

Talk on “Route to Postgraduate Programmes at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)”

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL DIVISION



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IT was an enthusiastic group of 37 IEM members who attended the talk on “Route to Postgraduate Programmes at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)” on Friday, 20 December, 2013, organised by PMTD.

Held at C&S and TUS Lecture Room, 2nd Floor, Wisma IEM, Petaling Jaya, the talk proved to be enriching for those who wished to further their engineering career through higher tertiary qualifications while benefitting from their work and industrial experience at the same time without the risk of losing their jobs, seniority and even promotion, or having to take a long period of study leave to do so.

The two speakers were from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur – Prof. Ir. Dr Sha’ri Mohd. Yusof, Deputy Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Assoc. Prof. Dr Zalina Daud, Deputy Dean, (Academic) of UTM Razak School of Engineering and Advanced Technology.



IEM members listening to the talk



Ir. Vincent Wong Khien Ngie with the two speakers during the Q&A session

The initiative is aimed at increasing the number of highly knowledgeable human capitals and the target is to produce 60,000 Malaysian PhD holders by 2020 under the 12th Malaysia Plan. The lively conversation and anecdotes continued after tokens of appreciation were presented to the speakers. ■



Prof. Ir. Dr Sha’ri Mohd. Yusof talks about the Industrial PhD offered by UTM



Assoc. Prof. Dr Zalina Daud, the second speaker of the day

They gave IEM members and non-members an insight into the various postgraduate programmes offered at UTM and the financial aid and grants available. The programmes range from Master by Coursework, Master by Research, PhD and Industrial PhD to Engineering Doctorate.

Following the hour-long talk, a lively discussion ensued, chaired by Ir. Vincent Wong Khien Ngie, Secretary/Treasurer of PMTD. The audience wanted to know more about the exposure they might experience while enrolled in postgraduate programmes.

Since UTM has strong links with more than 100 industries and organisations, both locally and internationally, the industry-link and industry-driven postgraduate programmes offered and tailor-made for the industry will, undeniably, give working executives a chance to improve their academic qualifications with all the funding opportunities available. Classes are run on a modular basis, mainly on weekends.

Since industrial practitioners, particularly engineers, can pursue their postgraduate studies via the National Higher Education Strategic Plan of MyBrain15 initiative, both speakers urged IEM members to grab this golden opportunity to improve their academic qualifications as part of their career development.

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