



BETTER SKILLS ACQUIRED TO MEET INDUSTRIES' NEEDS

A total of 120 Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) undergraduates completed the 'Degree++' programme conducted by the Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resources Engineering (FKKSA). They were the first batch to undergo the programme that involved industries especially those from the oil and gas sector.

The programme was part of the efforts taken to add value to their knowledge and skills acquired in preparation to enter the real working world.

Among the industries were Emerson Process Management (M) Sdn. Bhd., Engineering Works Sdn. Bhd., Yamatake

Engineering (M) Sdn. Bhd., Agilent Technologies Sales (M) Sdn. Bhd. and Aveva Sdn. Bhd.

The programme was an extension to the cooperation forged between the industries and UMP during a ceremony to ink the agreements recently.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said, the Higher Education Ministry had approved a sum of RM1mil under the Student Employability Fund that supported the programme.

"FKKSA has managed to carry out three of the programmes, with the cooperation from the industries. It involved control and

instrumentation process, operator training on AVEVA-PDMS and on-site troubleshooting gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) that entails basic operation and maintenance and troubleshooting.

"The programme implemented can help equip the undergraduates with technical skills as required by the industries. They are able to interact with the industries and help improve self-confidence in their areas of choice.

"In fact, they are always evaluated by the industries' mentors," he said before presenting certificates to the participants at UMP banquet hall on December 28, 2012.