“What role should you be playing in injecting some logic and fact into the Malaysia narrative? Do you intend to go along with the emotional flow or do you see it as your academic duty to question the irrational narratives that are being shoved down the Malays’ throats?”

“Our future, Malaysia’s future, will depend on giving our children the right type of education that will allow them to be confident to face the best in the world. Get education right, then politics and economy will be right. Brains minus emotions will determine our future and the future of Malaysia”

“Expose our children to the world, then they will want to excel, and they will protect the best of our budaya”

“We will give the best education to our children so that they can compete and succeed”

Excerpted from Tun Daim Zainuddin, formerly the Minister of Finance, spoke at a seminar on the Malaysia Narrative
Emeritus Professor Dr Anne Daly has been appointed as a visiting professor at IBTPL, UMT since 2018 to assist and support the development of one of the research components in the institute, the social sciences. With her vast experience involved in community development studies and worldwide networking, her presence in IBTPL seems justified and will be very significant.

She is a labour economist by training. However, her involvement in various Australian government research projects especially in the aboriginal community economic development, women empowerment and youth involvement in the Australian economy has caught attention of many researchers. Currently, she is attached with the University of Canberra, Australia.

Her teaching focusses in the areas of Labour Economics and Microeconomics. She has supervised postgraduate students in a wide range of related topics. She has been researching in the area of Indigenous Australians in the labour market for 20 years. The issues covered have included Indigenous Australians in the labour market, the interaction between the welfare system and labour force participation, the economic status of Indigenous families and the evaluation of programs developed to promote Indigenous wellbeing. Much of this work has been undertaken in collaboration with the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at ANU where she is also a visiting fellow.

She is also an associate of NATSEM at the University of Canberra where she has worked as an integral part of the team developing small area measures of the risk of social exclusion among Australian children and youths. In addition, she has contributed to other parts of the NATSEM research program including studies on the gender pay gap, indigenous issues and postgraduate supervision. She is also a member of the Centre for Labour Market Research (CLMR). She has a continuing interest in gender pay issues, migration and the economics of education.

Therefore, her appointment as the visiting professor in IBTPL looks in line with the research vision and mission of social science in IBTPL in particular. Research on the socioeconomic wellbeing of the community has always been the centre of social science research interest of the institute. During her visit from 10-15 February 2019, many of her research experiences have been shared and discussed to look at some probability of application in the community of Terengganu at wherever possible regions.

The institute has also planned for several book publications to document all of the community based research which have been done in both countries especially with regards to the aboriginal people and fisherman community livelihood, to be specific a book on comparative community study between Australia and Malaysia. The first book project
The meeting has decided that the proposed book is to be published in the international book publisher such as Springer or Wiley.

Another project discussed during her visit is an international grant bidding. The meeting discussed that her role is to find potential international collaborators to work with researchers in IBTPL and PPPSE. With that strategy, the chances of getting an international grant will be higher. Several research proposals have been discussed and she will find a potential collaborators through her network to work together to bid for international grants.

With this collaboration strategy, the visibility of researchers in UMT especially in IBTPL will increase. Her next visit is scheduled on July 2019 to discuss and monitor the proposed agenda.
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Dr. Abdulmaula Hamza was on holiday visiting his home country Libya (North Africa) from 30th January and 19th February 2019. He made use of this time to share information about Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) and his research on Malaysian Biodiversity with schools and universities in Libya.

Dr. Hamza has been a senior lecturer of Marine Vertebrate Conservation Biology at the School of Marine and Environmental Sciences (PPSMS), UMT since 2014. He gave three talks in Libya, all of which focused on his team research about mapping seabird breeding colonies in the Malaysian waters of the South China Sea and the Straits of Malacca, as well as other research activities on sea turtles, shark and ray diversity of Terengganu and Marine Biodiversity Conservation in general. Dr. Hamza also took the opportunity to present information on the history of UMT, its various academic schools, and UMT undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. He also touched on the UMT Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) offered, with special focus on the School of Marine and Environmental Sciences. He also discussed with his Libyan counterparts the development of teaching modules following the Malaysian Higher Education system that is built on Outcome Based Education (OBE), and Integrated Cumulative Grade Point Average (ICGPA) where the course design, delivery and student assessments are built with a wide array of interactive learning techniques, developing student’s soft skills that are needed by today’s employers.

Dr. Hamza gave lectures at Al-Sahel Secondary School on February 7, The University of Tripoli on February 11, and The University of Mergeb on February 14, 2019. All three lectures were attended by students, teachers, lecturers, professors and some old colleagues from The Environment General Authority where he used to work. After each talk, Q & A sessions were held to answer audience questions. Both the University of Tripoli and the University of Mergeb expressed their desire to know more about UMT teaching and research activities, and hoping to sign MoAs with UMT related to postgraduate students and academic staff exchange in future. Dr. Hamza has been appointed by the University of Tripoli Vice Chancellor, together with several other international academics, as a member of the scientific committee for the International Conference on Biodiversity, which will be organised by University of Tripoli in April 2019.
The STYLO Gentlemen’s Weekend took place at Puteri Harbour, Johor Bharu from 26th -29th October 2018. This event was jointly organised by Style International, Malaysia Fashion Week, and Maritime International Showcase Malaysia. This event features high class men’s lifestyle products such as fashion, luxurious vehicles such as super cars, seaplanes, classic cars, and luxury yachts.

Besides the stylish showcases for men, there was an important initiative on conservation and science which was organised by The International Seakeepers Society with a researcher from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. A talk on conservation, and a mini exhibition enabled the researcher to share knowledge and valuable information on marine environment conservation with the society. This event also opened up the opportunity to enlist volunteers from the yachting community to act as citizen scientists.

A project was proposed for the citizen scientist to help UMT and The International Seakeepers Society to collect water samples along their sailing routes. The outcome of this project aims to investigate emerging ocean pollution by studying the quality and properties of the samples collected. Collaborations between yachting communities and scientists will open the window for both parties to explore the ocean together. This initiative was a successful effort by The International Seakeepers Society, which always support marine science and conservation efforts by utilising yachts as platforms for marine research, educational outreach, and deployment of oceanographic instruments for continuous monitoring projects.
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 Nerus, 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).

For more detail please visit: oceans2019.umt.edu.my or email to: oceans@umt.edu.my

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