MUCCEED 2009 – Continuous Cordial Working Relationship Between MTUN Members

MUCCEED 2009 or Malaysian Technical Universities Conference on Engineering and Technology was the third conference that involved academic staff from the four technical universities in Malaysia, viz. Universiti Tun Hussein Onn (UTHM), Universiti Teknikal Melaka Malaysia (UTeM), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP).

University Malaysia Pahang was chosen to host the event that was held at Hotel M.S. Garden, Kuantan, Pahang from 20 – 22 June. Two hundred conference papers were presented with 50 papers from each university. Apart from paper presentation, the host also organized an exhibition to display research products from the four participating universities.

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ITEX and it was its fifth participation in the exhibition. A total of 610 research products from 9 countries were entered for competition at this year’s event. Apart from Malaysia, 8 other foreign countries took part and these include Iran, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, China, Australia and Malaysia. At this year’s event UniMAP sent in 39 research products and these made up the second highest number of entries after Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

The research delegation from UniMAP at ITEX 2009 were deeply honoured by the presence of its Vice Chancellor Brig. Gen. Datu’ Prof. Dr. Kamaruddin Hussin who took a tour of the exhibition to lend moral support to UniMAP researchers. He was accompanied by Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation).

MoU With ROMSTAR Sdn. Bhd.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was undertaken by signatories UniMAP and Romstar Sdn. Bhd., an oil and gas service establishment. The MoU bolsters UniMAP position and support to the industry. Romstar Sdn. Bhd. is a wholly local establishment that provides testing and certification services of pipelines for the oil and gas, and the electric industry internationally. Romstar Sdn. Bhd. is a wholly local establishment that provides testing and certification services of pipelines for the oil and gas, and the energy industry internationally. It is in quest to continually upgrade service quality and to keep abreast with technology. Romstar had expressed interest in fostering a joint project with UniMAP after a visit mooted late last year.

As a follow-up to the initial visit, a second visit involving a bigger number of people from both parties took place early this year. It must be mentioned that Y.B. M. Dato’ Seri DiRaja Syed Razlan Ibni Syed Putra Jamalullillah had played an active role in bringing both parties together, and to Perlis. The next obvious step was an MoU, where four different disciplinary centres from UniMAP joined forces and expertise. These centres are the School of Mechanical Engineering, School of Materials Engineering, Teaching Factory and Engineering Centre. The MoU between UniMAP and Romstar Sdn. Bhd. was held at the Perdana Felda Hall, Kuala Lumpur where UniMAP was represented by Brigadier General Datu’ Prof. Dr. Kamaruddin Hussin, while Romstar was represented by her executive director, Mr. Baharom Hamzah.

The participation was well worth the effort. UniMAP researchers won 9 gold, 17 silver and 9 bronze medals. It was a glorious day for UniMAP when it was also handed the Gold Award for its booth adjutted to be the best in the 54 sq. ft and above category. On the whole, team UniMAP had put up a tremendous performance at ITEX 2009. Kudos to all researchers for swelling the fame of the university and may the effort stoke the flame of success for others to follow in time to come.