

## UMP kicks off final audit for OSH award

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) kicked off its final audit session at the laboratory of the Faculty of Chemical Engineering & Natural Resources (FKKSA) on May 5, 2010, as part of its ongoing participation in the national level Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) Excellence Award 2009.

Concerned with OSH at the workplace, UMP was one of several local public institutions of higher learning (IPTA) partaking in the Public Service category.

The university's FKKSA has been known to adopt OSH best practice since its founding days. In 2005, the faculty's laboratory was accredited with OHSAS 18001:1999, and brought UMP into the limelight to become the first IPTA obtaining the international standard certification.

This year, FKKSA collaborated with the university's Department of OSH (DOSH) to ensure a smooth-flow of the final audit session. The previous second stage audit was carried out on July 13, 2009.

The final audit commenced with a brief introduction of the general OSH practice at UMP and specifically, at the FKKSA laboratory, to the panel of auditors – Amrin Badron and Ir Mokhtar Sabtu from DOSH – by Professor Dr Badhrulhisham Abdul Aziz and Mohd Hairynizam Muhd Taib, respectively.

The audit and inspection were carried out to assess the present stage of implementation of OSH management at the university.

The two auditors went through documentation of OSH policies and organization charts, and held a "Question & Answer" session between employees and employer.

The national level OSH Excellence Award is organized by the National Council annually. Its objectives are to acknowledge and accredit journalists and personalities from the media and organizations at large, respectively, who have recorded excellent achievements in OSH.

Such accreditation is part of the Government's efforts to inculcate OSH into Malaysians' work culture.