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UMP honours staff, celebrates fellows completing studies

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Eighteen years' experience as a staff member at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) which later changed their name to Kolej Universiti Teknologi dan Kejuruteraan Malaysia (KUKTEM) and Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) was truly memorable for Nor Ashikin Abul Aziz who has now completed her service as a lecturer at the Centre for Modern Languages and retired at the age of 60 on 3 October 2019.

Sharing her experience, Nor Ashikin is grateful for the chance to gain experience and make contributions at the university and advises fellow lectures to continue educating the nation with sincerity.

She is among eight of the university's staff to retire this year celebrated in the Service Commemorating Ceremony 2019 and Staff and Graduation of Fellows Appreciation Ceremony organised by the Registry Department in UMP Pekan on 16 December 2019.

Those celebrated were Haji Zahari Muda from UMP's Security Division, Nik Mohd Kamil Nik from the Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Haji Ruslan Che Pee of the Library, Associate Professor Dr. Norrihan Sulan, Abd Khadir Shafie from the Property Management & Development Department (JPPH), Suriya Kumar A/L V Sinnadurai and Nor Ashikin Abdul Aziz from the Centre for Modern Languages and Professor Dato' Dr. Hasnah Haron from the Faculty of Industrial Management.

The event was also attended by the Vice-Chancellor of UMP, Professor Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff and university management at the Banquet Hall, Chancellery, UMP Pekan.

According to Professor Dr. Ir. Wan Azhar, this event is part of the initiative and commitment on behalf of the management to consistently approach and interact with UMP workforce and retirees with familial spirit.

“Meanwhile, retirees or future retirees can continue to contribute corresponding to their field of expertise, including donations towards the UMP Foundation along with whatever else would benefit the university’s community,” he said.

At the same time, the event celebrated 30 staff members and fellows who have completed their studies at a doctoral level.

Of the 30, six of the academic staff successfully graduated within the original study period or earlier from the original graduation period. They received a special appreciation certificate and excellence incentive via the Graduate on Time (GOT) programme.

Professor Dr. Ir. Wan Azhar congratulated the 30 staff members and fellows who completed their studies and hoped that they can carry out their duties towards the university’s excellence.

“Until now, the number of lecturers at UMP with a PhD has reached 67.2%, with this hopefully the academic staff can contribute in their respective fields to benefit the university and local communities along with the UMP’s tagline, “Communitising Technology” which forms the basis of UMP’s 2020 Strategic Plan,” he said.

Among the recipients of the excellence incentive via the Graduate on Time (GOT) programme are Dr. Noor Intan Shafinas Muhamad from the Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering, Dr. Muhammad Rusydi Mohamad Yasin from the Faculty of Manufacturing and Mechatronic Engineering, Dr. Mohd Fazli Farida Asras and Dr. Nazira Mahmud from the Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology and Dr. Nurhaizan Mohd Zainudin from the Faculty of Industrial Management along with Dr. Noradilah Md Nordin from the Centre for Human Sciences.

UMP also commemorates the three staff members who had passed away while in service with the university. They had served UMP with full dedication throughout their lives and their absence is felt to this day.

They are Allahyarham Arman A. Rahim from the Registry Department, Allahyarham Said Ismail from the Centre for Sports and Culture, and Allahyarham Abd Karim Ibrahim from the Property Management & Development Department (JPPH).

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