Learning through classroom lecture and laboratory hands-on activities is becoming a common learning process for undergraduate students. This method of gaining knowledge is in line with the educational approach 4.0. In support to the redesigning UMT education approach, Faculty of Ocean Engineering & Informatics (FTKKI) has partnered with industry to bridge the gap between university-industry. To provide actual exposure to the industry, based on the fundamental knowledge taught by lecturers in the classroom, FTKKI together with the Concord Group jointly organised a 3-day workshop on Biogas Technology. The programme was held from 13th until 15th Dec 2019 at UMT. TDM Sdn Bhd and APBA (Asia Pacific Biogas Alliance) were also invited to collaborate in delivering the module for the workshop. Attended by 50 of final year students from Bachelor of Environmental Technology programme and lecturers, the purpose of this knowledge sharing workshop was to prepare the students to face future challenges in the renewable energy (RE) field, especially in biogas technology focusing on palm oil mill treatment at palm oil mills. Among the topics shared in the first two days’ workshop were RE development in Malaysia, biological processes in a biogas plant, biogas capturing system, utilization of biogas, operation & maintenance and safety measures of a biogas plant. On the third day, a site visit to Keratong 2 Biogas plant was conducted to expose all participants to the actual operation of biogas plant operated by the Concord Group. This visit provided additional value to the participants, especially the students, as they ready themselves for a career after graduation. For lecturers, this was a great opportunity to build up a network of research and industrial attachments.

Source: Dr. Nazaitulshila Rasit, nazaitulshila@umt.edu.my; Faculty of Ocean Engineering Technology and Informatics (FTKKI)
Universiti Malaysia Terengganu which incorporates marine studies as its niche was appointed by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia to involve in Asian International Mobility for Students or known as AIMS in 2015. Fully funded by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) Malaysia, the area of studies offered by UMT for this AIMS Programme are Environmental Science & Management, Marine Science, and Biodiversity. By the year 2019, UMT has successfully attracted more inbound students as they add tourism study as one of their niche.

To recap last 2019, there were several outbound mobility AIMS programme such as AIMS-UMT Kasetsart University in Thailand for Faculty of Science and Marine & Environment along with AIMS-UMT Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia that involves Marine Engineering students which both were held in January till May 2019.

Opening a new book of a new year, UMT is off to a good start as they provide new opportunities lining up for the students to participate in this 2020 AIMS Programme. For the inbound AIMS Programme this year, UMT is anticipating several students from different universities which consist of one student from Mah Fae University, another one from Kasetsart University, along with three more students from Dongguk University, South Korea. Not to forget, UMT will also be sending three of their students to the Kasetsart University of Thailand and another three to Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia.

Hence, more students will have the privilege to grab the opportunity to gain more experience by stepping out of their comfort zone and learn while exploring other parts of the world.

Further information is available on our website: www.aims.umt.edu.my
Assoc. Prof. Dr Shamsul Bahri Abd Razak is a member of Faculty of Fisheries and Food Sciences has received the prestigious fellowship award from Association of Biotechnology and Pharmacy (ABAP). The award was conferred during the 13th Annual Convention of ABAP and International Conference on “Environmental Sustainability, Human Health and Development” on 20th December 2019 at VIGNAN’S Foundation for Science, Technology & Research University, India.

Every year, The Association of Biotechnology and Pharmacy (ABAP) honours the fellowship awards to eminent scientists and academicians in the field of life sciences with proven track record and achievements. In the year 2019, five scientists across the globe have been selected including Assoc. Prof. Dr Shamsul Bahri in recognising his research on stingless bee and also inspiring small scale entrepreneurship developments in Malaysia on the stingless bee.

Source: Dr. Mannur Ismail Shaik, mannurismail@umt.edu.my
Faculty of Fisheries and Food Sciences.
During her visit to UMT in September, the High Commissioner of Canada in Malaysia, Julia G. Bentley, highlighted the Canada-ASEAN Scholarships and Educational Exchange for Development (SEED). These scholarships offer opportunities for students from ASEAN member states to participate in short-term studies or research at Canadian post-secondary institutions, as part of their degree from their home university, in fields that are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. She expressed the hope that undergraduate and postgraduate students from University Malaysia Terengganu would apply for this scholarship program. The application deadline for 2020-2021 is early March 2020. More details can be found at this link www.scholarships.gc.ca.

Starting in 2020 the SEED program will include a component for mid-career professionals, which is intended to allow individuals from the public or private sectors or academics to go to Canada for a short period for professional development. The application deadline for this is likely to be early February. Details are available on the same website.

Source: Bethany Tien, Trade Commissioner - High Commission of Canada in Malaysia bethany.tien@international.gc.ca
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