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## UniMAP LAUNCHES 3 PLATFORMS FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Kangar, February 29 - Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) has introduced three online learning platforms through Online Learning UniMAP dedicated for promoting and encouraging the use of online learning among lecturers and students.

UniMAP Acting Vice-Chancellor, Dato 'Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal said all three platforms namely Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC), Global Access Asia (GAA) and E-Learning UniMAP is the approach of the new millennium towards effective teaching and learning process in line with the empowerment of human development.

Being also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International) for UniMAP, he explained that this new learning method also represents the university's effort in order to optimize learning and effective teaching methods and benefit the students as a whole.

"This is also a part of the university's commitment to support the initiative of the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) through the Nine Thrust embedded in the Malaysian Education Blueprint (MEB) of Higher Education which is the Globalized Online Learning.

"Hopefully, this new approach will help lecturers and the University to produce quality, balanced and competitive graduates at the national and international levels," he said at the launch of the Online Learning UniMAP at Seri Malaysia Hotel yesterday.

Also present were the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni of UniMAP, Assoc Prof. Dr. Mohd. Foad Sakdan and the Dean for Leadership and Academic Development Centre (LEAD), Prof. Dr. Salleh Abdul Rashid.

Other than the Online Learning System launching, UniMAP also presented souvenirs and awards to lecturers who are active in the use of UniMAP E-Learning system.

According to Dr. Zul Azhar, the ninth thrust was also strengthened by Global Access Asia (GAA), among the best online learning system platform with open membership to students from Asian universities that are members of the Asian University Presidents Forum (UPF).

"Students can register and access online learning without additional fees incurred on them and extra credits are also given to the course registered," he added.

In addition, he said that UniMAP also received an allocation of RM140,000.00 from MOHE to develop MOOC under LEAD's supervision with four subjects chosen as the pilot to be implemented.

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