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PREFACE

We are pleased to present the latest issue of the IASDO bulletin January 2024 edition, which features articles on a wide range of topics related to digital communities. We hope that you will find the articles informative and thought-provoking. We would like to express our gratitude to all the contributors who have shared their insights and expertise with our readers.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for future issues of the IASDO bulletin. Thank you for your continued support and interest.

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The Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO), School of Computing (SOC), in collaboration with the Cameron Highlands District Education Office and Telanok National School, Cameron Highlands, Pahang, successfully organized a 3-month IoT Exploration Program with the Orang Asli community from April 24, 2022, to July 28, 2022. The first phase of program implementation involved 14 participants, including staff, postgraduate students, and undergraduate students from the School of Computing, to provide extensive exposure to information technology to rural communities. The main objective of this program was to assess the level of awareness of IoT in rural communities, identify challenges, and provide motivation and exposure to IoT.

Phase 1, conducted on May 25, 2022 (Wednesday), involved three facilitators consisting of postgraduate students, assisted by four undergraduate students, who conducted the "Internet of Things (IoT)" program with the participation of 50 students from Telanok National School, Cameron Highlands. The program started at 9:00 am with an introduction session by each facilitator, followed by a sharing session on the "Internet of Things" by Shehu Malami Sarkintudu, Isyaku Uba Haruna, and Rabie Abdulrahman Mohamed. Additionally, a question-and-answer session and various interactive activities were conducted during the sharing. Through this sharing, students gained a clearer and broader understanding of the importance of IoT in the present time.

IOT EXPLORATION PROGRAM WITH THE ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY IN CAMERON HIGHLANDS

By: Dr. Hapini Awang, Gs. Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor, and Prof. Dr. Osman Ghazali

At 1:30 pm, the students, teachers from SK Telanok, and facilitators gathered for the closing ceremony and presentation of souvenirs to the school. In conclusion, the program ran smoothly, and its main objectives were achieved. It is hoped that similar programs can be conducted in the future.

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Visits and discussions in strengthening cooperation with partner universities in West Jawa, Indonesia

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On November 17-19, 2023, Visits and Discussions in strengthening cooperation with universities in West Jawa, Indonesia was held between UUM and Orbit Academy located in the city of Jakarta as well as several universities in West Jawa Indonesia namely Universitas Pasundan (UNPAS), Universitas Komputer (UNIKOM) and Sangga Buana University (USB) which is all located in Bandung City, West Java.

Prof. Dr. Huda Ibrahim, Senior fellow from Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO), School of Computing (SOC), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) representing School of Computing (SOC) who attended this visit and discussion said, this visit and discussion was held with the aim of strengthening and further expanding cooperation opportunities between UUM with the academy and universities in West Jawa Indonesia which had previously carried out joint cooperation in various academic fields.

In addition, this visit also discussed the renewal of the MOU between UUM and the universities involved, exchange of students and staff, joint publication, research collaboration, visiting professor and guest lecturer and many more. In addition, Prof. Dr. Huda Ibrahim has also been invited to attend the open senate session of Pasundan University in inaugurals ceremony of Prof. Dr. Ir. Yusman Taufik M.P. The visits to these universities also will enhance the quality of the academic partnership (SDG4 and SDG17) with them.

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION FROM MUHAMMADIYAH UNIVERSITY JAKARTA (UMJ)

By: Nurul Izzah Ghozali , Nur Suhaili Mansor and Prof. Dr. Osman Ghazali

November 1, 2023- The Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO) recently played host to a distinguished delegation from the University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta (UMJ). This auspicious visit was orchestrated with the noble objective of fortifying the academic partnership between these esteemed institutions, particularly in the domains of education and research. During this significant visit, Dr. Pipit Novita, a distinguished representative of UMJ, was granted the privilege of engaging in substantive discussions with the Director and Deputy Director of IASDO SOC UUM, Dr. Hapini Awang and Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor. Their deliberations encompassed a wide array of issues pertaining to the spheres of education, research, and community development.

The anticipated collaboration between these two venerable universities holds the promise of delivering substantial benefits to students and researchers hailing from both nations, thereby making a substantial contribution to the furtherance of knowledge and fostering cross-cultural appreciation. This goodwill visit signifies a pivotal milestone in the process of fortifying the relationship between Malaysia and Indonesia, specifically in the domains of e-learning research and community engagement.

UUM Join 'Malaysia SDG Summit 2023: Northern Region' to Raises Awareness of Sustainable Development Goals

Prof. Dr. Huda Ibrahim, Prof. Dr. Azman Yasin, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mazni Omar, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mazida Ahmad and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bahtiar Mohamad

16th November 2023 - The Malaysia SDG Summit 2023: Northern Region, held on 16th November 2023 at Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Seri Iskandar, Perak successfully raised awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among stakeholders in the Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER). The SDG Summit, which was organized by the Ministry of Economy and the Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA), brought together over 500 participants from government, academia, the private sector, and civil society. The event featured a range of activities, including keynote addresses, panel discussions, networking sessions and exhibition sections. The SDG Summit also featured panel discussions on a variety of topics related to the SDGs, including climate change, economic growth, and social inclusion. Panellists from academia, the private sector, and civil society shared their insights on how the NCER can achieve the SDGs. In addition to the formal sessions, the SDG Summit also featured a networking session where participants had the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas. This session was well-attended and provided a valuable opportunity for stakeholders to connect with each other and build relationships. In conjunction with the organization of the SDG Summit program, UUM have been invited and gladly to participate in this program where Prof. Dr. Russayani Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) has been invited as the panellist for the session "Reducing Income Disparity in NCER: Trends, Strategies and Challenges" and UUM Representatives as exhibition participants.

At UUM booth consisted of several representative from different department that joined together who represents UUM in promoting the SDG agenda. It includes representatives from Centre for Testing, Measurement and Appraisal (CETMA), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Masnita Misiran and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zahayu Md Yusof which present about Sustainanalytics Navigating Sustainability with Precession, Prof. Dr. Huda Ibrahim, Senior fellow from Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO) SOC that presents and promoting on The Professional Certificate Training in SDGs Journalism Reporting and Management (a sustainability program for the Sustainable Development in Journalism Reporting research co-funded by Erasmus +), Mr. Suwannit Chareen Chit Sop Chit, Lecturer from School of Computing (SOC), promoting robotics (KAME ESP) for STEM while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohamad Farizal Rajemi, School Of Technology Management & Logistic (STML), promoting the Journey of Aquaponics. The Malaysia SDG Summit 2023: Northern Region was a success in raising awareness of the SDGs and in bringing together stakeholders to discuss how to achieve them. The event is expected to have a positive impact on the NCER's efforts to achieve sustainable development. Some of the key outcomes of The SDG Summit include a renewed commitment from stakeholders to work together to achieve the SDGs, better understanding of the SDGs and how they can be implemented in the NCER and network of stakeholders who are working towards the same goal. The SDG Summit is expected to lead to a number of initiatives to promote sustainable development in the NCER. These initiatives could include the development of a regional SDG action plan, implementation of SDG-related projects and programs and creation of the SDG knowledge hub (SDG3, SDG4, SDG9 and SDG17).

VISIT FROM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS FINANCE AND BANKING STUDENTS

By: Nurul Izzah Ghozali, Gs. Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor, and Prof. Madya Ts. Dr. Nor Hazlyna Harun

23rd November 2023- The Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO) has received a visit from 2 students from the School of Economics, Finance and Banking which aims to get views from IASDO members regarding The Future of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The students, namely Wan Nur Izzah Hazrin binti Wan Hilman and Arisya Syakila binti Abd Wahab, participated in a discussion session with members from IASDO. The main purpose of this visit is to frame an insight into the influence of AI on the economy, finance, and banking. The students have actively exchanged opinions and asked deep questions related to the aspects, economic effects, and implications of AI in the future of this industry. This visit gives students the opportunity to gain insight from various perspectives, including ethics, wisdom, and the opportunities offered in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI). We hope this visit inspires the students to continue their studies in this field.

LIVING THE GOLDEN MONTHS

By: Nadjween Hanie Mohd Mayan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Husniza Husni , and Dr.Hapini Awang

If I'm being real, this semester is the toughest yet the best semester I've had. All the pains and struggles seem to come to an end and hopefully, I get to feel the sweetness very soon. I'm writing to share with you my experience during this semester or I like to call it the golden months as these are the months where I've received a lot of new experiences and values to be used in my daily life. From the beginning when we received the Semester 2 timetable, I was thrilled because I saw a subject that I've been dying to learn for a very long time. Yes, you are right, it was the Introduction to Law subject. Law is something powerful, it can either enhance or destroy the whole system of a country. My passion to pursue law started when the 12 year old me watched Reese Witherspoon in Legally Blonde and it has developed ever since.

During this semester, I was given the opportunity to join the Debat Inter-Asasi 2023. It was a debate competition being held among the foundations and matriculations' students studying in public universities all over Malaysia. To be honest, it was an amazing experience! That includes meeting new people, suiting in a new environment and most importantly, learning tons of fresh and valuable skills. One of skills that I truly need in order to become a lawyer is debating. I never thought that I would be good at it but turns out, I may have the talent for that. Of course, as a first timer, I still have a lot to improve because debate is something critical and the concept is like playing sports. You need some amount of time in order to be excellent at it. Although, I'm sure that this skill can help me a lot in my future career as I want to be a lawyer

Throughout the competition that was held online, I learned how to be mentally and physically prepared when facing technical issues. Besides that, I learned how important it is to have a strong team that you can rely on. This should be one of my hurdles as I'm the type who prefers to do my work alone because it gives me a full focus and I'll be able to get things done the way I want. However, let's hear the truth, life isn't always gonna go your way, sometimes it chooses for you and you gotta follow, make the best of what you get. Seriously, I must say thank you to my teammates during the competition because they were awesome. We had some challenges and disagreements but we made it through because at the end of theday, nothing feels better than to win and get to feel the pride. Usually, we would have our daily training around four to five times a week starting from 8.00 p.m to 1.30 a.m the next day. Was it tiring? Yes, we would usually act like a bunch of zombies on the next day. Anyhow, seeing how hard our seniors from Unit Debat Bahasa Melayu (UDBM) trained and made us feel appreciated, it gave us the motivation to keep going.

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A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN PRE-UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION INNOVATION COMPETITION 2023

By: Tan Zi Han, Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohamad Fadli Zolkipli, and Gs. Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor

Pre-University Matriculation Innovation Competition 2023 (PIITRAM 2023) was a competition that provided students with the opportunity to showcase their creativity and innovative skills. The competition was held on 17-18 February 2023 by the Centre of Foundation Studies for Agricultural Science, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). As a participant in the Pre-University Matriculation Innovation Competition 2023 (PIITRAM 2023), I had the opportunity to gain new skills and knowledge that I previously had not been exposed to. Through this experience, I learned about the importance of teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity in developing innovative solutions to real-world problems.

I was grouped with Kanimolli, Tan Jia Yi, and Amirul Hafidzi. Under the guidance of Kanimolli, our group leader, we worked collaboratively and systematically throughout the competition. After brainstorming many ideas, we came up with StickWithU: Sit & Walk Anywhere. Our product, StickWithU: Sit & Walk Anywhere, was created to cater to the needs of two distinct user groups - the elderly and hikers. The product had been created to provide an effective solution to the problems faced by the elderly, such as the difficulty in finding a seat at bus stops, sudden strokes, and instances of missing elderly. Additionally, the product also addressed the needs of hikers who often struggled with the task of carrying a significant amount of gear while hiking. By providing a practical solution to these challenges, StickWithU: Sit & Walk Anywhere had the potential to significantly improve the quality of life for both groups of users.

To refine and improve our product design, we engaged in numerous discussions and brainstorming sessions. Our primary goal was to make StickWithU more appealing and attractive to our target audience, so we constantly sought out feedback and suggestions from one another to achieve this objective. Furthermore, the Centre of Foundation in Management provided a great opportunity for participants to share ideas and give opinions between groups. This allowed us to further develop our creative and innovative abilities

In the first round of the competition, we had to submit an abstract, which was judged by a panel of judges. If our abstract was accepted, we could proceed to the second round, which was the exhibition and presentation sessions and we are qualified. It was a great honour for our group to be selected as one of the groups from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) to participate in the social science category of the Pre-University Matriculation Innovation Competition 2023 (PIITRAM 2023) physically. This was a highly competitive event that brought together talented and innovative individuals from various academic backgrounds.

After dedicating ourselves to the competition, we were thrilled to receive a silver medal in the social science category as recognition for our hard work. Although we had initially set our sights on achieving a gold medal, we were grateful for the opportunity to participate in a prestigious competition and showcase our innovative idea. Throughout the competition, we learned valuable lessons about the importance of teamwork, persistence, and creativity in achieving our goals

As a team, we were thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase our innovative idea and present it to the judges and fellow participants. In preparation for the competition, our team dedicated a significant amount of effort to various tasks, including designing eye-catching posters, preparing informative flyers, developing engaging slides, and creating a 3D model using Blender. Additionally, we also worked on producing promotional and feedback videos, all with the goal of making our presentation as engaging and impactful as possible.

Overall, participating in an innovative competition was challenging but rewarding. It was a great opportunity to push myself out of my comfort zone and challenge myself to think creatively and critically, and I was grateful for the experience. Regardless of the outcome, I came away with new insights and experiences that would be useful in my future endeavours.

The competition itself was a nerve-wracking experience, with two judges carefully assessing each team's project and presentation. Despite the pressure, we performed well, drawing on the skills and knowledge that we had acquired throughout the project development process. The experience allowed us to showcase our creativity, passion, and dedication to our project, while also learning from other participants and industry experts.

IOT EXPLORATION PROGRAM WITH THE CAMERON HIGHLANDS ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY PHASE 2

By: Idah Pindai Zengeni, Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor, and Dr. Hapini Awang

From June 3rd to July 3rd, the Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO) and School of Computing (SOC) embarked on the second phase of "Explorasi IoT Bersama Murid Orang Asli Sekolah Kebangsaan Telanok, Cameron Highlands" phase 2. This ongoing endeavor represents a steadfast commitment to spreading awareness and knowledge of the Internet of Things (IoT) among young Orang Asli students from Sekolah Kebangsaan Telanok, Cameron Highlands, fostering digital literacy and empowerment within this vibrant community.

Facilitating the activities, Nurul Izzah Mohamad Ghozali, Isyaku Uba Haruna and Ismail Bello created a dynamic learning environment. Icebreaking activities ensured that each Sekolah Kebangsaan Telanok student felt welcomed and engaged. The young minds were encouraged to envision and create their digital solutions. The ensuing Questions and Answers session allowed for an open exchange of ideas, further enriching the students' learning experience.

The program enlisted the dedicated members of IASDO, who shared their expertise and enthusiasm with a group of 30 eager Orang Asli students. The journey commenced with Shehu Malami Sarkintudu delivering an introductory presentation on IoT. It served as a gateway to a realm where interconnected devices, data, and technology converge to create opportunities for innovation.

Gratitude and appreciation were palpable throughout the event. IASDO takes immense pride in being part of such empowering sessions. The commitment to knowledge sharing and community enrichment runs deep within the organization's ethos, and this event exemplified that commitment in action.

As a token of appreciation and a lasting memory, the event concluded with IASDO handing gifts to the young participants from Sekolah Kebangsaan Telanok. These tokens represented physical gifts and a symbolic gesture of empowerment and encouragement for the students to continue their journey of discovery in the world of IoT.

A significant highlight of the event was the presence of guest expert Dr. Aishah, whose expertise illuminated the path to IoT. She expounded on the role of sensors, elucidating how these unassuming devices are the backbone of IoT systems. Dr. Aishah's insights provided invaluable knowledge, instilling a deeper understanding of the technological landscape in the students.

In retrospect, "Explorasi Iot Bersama Murid Orang Asli Sekolah Kebangsaan Telanok, Cameron Highlands" Phase 2 was a resounding success. It showcased the potential for positive change that arises when knowledge meets enthusiasm. The Orang Asli students from Sekolah Kebangsaan Telanok now stand equipped with the beginnings of a digital skillset, poised to shape their own futures and contribute to the ever-evolving landscape of technology.

IASDO Lab looks forward to continuing its knowledge-sharing mission with society, nurturing the digital literacy of young minds, and fostering empowerment within communities. As this journey unfolds, it is evident that the future holds boundless possibilities where technology meets the human spirit in a quest for progress and transformation.

BRONZE MEDALIST

PICNIKORB

Mohd Aiman Haimal Bin Mohd Iswadi , Tan Ying Xin , Sanghita Mayalagan & Muhammad Ashwas Ajad Bin Mohd Isa

Mentor :
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PRE-UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION INNOVATION COMPETITION 2023

By: Tan Ying Xin, Dr. Khuzairi Mohd Zaini, and Dr. Hapini Awanag

I have the intention to participate in an innovation competition as I want to apply my creativity and gain more knowledge throughout the competition. Fortunately, I was selected as one of the participants in the Pre-University Matriculation Innovation Competition 2023(PIITRAM). PIITRAM 2023 is one of the most effective innovative platforms which sponsored by the Asasi Council that involves participation from all Malaysian institutions and matriculations. In 2023, UPM is the organizer of this competition.t.

There were 10 groups of students representing UUM in the PIITRAM competition. My group has 4 members and we decided to innovate the normal picnic bag into a multifunction picnic bag which is called PICNIKORB. This idea was given by my group leader, Mohd Aiman Haimal Bin Mohd Iswadi. We have had a few meetings with our mentor, Dr. Hapini Awang, to improve the concept of PICNIKORB by adding more features to this product. Dr. Hapini Awang suggested us to prepare one survey to find out what are the problems and challenges that are faced by picnic lovers. After this process, we started to draft out our products and had a few pitching sessions with our foundation lecturers before proceeding with doing prototypes.

In conclusion, participating in an innovative competition is not a waste of time but a chance for me to gain new experiences. I learned to build up teamwork with my teammates although four of us are from different groups in foundation studies. We faced the challenges together and accepted the pride together. This would be one of my unforgettable memories for me. In the future, I hope that I can take part in more innovation competitions to improve my skill and knowledge in different fields.

After the product was approved by foundation management, we divided our tasks according to our own strengths. I oversaw doing a digital prototype and my other teammates proceeded to the physical prototype and paperwork. The software that I used to produce a digital prototype is called Blender. This software is free of charge, and it provides a versatile tool to create 3D models. This software is user-friendly as it offers several keyboard shortcuts and enables add⬚ons that can extend its functionality and streamline workflows. As a novice, I have learned to use this software through the YouTube platform.

The final stage had come. Our team was luckily selected to participate physically at UPM. This was a golden opportunity for our team to gain experience. This competition successfully gathered all the top players from different universities and matriculations. In physical participation, we not only gained new friends from other universities but also learned a lot from the judgment of our product. At the end of this competition, we managed to get a bronze medal in this competition.

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DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH AND FACULTY ASSEMBLY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COMPUTER INDONESIA, BANDUNG

By: Dr. Hapini Awang, Gs. Dr. Nur Suhali Mansor, and Prof. Dr. Osman Ghazali

On July 21, 2023, two researchers from IASDO UUM, Dr. Hapini Awang and Dr. Suhaili Mansor, engaged in a research discussion with several researchers from UNIKOM Indonesia, namely Alif Finandhita, Dr. Hanhan Maulana, Richi Dwi Agustia, and Sufa'atin. This research discussion is part of the ongoing efforts of UUM and UNIKOM to foster academic and research collaboration between the two involved institutions, aiming to advance knowledge and contribute to community progress at large.

On the second day, July 22, 2023, UNIKOM Indonesia organized a faculty conference titled "Unleashing the Power of AI: Transforming Raw Data Analysis from Agencies and Industries." The conference was attended by researchers from UUM, including Dr. Hapini Awang, Gs. Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor, and Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Nor Hazlyna Harun from IASDO, as well as Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Mohamad Ghozali Hassan from STML. The conference explored the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in data analysis, fostering the exchange of knowledge, and discussing practical applications in various industries.

The opening speech of the conference was delivered by Associate Professor Dr. Herman S. Soegato, the dean of FTIK UNIKOM, and the discussion was moderated by UNIKOM lecturer Ednawati Rainarli. The conference laid the groundwork for optimistic prospects of future collaboration and advancements in research and AI applications. This event showcased the commitment of both institutions to stay at the forefront of technological progress and academic cooperation.

EMPOWERING PERKIM YOUTH THROUGH DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: A GLIMPSE INTO KNOWLEDGE SHARING ACTIVITIES

By: Idah Pindai Zengeni, Gs. Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor, and Dr. Hapini Awang

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, acquiring essential digital skills is paramount, even for the youngest members of our society. Recognizing this need, a transformative event titled "Transformasi Digital Dalam Kalangan Anak-Anak Perkim" recently took place, in collaboration with Pertubuhan Kebajikan Islam Malaysia (PERKIM). The event aimed to impart crucial ICT knowledge to the youth, equipping them with tools for success in the digital age.


This knowledge-sharing initiative spanned over five engaging sessions, commencing on the 16th of September. Spearheaded by the dedicated team at the IASDO lab, these sessions covered a diverse array of topics, including Microsoft Office, Canva, Filmora, and website building. Targeting students from primary to high school levels, the event sought to bridge the digital divide by providing valuable insights into the world of information and communication technology.

The heart of the event lay in the passionate IASDO members who served as both educators and facilitators. Left an indelible mark by guiding and mentoring the young participants throughout the sessions.

Knowledge sharing wasn't limited to theoretical lessons alone. To ensure that the children grasped these vital skills effectively, the program incorporated hands-on activities. These activities not only engaged the participants actively but also enhanced their understanding of ICT concepts. It was a true blend of theory and practice, making learning both fun and informative.
in the digital age.

As the knowledge-sharing sessions came to a close, the IASDO facilitators arranged a special treat for the young participants. They were given an exclusive tour of UUM's impressive facilities. This not only served as a reward for their active participation but also served as an inspiring glimpse into the possibilities that await them in their educational journey.
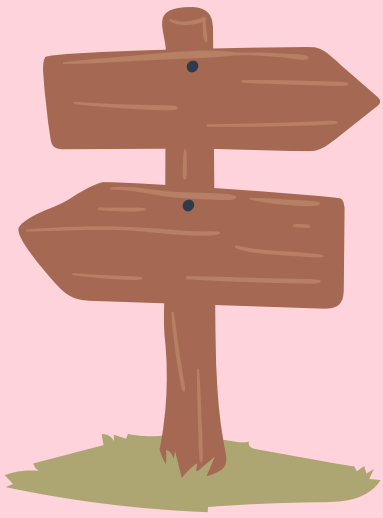
Exploring UUM's Hidden Lake

Kung fu warm up session

In retrospect, the "Transformasi Digital dalam kalangan anak-anak perkim" event was an undeniable success. The participating children left with newfound digital skills, ready to implement them in their academic pursuits and beyond. The tireless efforts of the IASDO team, under the leadership of Dr. Hapini and Dr. Suhaili, made this initiative a resounding success..

In conclusion, this event stands as a testament to the transformative power of knowledge sharing and digital education. By equipping the youth with essential digital skills, we empower them to thrive in an increasingly digital world. As these young minds continue to grow and innovate, they carry with them the knowledge and inspiration gained from events like these, paving the way for a brighter, more digitally proficient future.

Video editing session

ECONOMY ASSIGNMENT: KPJ DAMANSARA MEDICAL TOURISM

By: Idzhan Arief Bin Mohd Azuddin, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mazida Ahmad, and Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor

On 13 February 2023, I represented my group to visit KPJ Damansara at Damansara Utama, Petaling Jaya to explore more about medical tourism At KPJ Damansara. I got a chance to meet KPJ Damansara Puan Munifah Binti Mohd Rafidi work as a Marketing executive (International Patient Centre). We had a long and interesting conversation about international patients, medical and KPJ Damansara management marketing. There were many topics we talked, and the conversation took about 3 hours conversation

KPJ Damansara collected about Rm 5 million in 2021 for the income and Rm 7 million on 2022. Most of the international patient came from Indonesia. They came to KPJ Damansara because Malaysia Hospital is more reliable than Indonesia Private Hospital. There are many service that many patient came for such as In vitro fertilisation (IVF), Oncology and health screening. Many Indonesian patient came here because of some high reputation specialist doctor such as Dr Aminuddin Mydin. He graduated from the University of Malaya in 1999. He did his postgraduate training in Clinical Oncology in St Luke's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, the National Cancer Centre in Ireland. He obtained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists (UK) in Clinical Oncology in 2006. With his experience, the patient more believe and prefer to spend more money to get this doctor service because at least they confidence with the doctor.

After the conversation, Puan Munifah brought me to the place and service that most international patients came for. I also got a chance to meet the only Japanese worker, miss Saeko, who works in an international patient center, KPJ Damansara. Her role as a staff that assist Japanese patient during their operation. I almost had a chance to interview Dr Aminuddin, but he had a meeting with his patient.

Overall, There are many interesting things happen during that day. This appointment gave me a chance to learn more about management and marketing skills in the health industry. These day, Health tourism is one of the high prospect industry in Malaysia. KPJ Damnasara has shown their commitment in this industry.

HIGH-IMPACT ACTION RESEARCH WRITING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

By: Dr. Hapini Awang, Gs. Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor, and Prof. Dr. Osman Ghazali

knowledge-sharing and continuous guidance program for primary and secondary school teachers in Cameron Highlands and the Cameron Highlands District Education Office (PPDCH) was successfully conducted from May 1 to August 1, 2022, through the collaboration of the Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO), Institute of Excellent Teachers and Leaders in Education (IETLE), Centre for Testing, Measurement, and Appraisal (CeTMA), and the Cameron Highlands District Education Office. The first phase of the program, conducted online via the Zoom platform, was attended by approximately 21 participants, consisting of 18 teachers and 3 PPDCH officers as mentors

This knowledge-sharing initiative was presented by Dr. Hapini Awang (IASDO), Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor (IASDO), Dr. Mohd Faiz Mohd Yaakob (IETLE), Dr. Mat Rahimi Yusof (IETLE), Dr. Saadi Ahmad Kamaruddin (CeTMA, UUM), Dr. Nasaruddin Abdullah from the Pahang State Education Department, and Ms. Nurulhuda Salim Lim from PPDCH, who served as facilitators for this Action Research program. The aim of the program was to guide teachers in producing high-impact Action Research papers.

This program aligns with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Core Goal 4 (SDG4): Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all; and Core Goal 17 (SDG17): Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

The program received enthusiastic participation from the involved teachers, with interactive sessions observed throughout the program. Teachers gained valuable insights from the experiences of the facilitators related to Action Research. In addition to sharing their experiences, facilitators also shared knowledge and techniques on how to become effective high-impact writers following the criteria of action research.

The knowledge-sharing session concluded with a Q&A session, during which teachers had the opportunity to ask questions. Facilitators responded to student queries positively, providing detailed and informative explanations. At the end of the event, all participants had the chance to take a group photo as a lasting memory.

MULTIMEDIA LEARNING SESSION

By: Wan Auni Inani Binti Zainal, Prof. Dr. Huda Haji Ibrahim , and Gs. Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor

Finally, multimedia learning with teammates has many advantages, including the ability to collaborate on projects, share feedback, resources and knowledge, participate in online communities, and practice and experiment together. Working with teammates allows students to improve their understanding and skills in multimedia while also exploring new creative possibilities. As a result, teamwork can be the best way to maximize the multimedia learning experience and gain a deeper understanding of the subject.

The use of various forms of media, such as text, audio, images, video, and interactive elements, to convey information or create an immersive experience for the audience, is referred to as multimedia. It is widely used in various fields, including entertainment, education, advertising, and communication. The combination of different types of media allows multimedia to provide a more interesting and engaging experience, and it can be accessed through various devices such as computers, smartphones and tablets.

Multimedia learning is a vast and exciting field, and learning with teammates can be a rewarding experience. Collaborating on multimedia projects, providing and receiving feedback, sharing resources and knowledge, participating in online communities, and practicing and experimenting together are all ways to enhance your multimedia learning experience with teammates.

Working on a multimedia project collaboratively allows you to share ideas and skills, assign tasks and work on different aspects of the project. Constructive feedback is important in the learning process, and providing feedback on each other's multimedia projects can help identify areas for improvement and learn from each other's strengths. Sharing resources such as tutorials, books or online courses, as well as knowledge and expertise in various multimedia fields, can help in mutual growth. Participating in an online community for students and multimedia professionals allows you to interact with other students, ask questions and share your work with others. Finally, combining practice and experimentation with various multimedia tools and techniques can help you learn new skills and expand your creativity.

The learning session from this group assignment is very interesting to gain knowledge because we can learn many things by participating in this activity. My group decided to choose Multimedia from last sem topic in ICT subject. My teammates and I chose this topic because we wanted to know more about it. These topics can be interesting at the same time teach us great ideas and help improve our skills in presenting using multimedia very well. Not only help us use multimedia well but help us to learn more about multimedia not only about creativity but also the power of knowing that multimedia is more than that like a great thing and a fun thing to know.

HOW ICA INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT PREPARE ME FOR THE FUTURE

By: Ahmad Nur Hakim, Dr. Amirulikhsan Zolkafli, and Dr. Dr. Hapini Awang

In the early stages of the second semester, We have an Introduction to Computer Application (ICA) individual assignment that are required to learn how to use Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. I need to watch a video and read all the guides line that were given by the lecturer and do a task provided on the website. The website contains around 30 task for each software that has to be finish within a week for each software.

To be honest, it is hard and confusing at first as it been a long time I'm not using Microsoft since high school. It was my last time I doing my excel by using all the tools that were given such as calculation, chart and graph. Fortunately, it becomes easier after the first try, maybe because I'm just remembering it. It is crucial to learn these software as they are essential in pursuing a degree and can be used in the workplace.

Learning how to use Microsoft Word is crucial for writing academic papers and other documents, such as resumes and cover letters. It provides a wide range of formatting options that make documents look professional and organized. Excel, on the other hand, is an excellent tool for data analysis and organization. It can make tasks such as budgeting and financial forecasting much easier and faster. Finally, PowerPoint is an essential tool for creating engaging and informative presentations. At first, I thought PowerPoint is basic and it is impossible to make a good design but I was wrong. You can make a very impressive from it if you know how to use it. In fact it is better design than other software.

Despite the initial difficulty, mastering these tools will make academic and work-related tasks much easier and efficient. It is a skill that is valued in various fields and industries, making it an essential asset in any professional's skillset. In conclusion, learning how to use Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint is crucial for students pursuing a degree and individuals in the workplace. The effort I put into mastering these tools will undoubtedly pay off in the long run.

WISE AND SYSTEMATIC DATA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

By : Ahmad Nur Hakim, Ts. Dr. Juhaida Abu Bakar, and Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor

"WISE AND SYSTEMATIC DATA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM"

The Wise and Systematic Data Management Program was jointly organized with the Cameron Highlands District Education Office (PPDCH) and the Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO), School of Computing (SOC), for a period of 3 months from May 20 to August 20, 2022. The face-to-face program was attended by approximately 12 participants, including academic staff from IASDO and officials from the Cameron Highlands District Education Office (PPDCH).

IASDO was appointed by the Cameron Highlands District Education Office (PPDCH) as the developer and panel for the formulation of ICT usage policies at PPDCH. This is part of the planned activities through the collaboration between IASDO and PPDCH. The workshop on Procedures for Using the Data Recovery Management System was delivered by Dr. Hapini Awang, the Director of IASDO, to the Recovery Unit Officer at PPDCH.

The purpose of this program was to share procedures for using the data recovery management system with Cameron Highlands Primary School recovery teachers, PPDCH ICT Officers, and Recovery Unit Officers.

This implemented program is in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Core Goal 4 (SDG4): Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all; and Core Goal 17 (SDG17): Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development.

The knowledge-sharing session concluded with a question-and-answer session where the Recovery Unit Officer had the opportunity to ask several questions related to the recovery system. At the end of the event, all participants had the opportunity to take a group photo as a memento."

LESSONS LEARNED: HOW EXPERIENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR PERSONAL GROWTH

By: Safiah Aliah Ishak, Dr. Muhammad Syafiq Mohd Pozi, and Dr. Hapini Awang

Debate is a formal discussion or argument between two or more individuals or groups with opposing views on a particular topic or issue. The purpose of a debate is to present and defend one's arguments and persuade the audience or opponent to adopt their position. Debates often follow a structured format and rules, with each side given a set amount of time to present their arguments and respond to their opponent's points. A debate can take place in various settings, such as in schools, politics, and public forums, and can cover a wide range of topics, from social issues to scientific research.

On last February, I got a golden opportunity to join the Foundation Level Bahasa Melayu Debate team to represent UUM in Interasasi Debat Competition. As it was my first time joining such a big competition in university, I only hoped for the best. My team and I started our practice since early January, which initially on Monday and Thursday. However, as the competition day was around the corner, we practiced every single day without fail.

As a first-timer, it was extremely overwhelmed for me as I did not have any basic knowledge about debate. On top of that, as it was in Malay, it was perplexing to generate good, organised and bombastic sentence. But I have been fortunate enough to receive a lot of support and guidance along the way. Seniors from the Bahasa Melayu Debate team guided us one-by-one every day, and that made me felt warm and reassured of my own capability.

Now, some might question, what did I learn throughout my whole journey in debating? Abundantly.First and foremost, I learnt how to manage my time. Let me tell you, it was extremely exhausting and tiring. We needed to use our mind constantly and swiftly on top of having to practice at night. Nevertheless, classes were still going on. Assignments need to be done, classes need to be attended, everything were just normal. So, what I did, I would make sure I have done my work in the class, so I can get as much rest at my room before going to practice again. It made me resilience of my situation and it eventually become a habit up until now. Other than that, joining debate made me realised that one cannot be in their comfort zone all the time. It reflected to myself as before this, I was utterly reluctant to try new things, as I am hesitant with my own capabilities. It made me self-conscious with myself. But, once you actually tried those new things, you will see a whole new perspective of the world. You will meet new people, new environment, gaining new knowledge and the most important thing is new experience. It opened up you mind that life are not always a straight line. Having those feeling of excitement while trying new things are what we will remember forever. Life is too short to not trying on new conditions, so don't be a scaredy cat!

To sum up, life is like a voyage without a map, you will never know when or how it will arrive to its destination. And so thus self-growth. It is a continuous process that involves developing oneself in various aspects of life. It require dedication, commitment, and a growth mindset. Pursuing self-growth can lead to greater fulfilment, personal growth, and a more positive outlook on life. That's what make us a bigger person, by embracing challenges, seeing failures as opportunities for learning, and being open to new experiences.

APPLICATION OF CANVA: A GRAPHIC SOFTWARE AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENT
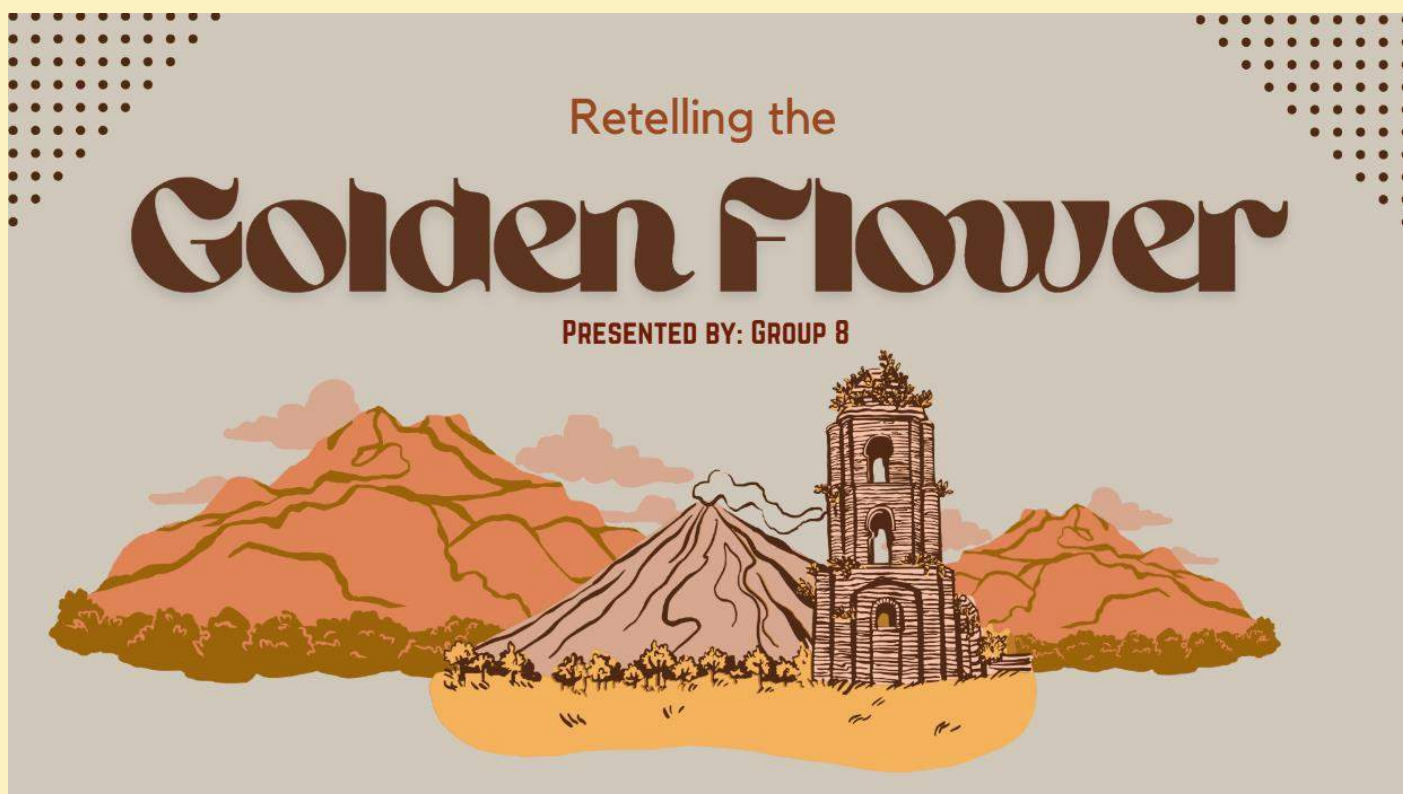
By: Awadah Zahra, Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Nor Hazlyna Harun, and, Gs. Dr. Nur Suhaili Mansor

Canva has emerged as a powerful tool for university students seeking to create visually engaging and imaginative assignments. The platform has become the go-to source for many students when it comes to designing posters, videos, and other visual aids for their coursework. Its ease of use and intuitive interface render it accessible to all students, irrespective of their design acumen.

One of the primary advantages of Canva for students lies in the variety of templates on offer. The platform provides an extensive range of templates for different types of assignments, such as posters, presentations, and social media posts. This enables students to locate the optimal template for their project and commence working on it with ease. The templates are fully customizable, empowering students to add their own images, text, and other elements to create an original design.

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Santai Station is a family-owned café in Varsity Mall, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Sintok. It can seat up to 30 people and has a well-equipped kitchen. The proprietor, Akmal Zakwan bin Ahmad Zaini, aims to create a relaxed atmosphere for students and staff. The café's mission is to serve delicious homemade food with love, using only the best ingredients.

Chicken Chop
by Santai Station

Group 2
By: Mow, Nisrina, Zahra, Ezzah, Amir

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Canva further simplifies the sharing of work among students. The platform allows students to share links to their designs, thereby facilitating collaboration with classmates or sharing their work with professors. This attribute proves especially beneficial for group projects, where students can work together on a single design and share it with the rest of the class. I find this to be the greatest strength of Canva as it allows us to see any changes made by the other groupmates in real time, making editing even more convenient.

In conclusion, Canva represents an invaluable tool for university students seeking to create visually compelling and innovative assignments. Its extensive range of templates, ease of use, and intuitive interface ensure that it is accessible to all students, regardless of their design proficiency. Whether it entails designing posters for academic events, creating videos for assignments, or simply sharing links to their work, Canva offers a valuable resource for students seeking to enhance their visual design skills.

UUM-INGENIWORKS SDN. BHD. COLLABORATION - TECHNOLOGY SKILLS IN IOT AND BIG DATA ANALYTICS

By: Dr. Hapini Awang, Gs. Dr. Nur Suhali Mansor, and Prof. Dr. Osman Ghazali
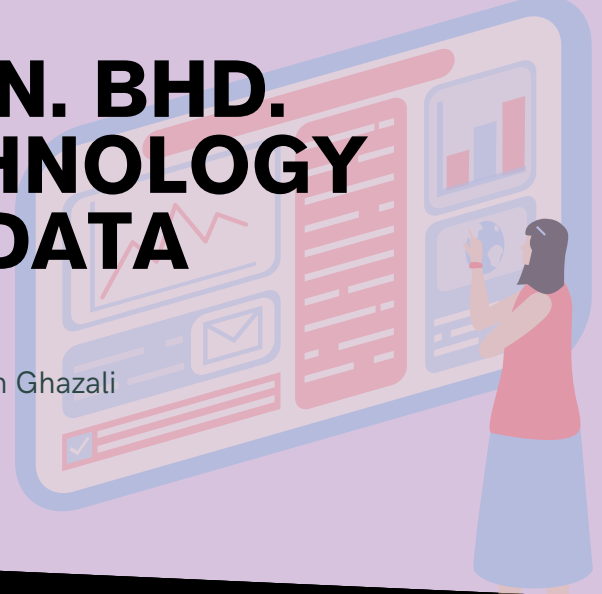
UUM ONLINE: Kuala Lumpur – In line with the current technological advancements in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR4.0) era, proficiency in technology is seen to bring significant benefits to human life today.

Not excluding the educational sector, which also receives a substantial impact from these developments, UUM has, therefore, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ingeniworks Sdn. Bhd. to enhance the skills of staff and students in line with the sophistication of technology, particularly in the areas of the Internet of Things (IoT) and big data analytics.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Prof. Dr. Ayoib Che Ahmad, stated that the field of Information Technology at UUM, both nationally and internationally, has been recognized. Moreover, according to him, graduates of the Information Technology program have received high demand from the industry, with over 60 percent of graduates securing jobs in Computer Science and Information Science within six months of completing their studies.

He said UUM selected Ingeniworks Sdn. Bhd. as one of the strategic collaborative partners with the aim of enhancing the activities and initiatives of industry involvement with the university in three core university activities: research, education, and continuous service.

"The collaborative relationship between UUM and Ingeniworks Sdn. Bhd. is seen as conducive, productive, and sustainable, meeting the needs and benefiting both parties, especially and the country in general.

"Through collaboration with various parties, including Ingeniworks Sdn. Bhd., it can further strengthen the implementation of the University-Industry-Society Cooperation Strengthening Plan, outlining several mechanisms and best practices to cultivate close relationships and strategic cooperation between universities, industry, and society," he said at the Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UUM and Ingeniworks Sdn. Bhd. at the EDC Hotel yesterday.

The ceremony saw him, representing the Vice-Chancellor, signing the MoU with the Chief Executive Officer of Ingeniworks Sdn. Bhd., Nazli Awang Had.

Prof. Dr. Ayoib stated that after the implementation of this MoU, UUM plans to renovate the laboratories at the Institute for Advanced and Smart Digital Opportunities (IASDO) in the existing School of Computing (SOC) and rename it the Sensor and Application Innovation Centre (SONIC), in addition to conducting training workshops for students and staff in the fields of data analytics and IoT applications.

He hoped that this existing smart collaboration and sharing would benefit every layer of society, thereby realizing the philosophy of democratizing education in its true sense.

""Congratulations to SOC, which is always committed to ensuring that the academic programs offered are relevant to the demands of the job market and the industry now in the era of IR4.0.

I sincerely hope that the signing of this MoU will enhance existing areas of cooperation, as well as generate new areas of cooperation that will have an impact and contribute to the well-being of life and generate new wealth," he said.

Meanwhile, Nazli Awang Had expressed gratitude to all parties for the successful event, culminating in the signing of the MoU between Ingeniworks Sdn. Bhd. and UUM.

UUM, through SOC, along with IASDO and MSD Digital Intelligence, especially its subsidiary Ingeniworks Sdn. Bhd., has conducted various activities such as roundtable discussions, data analysis, and the writing and publication of articles on data analytics."

MIDWIFE FALLS

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Festival Pantun Antara Asasi (FANTASI) and Sukan Asasi Malaysia is a competition organized by Majlis Dekan/Pengarah Pusat Assasi Universiti Awam. For 2023, both of these competitions took place in March. For FANTASI, it happen on 3rd
-5 th March 2023 in UITM Dengkil, Selangor. For Sukan Asasi Malaysia, it took place on 17th to 19th March 2023 in CFS UIA Gambang, Pahang.

On December 2022 during the 1st-semester break, Pantun teams had our first meeting with our
coach which is Tuan Haji Fairus. The last time I participate with pantun when I was in my primary school back in 2016. Thus, I am looking forward for this training to improve my pantun skills before the competition. We have agreed to set our training date and time which is on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday at 9 pm every week.

 We attend our training for 3 months before
the competition. On 1st March, we decided to go to Alor Setar to try our pantun's outfit. On 3rd
march, we depart from UUM at 8am and arrived at UITM Dengkil around 6pm. We get to stay
at Kolej Tualang 2 for our accommodation. Our first competition stage starts at 8pm. There are
so many spectators because our team need to compete the Host team which UITM team B.
Everything went well and there were a lot of comments from the judgesto improve our team.

.On the Second day, our 2nd group stage begins at 8.30 pm and again, we need to compete with UITM team A for this stage. Gladly there is no spectators because it is early in the morning on the weekend. And our team only reach for 3rd group stage with UnisZA and not eligible for quarter final.

On the night, we went out to Alamanda Shopping Mall at Putrajaya. When we arrived back in UITM, there is a concert in Anjung Tamu. It is realy fun to stay at UITM Dengkil because I have a lot of my schoolmates there. On the final day, we need to attend the closing ceremony and the Final satge between UITM B and Universiti Malaya. UM get the 1st place while UITM B is the runner up. UUM A won the best dress on the festival. We depart back at 8 pm on the same day and arrived at 2am at UUM. This competition is really fun and memorable because I get to know a lot of new people and got to meet may old friends.

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It went well, Our team won 3-2 with them. On the 17th of March, we depart at 5 in the morning and arrived at 5 in the evening at the Centre Of Foundation Studies, International Islamic University Malaysia (CFS IIUM) Gambang, Malaysia. For our accommodation, we get Mahallah Aisyah. My room is facing the stadium so I manage to see the athletics event in my room. On the next day, our competition begin. Our first match is between UUM and UKM and follows with UUM vs Usim and lastly UUM vs UITM.

Unfortunately, we not eligible to continue our journey to Semifinal. On the last day, athletics event took place. We get our first medal from 1500m Men by Izzul from class D. On the evening at 4, closing ceremony begins. Total athlete for this event is almost 1000 people form 14 uiversities. UUM has been awarded to host the next Sukan Asasi Malaysia in 2024. We went back to UUM at 8pm and arrived at 8am. I also got to see my old friends here and my pantun's friends.

Overall, I am really glad that I get this opportunity to enter these events. "Midwife Falls" has been chosen for this article title because I did not have the ability to compete in Pantun and Table Tennis before. This has made me fall in love with Malay literature and also Table Tenis. I hope that I get the opportunity during my undergraduate to enter this event again.

For Sukan Asasi Malayisa, I Participate with Table Tennis Games. I never know how to play this sport but with the support from my teammates and coach, I hot to improve my ability on this sport. We had training from Wednesday to Friday at 5 to 7pm every week also for 3 months. A week before the competition, our team organized a friendly competition with JPJ Kedah.

CLOSING CEREMONY MARKS SUCCESSFUL ICT EXPLORATION PROGRAM

The Closing Ceremony of an extensive ICT Exploration Program, in partnership with PERKIM Alor Setar students, witnessed a collaborative effort between TM Kedah Perlis, IASDO SOC UUM, and PERKIM Alor Setar. The event, graced by prominent figures and representatives, celebrated the program's accomplishments and highlighted the impact of this joint initiative.

The esteemed attendees included PERKIM children alongside distinguished figures such as YBhg Dato' Wira Mansor Haji Ismail, Chairman of PERKIM Kedah State, and Datin Hajah Aishah bt Ibrahim, Second Chairman of PERKIM. Also present were Hj Turedy bin Haji Abdullah, PERKIM's Secretary, Mr. Yusof bin Omar, Chief Manager of State Regulatory & Engagement at TM Kedah & Perlis, and Datin Noridah Bachik, the Public Relations Office Manager.

Representing UUM, notable figures included Associate Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohamad Fadli bin Zolkipli, Deputy Dean for Student Affairs & Alumni, Dr. Hapini Awang, Director of IASDO, and Dr. Gs. Nur Suhaili Mansor, Deputy Director of IASDO, alongside Prof. Dr. Huda Haji Ibrahim, a Member of the Government Board.

The ceremony featured significant activities, including the generous donation of laptops from TM to PERKIM, symbolizing a commitment to empowering educational pursuits. Mementos were also presented to UUM and TM, acknowledging their pivotal roles in the program's success. Most notably, the event culminated in the distribution of certificates to the program participants, recognizing their dedication and achievements throughout the ICT exploration endeavor.

The collaborative efforts between these esteemed organizations and the enthusiastic participation of the students underscored the importance of fostering technological exploration and education, setting a promising precedent for future initiatives aimed at empowering communities through ICT advancements