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ROOMS AND FACILITIES

Tarikh Penting / Important Dates

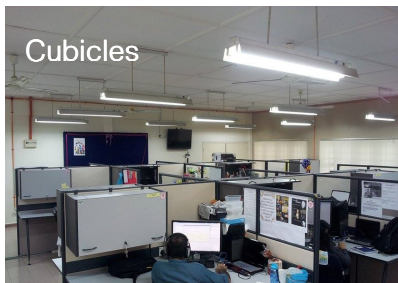
Students are encouraged to fully utilize the rooms and facilities provided. There are cabin and cubicles for research students, while the lounge is for all (research, mixed mode and course work). Besides there is a computer lab which is temporary used for MSc. Railway Engineering classes. Students are welcome though whenever it is not occupied. **NOWADAYS** postgraduate students also can use the Iqra' Room at the library with a small rental of RM10 per semester.



Lounge

The Lounge at Block B1 is open daily (Sunday - Wednesday) from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm. On Thursday it is open from 8.30 am-3.30 pm only. Students may do some printing (with their own paper) using the provided computer and printer.

Cubicles are only for research students. This room can accommodate 20 students only. Students are advised to complete the "Application for Room" form, which can be obtained from the Centre for Graduate Studies website.



Cubicles



Cabin C7

There is also a cabin for research students. There are 5 rooms accommodating up to 3 students each. For these rooms, students also need to complete the "Application for Room" form and submit to the counter of Centre for Graduate Studies.

Students are also invited to use Computer Lab 2 at Block B7 whenever it is free. This room is temporary used for graduate classes.



Computer Lab 2

Iqra' Room

Good news for students. Students may request to use the Iqra' Room at the library with a rental of RM10 per semester. Again, students are advised to download and complete the "Application for Room" form from the Centre for Graduate Studies website, and submit it to the counter.

10 October 2014

Majlis Pemakaian Hud sempena Konvo'14
Hoarding Ceremony in Conjunction with Konvo'14

11 - 13 October 2014 :

Majlis Konvokesyen 14
Convocation Ceremony 14

02 - 08 November 2014 :

Cuti pertengahan semester
Mid-semester break

09 November - 24 December 2014 :

Kelas : Bahagian 2 (untuk pelajar kerja kursus sahaja)
Classes : Part 2 (for coursework students only)

02 December 2014:

Pendaftaran pelajar penyelidikan baharu ambilan Disember
Registration for new research students December Intake

21 December 2014 - 16 January 2015:

Pendaftaran kursus bagi pelajar kanan (Semester II 2014/2015) - 4 minggu
Course registration for continuing students (Semester II 2014/2015) - 4 weeks

21 December 2014 - 1 January 2015:

Pelajar mula mengisi borang Laporan Kemajuan Penyelidikan (LKP) dan serahkan kepada penyelia
Research students completing the Progress Report (LKP) and submitting to the Supervisor

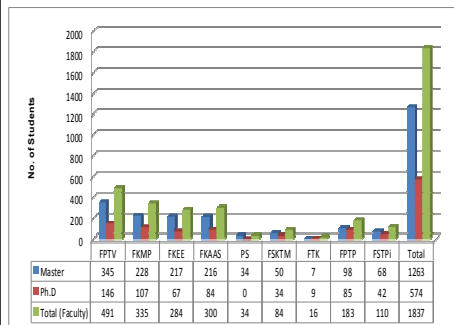
28 December 2014 - 1 January 2015:

Pembentangan Projek Sarjana (pelajar sarjana kerja kursus dan mod campuran)
Presentation of Master Projects (coursework and mixed-mode students only)

28 December 2014 - 10 January 2015:

Minggu ulangkaji
Revision week

ENROLMENT BY FACULTIES (AS 27th DECEMBER 2014)



PAPER PRESENTATION FUND (FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS ONLY)

Master	Based on application and subjected to approval by the Dean of CGS
PhD	

Funds: UP FOR GRABS !

MyBrain15
<https://payloan.mohe.gov.my/MyBrain15>

UTHM Scholarship Scheme for Assistant Instructor Scheme for Graduate Assistants
<http://ps.uthm.edu.my/v1/en/other-info/funding-and-financial-support.html>

PROJECT/RESEARCH ONE-OFF FUND

Master by Coursework	RM500
Master by Research	RM750
PhD	RM1000

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

Selamat Bertugas!!!

**En. Rahimi bin Ab Rahim
 Cik Hazmira Azwa binti Rosli**
 Pekerja Sambilan Harian, [16/11/2014]

**Terima Kasih...
 Dengan Ingatan Tulus Ikhlas...**

**Pn. Siti Aminah binti Kamardin
 En. Mohd. Nor Haziq bin Hisamuddin
 En. Saiful Nizam bin Md Mansoor
 Cik Siti Zarina binti Mohd. Salikhin
 Cik Rabiatal Adawiyah binti Md. Sarif**

Selamat Ulangtahn Kelahiran!!!



**Pn. Susila binti
 Suhadak
 Pn. Norlaili binti
 Ismail**

ACTIVITIES @ CGS (OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2014)

10 October
 Majlis Pemakaian Hud Graduan Siswazah sempena Majlis Konvokesyen ke-14, DTMII, UTHM



3-5 November



Mesyuarat Pemurnian Kurikulum dan Siliabus Program Sarjana Sains Kejuruteraan Pengangkutan Rel Pusat Pengajian Siswazah UTHM, Hotel Avillion Legacy, Melaka

19 November
 Seminar Perkongsian Ilmu Siri ke-4 oleh Y. Bhg. Dato' Dr. Hjh. Marzalina binti Hj. Mansor, Pengarah Bahagian Perancangan Penyelidikan dan Korporat, Institut Penyelidikan Perhutanan Malaysia, Bilik Lestari 1 dan 2, Perpustakaan UTHM



27-29 November
 Mesyuarat / Bengkel Sasaran Kerja Tahunan Pusat Pengajian Siswazah, Hotel Kings Green, Melaka



17-18 Disember
 The 6th International Conference on Postgraduate Education, Main Hall UTeM, Melaka



24-26 Disember
 Kem Jati Diri Siri 2 Persatuan Pelajar Siswazah, PDS Training Camp. Sdn. Bhd. Kompleks Uniti, Pasir Panjang, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan



25-27 Disember
 Mesyuarat Membangunkan Kajian Terhadap Faktor Kejayaan 'GOT' Kepada Staf UTHM yang Melanjutkan Pelajaran, Klana Beach Resort Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan

THE BIG DAY: VIVA-VOCE CONGRATULATIONS!!!

OCTOBER

Sasitharan A/L Nagappan (PFA, FKAAS)
 Azian binti Hariiri (PDM, FKMP)
 Peniel Ang Soon Ern (PPP, FPTP)
 Yahya Suleiman Anaf (PBP, FPTV)
 Yee Mei Hong (PBV, FPTV)
 Amnani binti Abu Bakar (KFA, FKAAS)
 Ismaaini binti Ismail (KFA, FKAAS)
 Syazwani binti Mohd. Asharuddin (KFA, FKAAS)
 Abdirahman Mohamad Shire (KEE, FKEE)
 Nor Mohd. Razif bin Noraini (KDM, FKMP)
 Siti Kyadijah binti Ahmad Saferi (KDM, FKMP)
 Fatima Sani Stores (KPP, FPTP)
 Ng Lee Shan (KPP, FPTP)
 Siti Hasziani binti Ahmad (KPP, FPTP)
 Ashuvila binti Mohd. Aripin (KWZ, FSTPI)

NOVEMBER

Goh Wan Inn (PFA, FKAAS)
 Josef Hadipramana (PFA, FKAAS)
 Mohammed Bsher A. Asmael (PDM, FKMP)
 Esam Mohamed Ahmed Mustafa (PPP, FPTP)
 Muhamad Saufi bin Che Rusuli (PPP, FPTP)
 Jouvan Chandra Pratama Putra (KFA, FKAAS)
 Dafit Feriyanto (KDM, FKMP)
 Hadiza Yakubu Bako (KWZ, FSTPI)

DISEMBER

Abdullah (PIT, FSKTM)
 Khadijah binti Md. Ariffin (PPF, FPTP)
 Nurul Hidayah Liew Abdullah (PPP, FPTP)
 Quin anak Emparan (KFA, FKAAS)
 Siti Nurul Aini binti Zolkefle (KFA, FKAAS)
 Ahmad Sayuti bin Zainal Abidin (KDM, FKMP)
 Babaji Shuaibu Sanusi (KWZ, FSTPI)
 Nurul Ashikin binti Ismail (KWZ, FSTPI)

UPCOMING VIVA-VOCE

FKAAS

PhD:
 Faisal bin Sheikh Khalid
 Mohd. Baharuddin bin Ridzuan

Master:
 Junita binti Abd. Rahman
 Suraya binti Ghazali
 Nur Fatimah binti Muhamad Hanafi
 Nurasiah Mira binti Anuar
 Nadzirah binti Roslan

FKEE

PhD:
 Yee Shee Khee
 Chua King Lee
Master:
 Wadhah Abdo Mohammed Al-Ashwal

FKMP

PhD:
 Noordiana binti Kassim @ Kasim
Master:
 Nur Fazlinda binti Mohd. Pauzi

FSTPI

Master:
 Shehu Isah Danlami



WORDS OF WISDOM

Prof. Madya Dr. Rathiah binti Hashim - PhD: My Swansea Experience

I did my PhD in Swansea University, previously known as University of Wales, UK. A beautiful coastal city, Swansea is located in Wales and it is famous for its panoramic landmark, Rhossilli Bay, voted as UK's best beach. Before going to the UK for PhD, a close relative visited us and said, "PhD is something you don't want to do twice". The remark startled me and made me think seriously about the journey I was about to embark. However, when I finished my journey successfully, I feel enriched by the whole experience. I concluded that PhD is not only about managing your work or supervisor but it is about managing your life.

I was working under Prof. Min Chen, a professor in Scientific Visualization and Prof. Ian Micheal Thornton from the Dept. of Psychology. I was placed in a Computer Graphics research lab with 12-15 other PhD students. The best thing about the lab is that I had a good view from my window – the ocean. I enjoyed the friendship and environment – we had colloquiums, presentations, discussions and different activities to fill our working hours. The lab was my second home, the place where I spent my days and nights and even slept there during my writing stage.

In striving for success, I believe all postgrad students should: (1) Keep a diary to write your activities – from the least important to the most important – you know you'll forget things. (2) Keep a good recorder such as an iPod to record your meetings. I would go through my supervisors' comments again and again to make sure I do not miss anything. (3) Put your Gantt chart on the wall of your homes or anywhere visible. (4) Be honest with your supervisor. If he asks you of your strengths and weaknesses, tell him the truth - he might just want to adjust your research direction. It would be difficult trying to pretend as if you are good at something whilst you are not. (5) Take a break from work if you think that you are overloaded – it keeps you sane! (6) Whenever your supervisor asks you to do anything, do your best every time. It will help you maintain his good perception on you. (7) Polish your writing skill by keeping a journal like a blog to practice writing. (8) After whatever experiments or results, write a short report. It will become handy when it's time to write your thesis.

I also did some part time jobs - exam invigilator, librarian, demonstrator and a scribe. Each job gave me different roles and responsibilities. As a demonstrator, my task was to help students in their programming labs. However, most of their students are highly independent and I was left with plenty of time for myself. As a scribe, usually I would be assigned to help William, an undergraduate student with hand coordination and speech difficulties. Before his graduation, he sent me a card with his own handwriting, thanking me for helping him with his exams. As a lecturer, it is good to work with undergraduates and getting involved with teaching and learning – you get to compare the system that they have with what we are practicing here. Of course, we still have a lot to learn from them.

We were blessed to be living among a very active muslim community (Britons, Welsh, Arabs, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Mauritius, Malaysians, Indonesians, Indians, Turkish, French, etc.) which are bonded together by the Swansea University Mosque. With a very friendly Imam (Sheikh Mohsen El-Beltagi) and active students' involvement in Islamic Student Organization Committee (ISOC), we arranged different activities such as barbeque at the park, Eid parties, Interfaith meetings, regular religious classes and Islamic talks by popular Muslim scholars. Throughout the 4 years in Swansea, we witnessed many Britons/Welsh taking Shahadah. The Interfaith activities are really very effective. One of the most memorable activities that we did under ISOC was the screening of Al-Ghazali: The Alchemist of Happiness, a teledrama of the life of Imam Al-Ghazali at Taliesin Arts Centre (SU cinema). I remember contacting the son of the producer, Abdul Latif Salazar to get permission for screening the film. The film explores the life of the greatest spiritual and legal philosopher in Islam. The film was so profound that a non-muslim came out from the cinema with traces of tears. Through the mosque activities, the mosque was like home and the friends became our brothers and sisters. We were invited to weddings and special family gatherings. It is amazing how friendships are even extended until we travelled to their homelands and were hosted there too.

Being busy at the research lab, I make sure we had quality time together with the children through a few short vacations to interesting places that we had never been before. I love travelling and flying with budget airlines from London is affordable. This include our 2 pence return trip from London to Londonderry, Ireland; 2 pence return trip from London to Oslo, 10 Euro return trip to Budapest from London and many other good trips that we took and some booked tickets that we could not take due to the limited free time. Experiencing different cultures and life styles in different places makes us look at life and people differently. All the travelling and experiences should make us feel grateful with what we have and at the same time, accept differences with open hearts.

Life was good in the UK. We experienced and learnt a lot during the whole PhD period and we believe we have benefited from it in many aspects. Not only to me, to my son, Swansea was like home. He has many friends from the school and from the mosque whom he enjoyed playing with. He used to go down the hill of Brynmill street with his skateboard or play football or rugby after school. The first night when we arrived home in Batu Pahat, my son said to me, "Mom, we have not reached home, we left home". Two weeks after that, he told me he misses all his Swansea friends and said, "It is like you have lots and lots of money, and suddenly you go bankrupt!".

The long PhD voyage has taught me a lot about life and people. A PhD should not make you feel cleverer, but it should make you realize how little you know and that feeling should make you desire for more. It should open up your thirst for knowledge and help you to be more vigilant with information. It is not the end result that counts; it is what you have become that matters. Indeed, "the voyage of discovery consists not only in seeking new lands, but seeing with new eyes" – Marcel Proust.



Pisa, Italy (2007).



In front of Ayub Al-ansari Mosque in Istanbul with Mustafa, a Turkish who graduated with Masters in Law from Swansea University (2007).



An interfaith talk "From the Vatican to Al-Azhar" by our guest speaker, Sheikh Idris Tawfiq (A former British Catholic Priest who accepted Islam and resides in Egypt)

MESYUARAT PEMURNIAN KURIKULUM DAN SILABUS PROGRAM SARJANA SAINS KEJURUTERAAN PENGANGKUTAN REL

Mesyuarat Pemurnian Kurikulum dan Silabus Program Sarjana Sains Kejuruteraan Pengangkutan Rel anjuran Pusat Pengajian Siswazah, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) telah diadakan pada hari Isnin hingga Rabu, 03 hingga 05 November 2014 bertempat di Hotel Avillion Legacy, Melaka.

Mesyuarat ini disusun bagi memberikan cadangan kepada Jawatankuasa Kurikulum Jabatan bagi membangun dan mengubahsuai kandungan kurikulum serta silabus Program Sarjana Sains Kejuruteraan Pengangkutan Rel oleh Panel Industri iaitu, En. Tajuddin b. Mohd Yusoff dari Rail Infra Design Engineering Sdn. Bhd. dan S.M. Sabri S.M. Ismail dari Prasarana Malaysia Berhad. Profesor Adjung iaitu Dr. Aminuddin bin Adnan dari Opus Group Berhad juga turut sama dalam mesyuarat ini.

Hasil daripada mesyuarat yang telah dilaksanakan, para penyelaras dan pensyarah kursus mendapat maklum balas berkaitan teknik pengajaran dan pembelajaran (P & P), makmal dan fasiliti yang bersesuaian dengan teknologi serta keperluan semasa Program Sarjana Sains Kejuruteraan Pengangkutan Rel dari pihak industri luar.

Pusat Pengajian Siswazah berharap mesyuarat ini dapat dijadikan sebagai momentum untuk mempertingkatkan lagi kualiti program Sarjana Sains Kejuruteraan Pengangkutan Rel seterusnya membantu meningkatkan kredibiliti Universiti sebagai pusat pengajian yang unggul.

Disediakan oleh:
Siti Zarina binti Mohd. Salikhin
Pusat Siswazah



6th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

ICPE or International Conference on Postgraduate Education is a series of international conference supported by the Ministry of Education Malaysia in collaboration with Malaysia Deans of Graduate Studies Council. The conference provides a platform for the exchange and sharing of information, knowledge and experience towards an innovative, effective and sustainable postgraduate education among managers, supervisors and graduate students.

On 17-18 December 2014, the 6th International Conference on Postgraduate Education (ICPE-6) was successfully organised by Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia and Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, with the theme of "Transforming the Frontiers towards Sustainable Postgraduate Education".

It was a successful conference with 240 participants from both public and private institutions of higher learning. There are activities for Poster Presentation, Keynote Address, Dialogues and Forum. It is with great pleasure that Centre for Graduate Studies announces and congratulates Ms. Nurmunirah binti Abdullah for winning the 2nd prize for Poster Presentation (Engineering Category).

There were 6 keynote addresses. UTHM's Vice Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd. Noh bin Dalimin delivered the 4th keynote lecture entitled "Role of Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Strengthening Postgraduate Education in Malaysia".

There was also a parallel dialogue session revolving around the Malaysia Postgraduate Education Road Map, with topics of "Current Status of Postgraduate Education in Malaysia" and "Future Challenges and Expectation of Postgraduate Education".

Before the prize giving and closing ceremony, there was a Forum on Innovations in Research Supervision Towards the Empowerment of University and Industry Collaboration. The panelists were Professor Dato' Dr. Abu Bakar Abdul Majeed (assistant Vice Chancellor from UiTM), Professor Dr. Elsayed A. Orady (University of Michigan - Dearbon) and Datin Dr. Norrizan Razali (Education Director at Microsoft Malaysia).

Centre for Graduate Studies takes this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all staff and students who contributed to the successful organization of ICPE-6, from both UTHM and UTeM.

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