SEA SURVIVAL PROGRAM
UMT has taken a new approach in developing holistic skill among the student with the introduction of new co-curriculum course compulsory to all undergraduate starting with the 2019 batch.

They are required to undertake a co-curriculum course with two credit hours; Appreciation of Environment and Water Heritage. The implementation of the course goes beyond two semesters of learning activities including UMT Signature Sea Survival Program with an assessment based on reports, presentations and continuous observations by mentors appointed among their lecturers. Students are required to participate in water-based (sea) activities such as swimming, snorkelling and kayaking. The exposure to water-based activities is aimed at exposing students to the hazards associated with the frequent occurrence of water and safety measures in facing anxiety in the sea.

Overall the course emphasizes on the importance of respecting nature, environment, local heritage and boosts their water confident. Involvement in these activities is immediate experience and early exposure to stimulating self-learning and enhancing students’ attitudes and values toward UMT niche, marine and water resources.

For the first time, all 2,300 of 2019 intake underwent Sea Survival Program by group held at beautiful UMT seaside campus begins from 23 Mac 2019.

2300 UMT STUDENTS COMPLETED SEA SURVIVAL PROGRAM
The Ministry of Education’s efforts in placing National Laureates in public universities throughout the country become one of proactive steps in the transformation of National Education Blueprint. This agenda aims at upholding the Malaysian National Laureates at the higher education institution which subsequently will enable their knowledge and works to be widely disseminated amongst university members and local community as well as to raise the dignity of National Laureates and literary works of the country. In line with this effort, University Malaysia Terengganu, through the Centre for Fundamental and Liberal Education (PPAL), has been entrusted to organize Sembang Sasterawan 2019 which will be held for three series.

The first program was held on 26 March 2019 where National Laureate Dato’ Dr. Anwar Ridhwan, the 10th Malaysian National Laureate was invited to present and share his literary works and experiences. This session attracted hundreds of UMT staffs and students. Besides sharing his involvement in literary works, Dato’ Dr. Anwar Ridhwan also joined dialogue session with the audiences related to the collections of his works which have been translated into several languages such as French, Russian and German. The sharing opened the minds and interests of students to the world of authorship and literature, in which previously they may have no idea at all, especially on what and how to get them into it. By bringing the National Laureate directly and closely to the students, they have the opportunity to listen and interact openly with the National Laureates who previously only have been known or heard in newspapers or magazines.

Question and answer sessions with the National Laureate at the end of the program was very encouraging, in which students fully utilized the opportunity to ask questions actively on literary works, Malay writings and authorship fields, including questions about the relevance of literary writers in the era of industrial revolution or IR 4.0. The questions raised clearly demonstrated the interest of UMT students in the field of authorship that they may expect to only be engrossed by those who take literary fields. According to Dato’ Dr. Anwar Ridhwan, to become a laureate, it is not limited to those who have a literary background only, in fact anyone from any field including pure science can be a laureate. Currently, there are many names from science background who are actively involved in literary writings and had contributed their talents to the nations.

Therefore, the idea of having laureates in university spearheaded by the Minister of Education is seen as positive events to bring the laureates to the campus and refresh their function and presence within the society. Sharing and collaboration of experience and idea between both parties will instill interest amongst community of the university on the importance of literary world and education for nation building.
UMT keeps on flourishing with good quality researches and innovations through new MoU agreements with two institutes from South Korea which are Korean Marine Equipment Research Institute (KOMERI) and Busan Techno Park. This agreement develops a networking potential among the maritime industries. Besides, there are several new targeted initiatives that can give benefits to lecturers and students of UMT.

UMT Vice Chancellor, Dato’ Professor Dr. Nor Aieni mentioned that “The agreement signed was the part of the technology movement, knowledge development and training of the maritime industry”.

The signing ceremony was held at UMT Senate Hall witnessed by Mr. Jungchul Bae, Komeri Management Director and Mr. Won Kwanghae, Director of Busan Techno Park who represented their respective agencies together with Dato’ Professor Dr. Nor Aieni, the Vice Chancellor of UMT.
Marketing Club (MAR’C) organized MAR’CSR is a corporate social responsibility (CSR) program. 40 undergraduate students volunteered mainly from Bachelor of Management (Marketing) and Bachelor of Accounting, School of Maritime Business and Management, UMT in the program. The aim of this program is to enhance the spirit of social responsibility among students with local community near UMT.

SMK Batu Rakit was chosen in mural painting and motivational activities with PT3 students. Turtle replica of 2 meters long leather-back turtle made from used pen, plastic material, rope, bamboo and wire was given as a symbol of awareness of the extinction of turtle's life and enhancing knowledge in care of marine life and the environment. 2000 pens were collected from five nearest secondary school, local community, UMT students, and Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Thailand. It is hoped that this CSR activities would instil the community responsibility values.
UMT International Centre was invited by Taman Negara, Jerantut, Pahang to participate in Bird Count Program 2019. There were 20 students from UMT, consisted of 15 international students and five local students. The international students are inbound students who are part of the TROPIMUNDO programme at UMT.

The UMT participants took part in several activities such as jungle trekking, birds counting, talk and tour at Taman Negara. The Bird Count Program is an annual programme organised by Taman Negara to promote the beauty and nature of Malaysia to the locals and international tourists especially to nature lovers.
UMT International Centre organised a Hi-Tea session for the UMT International Student Community. The event was successfully held at the Senate Dining Hall, UMT Chancellery, and almost 80 international students attended. The purpose of this event was to celebrate the international students for their efforts and endless support towards UMT. At the event, two international students were awarded certificate of appreciation for their contributions towards UMT International Centre. Mr. Mohammed Hamood Al-Masharegy, the President of UMT International Students Club for his commitment, supports and excellent cooperation to all activities conducted by International Centre. Mr. Eid Alkhataba was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his contribution as an active volunteer in promoting UMT abroad, especially to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The event was graced with the cultural performances from Bangladeshi students as well as local students.

The event was attended by UMT Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dato’ Dr. Nor Aieni Binti Haji Mokhtar, UMT Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International), Prof Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Bin Abu Osman, Director of UMT International Centre, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faisal Bin Mohamad Ayub, and other VIPs.
UMT are glad and honoured to invite you and your postgraduate students under your supervision to submit research paper and also to participate in our upcoming conference, The International Conference on Ocean, Engineering Technology and Environmental Sustainability 2019 (I-OCEANS 2019), which will be held in Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Kuala Neru, Terengganu, Malaysia (5-7 August 2019). All accepted full papers will be reviewed and considered for publication in The International Journal of Engineering & Technology (Scopus Indexed).

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