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Campus Info

Confucius Institute to be set up in UMP



Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has entered into an agreement with Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) that would pave the way for the establishment of Confucius Institute or Kong Zi Institute in Pahang.





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This collaboration will benefit the university students as well as the local community who wish to learn more about the Chinese language and its culture.

UMP was represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Sri Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim while Confucius Institute by Hanban Deputy Director Zhao Guocheng Ang.

The exchange of the documents was held in Chengdu, China on December 5, 2018, in conjunction with the Confucius Institute 13th Conference.



Also present were Hanban Planning Division Director, Professor Wang Yong, Hebei University Committee Secretary, Professor Gui Jian, Hebei University International Relation Office





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Director, Professor Li Xiaoliu and UMP Mandarin Language and Cultural Centre (MLCC), Yong Ying Mei.

Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir said the institute would play an important role in helping to enhance one's command in Mandarin and pave the way for more cultural exchange programmes between the two countries.

"In fact, we have already established good ties with Hebei University since 2011 and that there are 22 Mandarin language teachers here," he said.

Hebei University, a university in China, has been appointed by Hanban to work on establishing collaborations on the setting up of the institute.

To date, there are two institutes of higher learning in Malaysia that have set up Confucius Institute - Universiti Malaya (UM) and Segi University.





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Research and Innovation

Research works by UMP received recognition in Korea



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Research works by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) lecturers continued to receive recognitions following their wins of three gold medals, two special awards, one silver medal and four bronze medals at the Seoul Invention and International Fair (SIIF).

The fair was held at COEX Exhibition Hall, Seoul in Korea on December 9, 2018.

Projects that won the gold medals were 'Next Generation Security Operation Centre' (NGSOC), 'Firefly Combinatorial Test List Generator for Lot Systems' and 'Efficient TIO2-SIO2 Hybrid Nano-coolant'.

The NGSOC project also won a special award - Special Award of Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalisers from Poland.

The project was led by Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineering (FSKKP) lecturer, Ts. Dr. Mohamad Fadli Zolkipli.





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NGSOC is a framework that is established to facilitate an organisation to develop and manage an in-house security operational centre (SOC).

According to Ts. Dr. Mohamad Fadli, the benefit offered by the framework was that it could increase the detection of cyber threats internally and become the digital defence strategy of an organisation.

The project was developed together with SysArmy Sdn. Bhd.

The 'Firefly Combinatorial Test List Generator for Lot Systems' was developed by Dr. Abdulrahman Ahmed Mohammed Al-Sewari which also received a special award while the





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project 'Efficient TIO2-SIO2 Hybrid Nano-coolant' was by Associate Professor Dr. Wan Azmi Wan Hamzah.

Another project by Ts. Dr. Mohamad Fadli, 'Safe Cyber: System for the Safety of Financial Transaction and Users Against Online Fraud and Cybercrimes' won a bronze medal.

The silver medal was contributed through a project by FSKKP Dean, Professor Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli which was titled, 'Intelligent Interaction Test Suite Generator for Large IoT Testing'.

The bronze medals were contributed by Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Faiz Mohd Turan from Faculty of Manufacturing (FKP), Dr. Izan Izwan Misnon from Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology (FSTI) and Dr. Sharifah Maszura Syed Mohsin from Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources Engineering (FKASA).

SIIF 2018 attracted more than 600 entries that included works on invention, commercialisation, patent and technology transfer involving researchers from Indonesia, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, China and Saudi Arabia.

Other agencies involved in organising SIF 2018 were Korea Invention Promotion Association (KIPA), Korea Intellectual Property Organisation (KIPO), World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and International Federation of Inventors Association (IFIA).





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Student Activities

12 UMP MASKUM volunteers brought cheers to orphans in Aceh



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A total of 12 volunteers from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) took time off to bring some cheers to orphans at Mukanol Udubiyah Orphanage in Acheh on December 5, 2018.

They were part of the volunteers from the Malaysia Universities Volunteer Council (MASKUM).

They helped to spruce up the place by adding ferro-cement chairs and tables and shared their experience in making keropok lekor that was later feted to the orphans, totalling 50 of them.



The activity was part of the Aceh Global Exploration programme organised by Department of Student Affairs and Alumni (JHEPA) and supported by UMP Eco Pest Sdn. Bhd. and Kenz Trans & Travel Sdn. Bhd.





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Programme Director, Siti Aishah Darmawanshah, who is from Faculty of Industrial Management (FPI) said, although preparations had been made prior to their trip, they still had to face some challenges especially in getting the building material as the material used was different as compared to Malaysia.

"This challenge taught us new things such as using different type of sand, bricks and frames.

"However, we were satisfied that we were able to complete the chairs and tables in two days and can be used by the children," she said.



She added that the volunteers also got to meet 40 of the children at Cinta Kasih Orphanage.

She also said other than the motivational programmes conducted that helped to cheer up the children, the orphanage was presented with fans and insect repellent device, Pest Killa.

JHEPA General Manager and Programme Advisor, Abd. Rahman Haji Safie said, the programme helped to improve the volunteers' skills and that they were able to enhance and practice what that had been taught.

"The programme could help improve their skills and creativity and that they can practise whatever that have been learned. "They can go down to the field themselves and foster loser ties with the local people and support UMP agenda in communitising the technology," she said.





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Siti Aishah also said they got exchange experiences with students from Universitas Syiah Kuala.

Students' Activities

'Friendship' takes audience down memory lane of their school days



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Waris Theatre Club staged a play titled, 'Friendship' which was about friendship among five students from Cempedak Class of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Warisan and the conflicts they had with their teachers.





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There were also love stories and past histories of two best friends, Pok Tam and Bird, who had several unresolved issues that made the play more dynamic.

The actors put up a good show as they took the audience along down memory lane of what was it like during school days.

The play was held on December 2, 2018 and was directed by Mohamad Lokman Idris, an undergraduate at Faculty of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering (FKASA).

Tickets sales were very good with more than 300 sold.

Mohamad Lokman said the audience would not have believed it if they knew that the actors had only two weeks of practise.

"The short duration of practise did not stop them to put up a good play because the actors were a talented lot," he said.

Mohamad Lokman or also known as Lo'i, 20, said he was proud to be given the task to direct the play written by Muhammad Fuad Ahmad Nasser, a seasoned playwright who had represented Pahang in the recent Malaysia Theatre Festival.



"The play was also supported by a strong publicity crew production which made 'Friendship' the talk of the town," he added.

Mohamad Lokman, who also acts, said that as a first-time director, it was indeed a challenging task but it subsequently became the starting point for him to move out from his comfort zone as





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an actor and learn to be a director, one that would be just as good as a film director of the country's film industry.

"Among the challenges that he faced was time constraint, restricted place for rehearsal and having to deal with new and inexperienced actors.

"However, the 76-strong crew production forms a very solid source of force for the director himself to pursue the task given till its completion.

"Theatre undeniably cannot make us wealthy but it can enrich us with knowledge and experience," said Mohamad Lokman whose motto is 'Theatre Personifies Human'.

He added that his satisfaction in indulging into theatre was the love and compassion that could be shared with the audience.

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