

ICCEIB-SOMCHE 2011 FOCUS ON STUDIES RELATING TO FOOD, ENERGY AND WATER RESOURCES



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For the first time, Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) hosted the International Conference of Chemical Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology (ICCEIB), held in conjunction with the 25th Symposium of Chemical Engineers Malaysia (SOCHE 2011) in Hyatt Regency Kuantan Resort, Kuantan, Pahang recently.

The ICCEIB-SOMChe 2011 conference was organised by Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Natural Resource (FKKSA) together with Institute of Chemical Engineering (Icheme).

A total of 150 presenters took part and among them were from Malaysia, Korea, Iran, Australia, Japan and India.

UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim described the conference as the best platform for chemical engineers, academicians and researchers to present findings and views on current issues relating to chemical engineering and industrial biotechnology.

He added that it would also instill awareness and interest on the two fields.

He also said the theme, 'Few For Many' focused on the importance of the two areas



in studies involving food, energy and water resources.

He said, the conference attracted many experts who were willing to share their knowledge and experience such as Professor Adel Sharif from Wales University, United Kingdom, Professor Ir Wan Ramli Wan Daud from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Professor Dato' Dr Rosli Mohd Yunus from UMP.

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SOMChE 2011 Chairman, Associate Professor Dr Mimi Sakinah Abdul Munaim said SOMChE was an annual event organised by chemical engineering faculties of universities in Malaysia.

She added that this year's event was organised by UMP and the university was proud to have the honour of holding it for the first in Kuantan.

She also said high-impact working papers would be published in Journal of Applied Sciences and American Journal of Applied Science.

Professor Dato' Dr Daing Nasir later

presented appreciation certificates to five participants whose working papers were rated as the best.

They were Huei Ruey Ong from UMP with 'Effect of Jatropha Seed Oil Meal and Rubber Seed Oil Meal as Melamine Urea Formaldehyde Adhesive Extender on the Bonding Strength of Plywood', Anisa Ur Rahmah from Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Noraziah Abu Yazid from UMP, Teoh Yi Peng from Universiti Sains Malaysia and Norazrina Pakiman from Inno Biologics Sdn Bhd.

Also present were Icheme chairman Ir Johan Alimin Samad, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) Professor Dr Badhrulhisham Abdul Aziz and FKKSA Dean, Professor Dr Jailani Salihon.

