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The cover of the magazine 'RESONANCE' features a photograph of Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim. He is wearing a white traditional Malay shirt (kris) and a black songkok, waving his right hand. He is standing next to a dark-colored car, which is partially visible in the foreground. The background shows a crowd of people, some holding cameras, and a modern building with palm trees and other greenery. The title 'RESONANCE' is printed in large, bold, black capital letters at the top. Below the title, the text 'JAN-APRIL 2023 | ISSUE 69 | ISSN 1675-7270' is printed in a smaller font. At the bottom left, the text 'Prime Minister Visits UKM' is printed in large, bold, black capital letters.

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Message from the Vice-Chancellor

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UKM has always been in support of the aspirations set by the government, especially by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) in ensuring the welfare of students and all members of the university. Simultaneously, UKM takes pride in supporting the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) set by the United Nations (UN) by embedding the values and principles in all activities towards attaining a common goal of peace and prosperity for all people and the planet from the present to the future.

'Menu Rahmah' is one of the latest initiatives by MoHE which offers a complete meal with drinks at a price as low as RM5 for all members of the university. While 'Menu Rahmah Siswa' has been introduced for students, offering meals for as low as RM3.50. As of now, seven cafeterias and kiosks in UKM campus have joined the initiative.

All our efforts in supporting the initiative have been recognised by the Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin who recently made a friendly visit to UKM. During the visit, they both took the opportunity to try out the special menus offered at the Randau Rasa Cafeteria at the UKM campus.

UKM prioritises the welfare of all UKM members and has always been alert about government initiatives in aiding and providing facilities to the B40 group.

Let us work together and make continued and unremitting efforts to support efforts initiated by the MoHE for the betterment of all members of UKM.

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Prime Minister Visits UKM

By Asmahanim Amir

Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim recently paid a friendly visit to Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and took the opportunity to try out the newly introduced Menu Siswa Rahmah at the Randau Rasa Cafeteria, UKM alongside 150 other students.

Menu Siswa Rahmah is an initiative by the Ministry of Higher Education to offer affordable food for an estimated number of 320,000 B40 students in all 20 public universities and polytechnics throughout the country at just RM3.50.

The Prime Minister tried out several items from the menu that were available at the cafeteria and he proceeded to have small talks with the students. The Menu Siswa Rahmah scheme is Malaysia's first move towards ensuring students to receive meals that include all macronutrients (carbohydrate, protein and fat), as well as fibre and other nutrients, at a price that is affordable.

Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim was accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Ministry of Higher Education, Dato' Mohammad Yusof Apdal, UKM Vice-Chancellor Prof Dato' Gs. Ts. Dr. Mohd Ekhwan Hj. Toriman, Chairman of UKM Board of Directors, Prof. Emeritus Dato' Dr. Mohamad Abd. Razak, members of the top leadership and management, staff members and as well as student representatives.

After having lunch, he joined approximately 3,000 UKM students, staff and local residents for the Friday prayers at the UKM Mosque. Dato' Seri Anwar, who was fully attired in a light yellow baju Melayu, joined the sermon on "Religious Extremists" delivered by Dr Hamidi Ishak, a Lecturer at the Faculty of Islamic Studies.

Dato' Seri Anwar, spent time greeting the sea of students, staff and the local community before bidding his farewell after the Friday prayers.







Menu Siswa Rahmah for B40 Tertiary Students

By Murniati Abu Karim

More than 11,000 students of UKM will be eligible to enjoy a meal at only RM3.50 through the Menu Siswa Rahmah scheme. The scheme was introduced at Kafeteria Randau Rasa UKM in March witnessed by Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, the Minister of Higher Education.

The Ministry of Higher Education had obtained the support of 20 public universities and 24 polytechnics throughout the nation, with 235

vendors involved in providing the meals. Its minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said the initiative will benefit as many as 320,000 students from the B40 category.

During his visit to the Bangi campus, the Minister emphasized that it is important for universities to come up with a system to filter out eligible students as the Menu Rahmah Siswa is strictly for B40 students. Meanwhile Menu Rahmah will



be available to the rest of the students and all members of public universities at RM5. Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said, it is possible to offer Menu Siswa Rahmah at a much lower price for students as the rental fees for vendors will be absorbed by the university management totalling over RM3 mil per year.

Vice Chancellor of UKM, Prof. Ts. Gs. Dr. Mohd Ekhwan Toriman explained that there are seven participating cafeterias and food kiosks that serve Menu Siswa Rahmah in Bangi campus and a total of 27 cafeterias across UKM campuses in Bangi, Cheras, and Kuala Lumpur.

UKM Generation Management Center (JANA@UKM) is responsible for communicating with the cafeteria operators on the implementation of Menu Siswa Rahmah and Menu Rahmah.

Prof. Ts. Gs. Dr. Mohd Ekhwan Toriman also expressed that both initiatives could not have come at a better time, as many people are struggling with pressing financial issues. It may not be the only solution to the economic crisis, but it does provide direct assistance to those in need, especially students.



UKM Launches 2030 Sustainability Plan

By Asmahanim Amir

UKM has launched the 2030 Sustainability Plan to create a green, sustainable and prosperous campus.

The plan was launched at the Bicara Perdana Naib Canselor UKM 2023. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Gs. Ts. Dr. Mohd Ekhwan Toriman said that the plan will see UKM being committed to energy conservation programmes, new energy explorations, better efficient solid waste management and the creation of new policies supporting the universal effort on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

According to the Vice Chancellor, UKM wants to move in tandem with the agencies and industry. Hence, UKM's advancement target will be based on three aspects namely the environment, social and governance (ESG).

He added, UKM 2030 Sustainability Plan has been launched based on ESG and energy conservation is one of the many programs under the sustainable energy initiatives. The Minister of Higher Education recently launched the Solar Services Project worth RM24 million in UKM Bangi campus.

Roofs of 50 buildings in the Bangi campus will be replaced with solar panels and this initiative is expected to help save at least 16 percent (%) of the total cost spent on electricity. Phase two of the project will involve several buildings in the UKM Kuala Lumpur campus and two hospitals in Cheras.

He elaborated in his speech during the Bicara Perdana Naib Canselor that UKM is committed towards sustainability and the environment, for both campuses and the society. He believes that UKM expertise will be of great help to the nation in making the agenda a success especially in terms of sustainability and well-being.

Apart from that, UKM will focus on One-Line Budgeting (OLB) which concentrates on funding mechanisms. 26 centres in charge have started implementing OLB based budgeting and this program will be expanded and strengthened further.

"We have generated RM534 million before the implementation of Open Distance Learning (ODL) and we are targeting to generate RM610 with the implementation of ODL", he said.

According to the reports, UKM saved up RM24 million on utility and rental in 2022 by focusing on savings and avoiding wastage.

Therefore, the Vice Chancellor has announced that a special unit on cost will be set up at the Treasury Department to improve and help with costing and budgeting of work procurement and maintenance of the campus. Furthermore a new administrative position for Pro Vice Chancellor of Development will be created. The new position will be created to enhance the governance and coordination of development projects funded by the government and maintenance of UKM.



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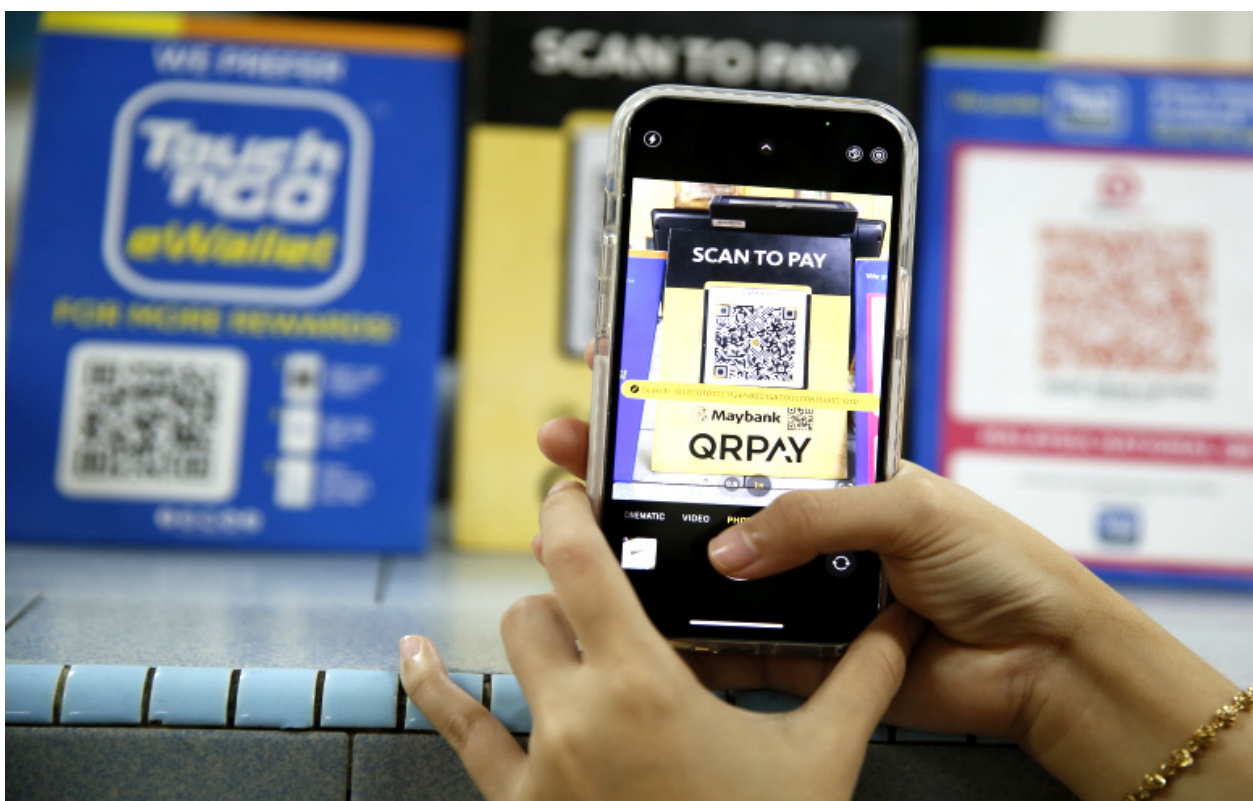
UKM on Track to a Cashless Society

By Murniati Abu Karim

According to a recent Visa survey on consumer payment attitudes in South-east Asia, up to 95% of Malaysians are aware of contactless payments, and nine in 10 Malaysians are interested in using contactless payments. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) has recently launched a "Cashless Campus" concept offering a variety of payment alternatives to ensure faster and more efficient transactions.

The Cashless Campus concept was implemented in accordance with the government's ongoing efforts to encourage cashless payments and to help Malaysians become a cashless society in the long run.

Among the cashless applications used at business premises in UKM include QR DuitNow, Maybank QRpay, Touch & Go eWallet, Shopee



Pay, Grab Pay and Boost. This initiative is being expanded and adopted by business premises in UKM where traders are required to provide at least one cashless payment option beginning February 2023.

Going cashless will enable systematic monitoring of financial records. The cashless applications will also prevent consumers from the risk of carrying

large amounts of cash and allow them to make quick and safe transactions.

UKM has established a Cashless Campus Implementation Committee since 2020 and has been working towards educating the members of UKM on the convenience of going cashless in this digital era in line with the aspirations of the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) to go digital.



UKM Scientist Develops Multi-Hazard Platform (MHP) Prediction System

By Murniati Abu Karim



A team of researchers from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) has developed the Kuala Lumpur Multi-hazard Platform (KL-MHP) to better manage and communicate risks in order to increase the city's resilience to climate change risks.

According to the head researcher Professor Dr. Joy Jacqueline Pereira of Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative (SEADPRI-UKM), KL-MHP is a web-based system that displays high-resolution detailed weather forecasts for three days in advance.

KL-MHP provides comprehensive disaster warnings including flood, landslide, and atmospheric threats like heat waves and air pollution. The system adapts meteorological, atmospheric, and disaster models based on Malaysian and Southeast Asian tropical climates which then integrates them into the same platform. Unlike general weather forecasts, KL-MHP provides detailed forecasts down to the scale of specific residential areas.

The data from KL-MHP is currently being used by the Kuala Lumpur Rescue Squad at Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to make thorough preparations for responding to urban disasters such as flash floods and landslides.

Furthermore, the system will help DBKL make better decisions about land use and development control in Kuala Lumpur based on scientific evidence to deal with climate hazard issues such as floods, landslides, strong winds and urban heat which are expected to worsen in the near future.

She further explained how KL-MHP can assist in identifying more misguided actions to raise awareness and disaster preparedness for communities in flood and landslide-prone areas, thereby reducing loss and damage to property and physical assets in the city.

Dr. Joy Jacqueline added that KL-weather MHP's and disaster forecasting accuracy is consistent and exceeds 90 percent for floods and flash floods. Meanwhile, the prediction accuracy for landslides is greater than 95 percent.

Honing New Talents in Drone Sports Technology

By Asmahanim Amir

The first phase will begin at UKM, which has a special unit at the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment (FKAB) called the Malaysia Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training (MyREVET Satelit).

"Workshops, guided self-exploration, drone assembly, simulators, and practical flights will be used as learning methods.

"Through this Dronecubator Programme, AKSADRON will be able to develop drone sports pilots, of which there are only 40 professionals in Malaysia," he explained.



The Dronecubator programme, or drone sports incubator, developed by the National Academy for Drone Sports Excellence (AKSADRON) aims to train new talent and provide exposure to drone sports technology through a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) approach.

The programme will be managed by the Malaysian Sport Aviation Federation (MSAF) and Futurise, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cyberview Sdn Bhd, a company under the Ministry of Finance (MoF).

Datuk Seri Ahmad Maslan, Deputy Minister of Finance 1 attended the launching ceremony of Dronecubator Programme and during his speech, he mentioned that approximately 200 students from four universities and several secondary schools will involve in the programme.

He expressed his hope that the programme will be able to produce the first international standard drone pilot at UKM.

Furthermore, the programme can be used as an active learning approach based on competition to prepare undergraduate students for careers in the field of drones.

The faculty also collaborate to conduct autonomous drone piloting research, which is still relatively new in our country. Therefore, FKAB will be an engineering faculty with a wide range of expertise.

LPIE5R: Combating Global Warming with the 5Rs

By Phoon Li Juan @ Roovasini & Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhamad Azry Khoiry

Malaysians have been generating an average of 1.17kg or 36,699 tonnes in household waste daily and with the growing population, the total waste generated is expected to rise over the years. Therefore it is crucial that we reduce the solid waste that goes into the trash bin and make recycling a routine. However, the lack of knowledge in recycling may overwhelm and discourage many from starting or sustaining the practice. Therefore, it is crucial to start educating and encouraging every member of the community about recycling and it is best to start early.

Considering this, a research group from UKM has been running a program to encourage recycling among communities in the state of Kedah since the year 2019. Lowering Plastic Impact on the

Environment via 5R Module (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover) (LPIE5R) mainly involves students and teachers from secondary schools to cultivate the culture of environmental sustainability practices.

Second phase of this program kickstarted in March 2023 with a Training of Trainers Workshop (ToT) involving 134 teachers from 75 secondary schools around the state of Kedah. The program was led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhamad Azry Khoiry, the research leader with full support from the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment (FKAB), the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST), UKM-YSD Sustainability Chair and the Hasanah Foundation. The workshop was inaugurated by FKAB Dean, Prof. Ir. Mohd Syuhaimi Ab Rahman.



5R Plastics & Environmental Sustainability Module has been developed as a source of reference and guidance for the community through this program and the module comprises five chapters. Namely, An Introduction to Solid Waste; What is Plastic?; The Threat of Plastic Waste Pollution; Plastic Waste Management Through 5R and Alternative Plastics.

During the first phase in 2022, LPIE5R program engaged 143 instructors and 2,130 pupils from 71 secondary schools around Kedah to participate in the collection of recyclable items, with a minimum target of 500 kilograms (kg) per school. In the first quarter, the schools made 64,451.73 kg of collection exceeding the initial target of 35,500 kg.

According to the Federal Territories Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation (SWCorp) Director Umami Kalthum Shuib, as of 2022, the nation's recycling rate was only 33.17 percent, a lower rate compared with neighbouring countries and under the 12th Malaysia Plan, Malaysia has targeted the figure to rise to 40 percent by 2025.

Therefore the LPIE5R Project aims to educate and to raise awareness among young people on ways to manage their solid waste in a systematic manner. It will cultivate the practice of valuing waste as a resource and reducing despatching solid waste to dumpsites. These individual efforts can lead to substantial collective outcomes that will create an impact on resource conservation, pollution reduction, and energy efficiency.



Pujangga Puri Collection: Upholding Malay Heritage Through Commercialization

By Phoon Li Juan @ Roovasini & Murniati Abu Karim



Senior Researcher, Ts. Dr. Ros Mahwati Ahmad Zakaria of the Institute of the Malay World and Civilization (ATMA) has been involved with the research of Islamic manuscripts and art for more than 22 years. Recent findings from a study on Malay traditional art motifs led by Dr. Ros Mahwati with her team has led to a successful commercialization in collaboration with a famous Malaysian apparel brand, Siti Khadijah.

The collaboration came about when Dr. Ros Mahwati and her team discovered the Malay traditional art motifs while working on a study which looked into a collection of Malay manuscripts. The beautiful patterns were found within the pages of a family medical manuscript called 'Kitab Tib', which was published around 1850.

As a result, eight patterns were created from this manuscript and were then presented to the apparel brand Siti Khadijah. One pattern out of eight was selected to create products for the Pujangga Puri collection. The designs were mainly inspired by floras and faunas.

As the Head of Malay Manuscript Research Centre (PPMAM) at ATMA, Dr. Ros Mahwati and her team had the urge to introduce these cultural treasures to the world. According to her, "This collection is an attempt to preserve the Malay art and cultural heritage.

Motifs on the manuscripts are rarely highlighted and it shouldn't be kept away in the books. Hence this is a great opportunity to demonstrate that these hidden treasures can be restored and made

available for the public through a better and bigger platform". The team has plans to continue researching manuscripts and local heritage arts such as mosque architecture which then will be introduced to the industry.

The Centre for Innovation and Transfer Technology (INOVASI@UKM) coordinated the commercialisation efforts between UKM and Siti Khadijah Apparel Sdn. Bhd. The licensing agreement between two parties allows Malay traditional art motifs sourced from manuscript to be extracted digitally for the purpose of commercialisation. Both parties agreed to work towards a common goal to elevate the Malay heritage and traditional art on a global scale.

Chief Executive Officer of the Siti Khadijah Group, Muhammad Munzir Aminuddin said, "We are interested in commercialising the pattern because it has an aesthetic value to it that represents Malay art and heritage". He also added that the brand is committed to highlighting the collection of traditional Malay motifs to increase awareness among society and to preserve national treasures from being forgotten over time.

Deputy Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation, Prof. Dato Dr. Wan Kamal Mujani



Ts. Dr. Ros Mahwati Ahmad Zakaria

heaped praise over the wonderful efforts taken by the research team and INOVASI@UKM. Hopes are high to witness many more licensing and commercialisation of Malay natural art heritage patterns in the future so that it would not be forgotten by future generations.



ALAF-UKM Laboratory Offers Various Edu-tourism Services to the Community

By Asmahanim Amir



The Natural and Physical Laboratory Management Centre, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (ALAF-UKM) will become an edu-tourism centre that will provide various services to the community in addition to being a research and learning centre.

There are four main natural laboratory locations throughout Peninsular Malaysia in the East, South, North, and Central which is likely to become the hub for development of the local community mainly in the research field of flora and fauna. Furthermore, it will boost edu-tourism, various academic module development and help elevate status of the natural laboratories to the international standards of UNESCO.

ALAF-UKM is the result of reorganising the governance of four natural laboratories: Tasik Chini Research Centre (PPTC), Bukit Fraser Research Centre (PPBF), Langkawi Research Centre (PPL),

and Marine Ecosystem Research Centre (EKOMAR), as well as two physical laboratories: UKM's Centred Instrumentation Laboratory (i-CRIM) and Bioceration Laboratory, both of which are located at UKM, Bangi. Previously, all laboratories at UKM were overseen by several Responsibility Centres.

The natural labs under ALAF-UKM provide edu-tourism packages such as, Forest Experience, Indigenous Explore, Tasik Chini Boat Tour, Night Walking, Bird Watching, Team Building Programs, and Science Exploration. Additionally, PPL offers tour guide training to the locals in Langkawi to boost their income.

ALAF-UKM is set to be an example to other higher education institutions in providing research based services which are beneficial to the public, industry and nation.

Working Together to Boost Integrity and Governance at All Levels

By Asmahanim Amir

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Faculty of Economics and Management (FEP), UKM and the Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM) on expanding collaboration between the two institutions in areas such as training, education, research, publication and advocacy programmes focusing on integrity and governance.

The agreement sealed between FEP, UKM and IIM was significant in kickstarting the implementation



of module Sijil Profesional Kepimpinan Integriti (SPKI) which will be jointly offered by both institutions for the very first time .

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Zuki Ali, Chief Secretary of the government who is also the Chairman of IIM and Pro-Chancellor of UKM said the collaboration of both parties in offering the SPKI module was a proactive step with greater emphasis on educating the society at all levels about integrity and best governance.

Chair of Malay Civilisation Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University

By Murniati Abu Karim



UKM has signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India to establish the Chair of Malay Civilization Studies at the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies of JNU.

The MoA was inked by UKM Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dato' Gs. Ts. Dr Mohd Ekhwan Toriman and Vice Chancellor of JNU Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi

Pandit. The ceremony was witnessed by India's High Commissioner to Malaysia B.N Reddy and Chairman of UKM Board of Directors Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Mohamad Abd Razak.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Prof. Santishree described the MoA as a historic moment for the two universities, which was able to further strengthen ties between Malaysia and India.



Covid-19 Prevention Signboard in Mendriq Language

By Murniati Abu Karim

Early this year, UKM unveiled a sign board that comprises Covid-19 prevention in Mendriq language at Pos Kuala Lah, Gua Musang. Mendriq or Minriq is a tribe of Orang Asli residing in parts of Kelantan and the sign board was created based on indigenous knowledge of the tribe.

According to the research leader, Associate Prof. Dr. Fazal Mohamed Mohamed Sultan from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK), this project focuses on educating the Orang Asli community on Covid-19 prevention by providing public health information in a language they would understand.

"The government should revise the way health information is being disseminated to these

vulnerable communities. One of the most effective approaches would be to present the information in a bottom-up manner that is relevant to the culture and language of the targeted community", he said.

Hence, this project brings together Dr. Fazal, a Linguistic expert; Prof. Dr. Hidayatul Fathi Othman, a Medical expert and Associate Prof. Dr. Azlizan Mat Enh a History expert in gathering knowledge about the Mendriq community on hygiene, infection, prevention, illness and epidemic.

Sixty Orang Asli individuals were interviewed for this research in order to gather information on their indigenous knowledge. Words, phrases and spontaneous sentences from the interview were sampled for analysis and transcribed to produce the sign board.

According to Dr. Fazal, the sign board will be utilized by 306 Orang Asli Mendriq residing in nearby areas in Gua Musang.

The sign board was unveiled by Zarina Razlan, the Director of the Kelantan and Terengganu Orang Asli Development Department. In her opening speech, Zarina said the Mendriq sign board which combines infographics will help increase awareness about Covid-19 prevention among the Orang Asli Mendriq while ensuring a healthy and prosperous life.

This project was initiated in May 2022 and funded by the US Agency for International Development and overseen by the Southeast Asia One Health University Network.



UKM Celebrates National Kidney Month Offering Free Kidney Examinations

By Asmahanim Amir

March is National Kidney Month, and according to a 2020 report by the Malaysian Dialysis and Transplant Registry (MDTR) the prevalence of End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) or kidney failure patients have been steadily increasing over time, with 43,804 people receiving dialysis as of 31 December 2018.

Quoting Dr Lily Mushahar, president of Malaysian Society of Nephrology (MSN), the rate of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) health screening in Malaysia is still very low when compared to cancer screening and this has to change for the better.

The Faculty of Medicine, UKM provided free kidney examinations to 250 people who participated in the Community Service Program that was held in Felda Sendayan in conjunction with World Kidney Day celebration. This event was jointly organised by the Faculty of Medicine, UKM, the Negeri

Sembilan Foundation, DaVita Malaysia, Aeon, and the Majlis Pengurusan Komuniti Kampung (MPKK) Kampung Felda Sendayan.

Dr. Zaliha Mustafa, the Minister of Health in her speech said: "Such programs are essential in raising awareness among the community about the importance of kidney health".

"Healthy living is the key preventive step for CKD and it can be diagnosed early through health screenings," she said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Industry and Community Partnerships Affairs, Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Norazah Mohd Nordin said UKM always welcomes community based activities that are in line with the "Prakarsa Prihatin" component under the T.E.R.A.S UKM elements.



MAIWP Donates Laptops and RM110,000 Worth of Gifts to UKM Students

By Nurnabila Huda Subandry

The Federal Territory Islamic Religious Council (MAIWP) donated laptops to 68 students from the Faculty of Economics and Management (FEP), UKM at the Iftar@FEP event. Laptops worth RM251,134 were distributed to selected B40 students residing in the Federal Territory.

On another occasion, MAIWP presented the "INSANI: Rahmah Ramadan & Syawal Balik Kampung" donations worth RM110,000 to Muslim students at the UKM Kuala Lumpur Campus (UKMKKL). Each student received RM120 bus fare

and additional RM100 for Hari Raya preparation. The gift is in cooperation with MAIWP's "INSANI: Rahmah Ramadan dan Syawal Balik Kampung" program.

FEP launched Khidmat Budi Platform two years ago as an initiative to mobilize activities pertaining community welfare, empowering citizens' education, student affairs and entrepreneurship helping students, indigenous people, orphans, the elderly, and the disabled.



Bubur Lambuk Perdana Strengthens Bond Among Community

By Nurnabila Huda Subandry



The Bubur Lambuk Perdana 2023 programme served as an integration platform between the Faculty of Engineering and Civil Engineering (FKAB) and members of UKM as well as residents of Bangi.

The programme received great support from the UKM Islamic Center, the UKM General Staff Union (KESUKMA), the Association of Administrative and Professional Officers (PERTADI), the FKAB Student Club (PEMATRA), the FKAB Staff Welfare Club (KESUTRA) and the Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (CUEPACS).

A total of 150 volunteers from each association were involved in the preparation of bubur lambuk and distributing packs of bubur lambuk to the UKM community, including the Kuala Lumpur campus and residents in the Bangi area.

Bubur lambuk is a traditional porridge cooked in big batches, rich in spices and cooked in coconut milk is one of the most sought-after dishes among the Muslims during the fasting month. It has always been a community event that is integrative in nature and requires the joint effort of many in the spirit of working together (gotong royong).



Harian Metro Sports Icon Award Night

Harian Metro Sports Icon Award Night was recently held at the Dewan Canselor Tun Abdul Razak (DECTAR), UKM Bangi. Minister of Communications and Digital, Ahmad Fahmi Mohamed Fadzil and Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Adam Adli Abd Halim were present at the event. The award ceremony was organised by Harian Metro in collaboration with Gardenia Breakthru, CIMB and UKMShape.

Malaysian diver Nur Dhabitah Sabri who is a student from Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK) was awarded the Women's Sports Icon Award (Gardenia Breakthru). The Sports Icon Award aims to recognize and to celebrate the success and achievements of the country's sportspersons.



Medical Student Wins Silver at the Sea Games 2023

Lim Jia Wei, from the Faculty of Medicine delivered a silver medal for Malaysia in the Women's Taekwondo Poomsae Team event held at the 32nd Southeast Asian Games 2023, Cambodia. Jia Wei was one of the athletes who represented the nation in the Women's Taekwondo Team despite her busy schedules as a third year medical student. Finding time despite having a busy schedule as a medical student to practice and to ace in the sports is truly inspiring. May this success story encourage students of UKM to find balance between their studies and sportsmanship.



Bronze at Jakarta Asian Rifle Championship

Dina Batrisyia binti Adi Azhar, UKM's shooting athlete, had won a bronze medal in the Asian Rifle/Pistol Cup 2023 which took place at the Senayan Shooting Range, Jakarta, Indonesia. It was organised by The Indonesia Shooting Association and a total of 107 participants from 12 countries participated in the tournament. There were a total of 10 athletes representing Malaysia at this tournament and Dina is one of them.



UKM Student Appointed as the Youngest National Badminton Coach

Ameer Amri Zainuddi, a student from the Faculty of Education is the youngest person appointed as a junior national badminton coach. Ameer who was a former national badminton player now returns to the Academy of Badminton Malaysia (ABM) and is now in charge of the under-15 Girls national squad. In his new position as a coach, Ameer hopes to produce great female players in the country utilising his experience and expertise and contribute to the development of badminton.





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