PJIM&A)

**TUBE** (Young Bumiputera Entrepreneurship Programme) is one of the government's initiatives which is aimed to assist youths who would venture into business and to encourage them to contribute to the nation. Therefore, it has become a launching pad for aspiring young entrepreneurs. UiTM Perak Branch was invited to conduct the second phase of TUBE, in collaboration with SME Corp and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia this year. The programme was held from 16 to 28 March 2018 at PLKN Camp, Kota Lama, Kuala Kangsar and was attended by 100 Perak youths.

A total of 11 modules were shared with the participants in this second phase through lectures and workshops on preparing business plans. Participants were also guided on strategies to run their own business. While preparing business plans, they were exposed to the various aspects of doing business, including administration, human resource, marketing, and financial management. In facilitating those selected youths, 45 instructors and facilitators from UiTM Perak Branch (staff and alumni) were involved. TUBE was carried out simultaneously throughout Malaysia and at Perak state level, this programme was launched by YB Dato' Haji Samsudin Haji Hassan on March 11, 2018.



“ THE AIM IS TO CREATE TEAMWORK AMONG STUDENTS THAT WILL HELP THEM TO BE MORE OPEN MINDED AND CREATIVE WHEN INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE. ”

## BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Suzaina Ismail  
(FJIM&A)

On Jun 29, 2018, a charity bowling tournament was organised by Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Perak Branch Alumni Association with the Sports Unit. This programme is one of the initiatives to promote and strengthen the relationship between UiTM alumni and the communities.

This programme indirectly has enhanced the spirit of sportsmanship and volunteerism among participants.

Organised at Ampang Superbowl Seri Iskandar, a total of 89 participants attended the tournament which was opened to UiTM alumni and staff, and local residents of Seri Iskandar. It was officiated by Assoc. Prof. Sr. Dr. Md. Yusof Hamid, Rector UiTM of Perak Branch. There were various prizes for both men and women categories, as well as 15 lucky pin prizes. The main winners of the men's category were Izat Ahmad, Shahrul Ihsan and Zarul Izhama. While, the main winners of the women's category were Norhelmi Azizan, Nurul Shima Aziz and Siti Sarah Ibrahim. All prizes were given away by Dr Nur Hisham Ibrahim, the Deputy Rector of Research, Industrial Linkages, Community & Alumni. A community service fund was also launched at the event.



“ THIS PROGRAMME HAS INDIRECTLY ENHANCED THE SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UiTM ALUMNI AND THE COMMUNITIES. ”

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