Kuantan, 20th September – The two days of UMP TVET Research Exhibitions held at UMP Gambang Sports Complex was a success when it gather nearly 100 researchers who share their ideas and thoughts to empower and strengthen Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) in this country.

The event, organized by Centre for Academic Innovation & Competitiveness (CAIC) was officiated by Deputy Minister of Science, Technology & Innovation, Datuk Wira Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah and was attended by UMP Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato’ Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Prof. Dato’ Dr. Rosli Mohd Yunus and Malaysian Board of Technologists (MBOT) Deputy Registrar, Mohd Khairuddin Rais.

According to Datuk Wira Dr. Abu Bakar, the establishment of MBOT was significant in transforming the TVET ecosystem to develop highly skill workforce and driven this country to become a developed country.

Moreover, focus need to be given to strengthen the network build between MBOT and local public universities, such as Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP), Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP).
Meanwhile, Dato’ Dr. Daing Nasir said, Driving Sustainable Future with TVET was the theme chosen for this program, that has been done in responding to government’s aspiration to promote TVET as well as to draw attention of undergraduates in higher learning institutions to exhibit their TVET innovation.

Besides UMP, this exhibition were also joined by Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UteM), Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), TATI Universiti Kolej and IKBN Besut.

Other activities were also held concurrently with this exhibition, such as sharing session on Successful Story from a Professional Technologist (TS), with Wan Nazri Wan Aria, the man behind the iconic Mecca clock tower, a forum on Engineering Technology: From the Perspective of English Speaking World vs Continental World involving prominent panelist which are Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. TS. Ahmad Zaidee Laidin, President of Malaysian Board of Technologists (MBOT), Prof. Dr.-Ing. Hans-Werner Dorschner from Karlsruhe University Of Applied Sciences (Hska) and Chief Operation Officer of Stormwater Management And Road Tunnel (SMART), Sharifah Alauyah Wan Othman while the Director of CAIC. Prof. Madya Dr. Mohd Ruslim Mohamed act as the moderator.