JAN 22 KUALA TERENGGANU: In an effort to promote networking and collaboration in Organic Synthesis among chemistry researchers in the country, three Universities, namely, UiTM, UDM and UMP, agreed to jointly host the first such symposium in the country.

The proposed effort is deemed timely as more and more Malaysian organic chemists obtain their training in synthesis but lack a dedicated platform for exclusive exchange with other synthetic chemists.

In a meeting at Universiti Darul Iman City Campus, the pro temp committee agreed the symposium to be held in June in Kuala Terengganu will be open to synthetic chemists in Malaysia and abroad.

**Industrial Math Program gets nod from Expert Panel**

JAN 20-22 KUALA LUMPUR: An expert panel workshop with senior academics and industry mathematicians was again held at the Concorde Inn, Sepang, chaired by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & Internationalization), Professor Dr. Sabarudin Mohd.

During the workshop, the panel collectively agree and support that the proposed program, curriculum and syllabus coupled with the latest job market survey were ready for pre-Senate and MQA perusal.

**Kacip Fatimah in RED BULL Energy Drink?**

MAR 20 KUALA LUMPUR: Allswell Trading Pte. Ltd. (Singapore) expressed interest to explore incorporating the research grade Kacip Fatimah extract as prepared by Prof Mashitah Mohd Yusoff in Red Bull Energy Drink.

Further discussions were to be held with the Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation.

**Nuclear Malaysia’s Dr. Norimah lectures to First Year Industrial Chemistry students**

MAR 16 GAMBANG: Following a Fire Safety talk by firefighters from Taman Tas Station, first year Industrial Chemistry students received a rare treat when Radiation and Biological Safety expert, Dr. Norimah Yusof became guest lecturer in their Industrial and Laboratory Safety class (BSK1162).

It prompted an invitation by Dr. Norimah for a class visit to Nuclear Malaysia to experience nuclear science first hand in Bangi in 2010.