

RE-APPOINTMENT OF UMP'S VC

The Higher Education Ministry has re-appointed Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim as Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)'s Vice-Chancellor for another two years, effective from May 16, 2013.

Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir, 58, hails from Johor Bahru. He has a PhD from University of Dundee, United Kingdom and had worked in Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). He was USM's Dean of Management Faculty and Director of Advanced Management Centre.

He has vast experience in management, accounting, corporate governance and research methodology. He has received various honours and among them were the Academy for Global Business Advancement (AGBA) Life-Time Achievement Award during the AGBA International Congress in 2010 and AGBA Fellow during AGBA Ninth Congress held in Ajman University of Science and Technology, UAE last

year.

In the administration field, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing promotes running an organisation that is value-based and strategy-focused as well as emphasis on performance evaluation. He also stresses on an agenda that strengthens the foundation which promotes academia excellence.

"Based on the National Higher Education Strategic Plan (PSPTN) and UMP Strategic Plan 2011-2015, UMP will continue to excel and make its mark at the international level," he said.

Professor Dato' Dr. Daing has also been appointed as a Visiting Professor at the Hebei University, China. He was an experienced Visiting Professor as he had a stint at the College of Industrial Management, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Mineral between 2008 and 2010.

His other posts included Chairman of CAP PSPTN KPT, member of Malaysia Examination Council, member of Yogyakarta Technology



University's trustee board, member of the Pahang State Economic Advisory Council, Chairman of Malaysia Examination Council's Investment Committee and member of the Pahang Youth Legal Council.

The re-appointments of the Vice-Chancellor will undeniably set UMP in course in becoming an outstanding, world-class technology university.



PROFESSOR DR MASHITAH APPOINTED AS UMP'S NEW DEPUTY VC (RESEARCH & INNOVATION)

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology (FSTI)'s Dean, Professor Dr Mashitah Mohd Yusof was appointed as the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) for three years, effective from July 21, 2013.

Professor Dr Mashitah, 51, a doctoral degree holder in Chemistry from Wichita State University of the US, took over the post from Professor Dato' Dr Rosli Mohd Yunos who held it since 2008.

Prior to working in UMP, Professor Dr Mashitah was with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). She was also the Research Centre Director for Malaysia Engineering and Technology University College

(KUKTEM) which was eventually renamed to UMP.

She had also served as the dean of UMP's Graduate Studies Programme Centre this year.

Professor Dr Mashitah played a pivotal role in the setting up of FSTI in 2008 and had remained as the dean since the inception five years ago. At the same time, she was also the university's Centralised Laboratory director.

Born in Bukit Mertajam, Penang, Professor Dr Mashitah has shown keen interest in the research area since her younger days.

The academician has conducted a lot of research works, presented working papers in the country as well as abroad and published books.

Among them were '*Rahsia dan Keunikan Gaharu*' (The Secret and Uniqueness of Gaharu), 'Pahang Biodiversity and Biotechnology Strategic Action' and 'Future Directions of Biotechnology Education in Malaysia'.

Her vast experience in the academic area and research field served as an advantage to Professor Dr Mashitah in being UMP's Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation).

Congratulations from Pekan Review editorial team and it is hope that UMP will further flourish under her leadership.