



UMT LECTURER AWARDED RM150,000 RESEARCH GRANT

A lecturer at the School of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences, Dr Wan Mohd Rauhan Wan Husin, was awarded a research grant amounting to RM150,000 by the Sultan Mizan Antarctica Research Foundation (YPASM). He was one of the four recipients of this year's research grant. Dr Wan Mohd Rauhan and the other three researchers were presented with the awards during the officiating event of the 8th Malaysian International Seminar on Antarctica at Universiti Putra Malaysia on 18 June.

The grant he received will enable Dr Wan Mohd Rauhan to carry out his research project entitled Mapping Benthic Communities in the West Antarctic Peninsula Using Habitat Suitability Modelling beginning 2020 until 2023.

Dr Wan Mohd Rauhan said that the main objective of the research project was to create a model of habitat suitability for marine invertebrates along the coastal region. The output from the model would be used to study how climate-induced environmental changes would impact the habitat of organisms under the sea. The study would be used as a reference to determine the reactions of sea organisms in tropical areas towards climate change.

Dr Wan Mohd Rauhan will be conducting the research in collaboration with three other researchers. They are Dr Ahn In-Young (Korea Polar Research Institute, Korea), Dr Keith Cooper (Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, UK) and Professor Dr Piotr Kuklinski (Institute of Oceanology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland).

The research grant is part of YPASM Partnership Initiative programme that was launched to promote research activities in the Polar Regions. Eight Malaysian universities joined the initiative and have provided the fund to the foundation for research in the Antarctica and the Arctic. Only researchers from these eight participating universities can apply for research grants and fellowship from YPASM each year.

This is the second time Dr Wan Mohd Rauhan has been awarded a research grant by YPASM. Earlier in 2012, he received YPASM fellowship grant that enabled him to conduct a study in collaboration with Dr Ahn In-Young (Korea Polar Research Institute, Korea) on the effect melting glaciers on organisms under the sea.

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SMART PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

YPASM RESEARCH GRANT

DR. WAN MOHD RAUHAN BIN WAN HUSSIN
Universiti Malaysia Terengganu

Research Project :
Mapping Benthic Communities in the West Antarctic Peninsula using Habitat Suitability Modelling

Grant Amount: RM150,000





TROPIMUNDO STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR PROGRAMME AT UMT

Students of 2019 Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems (TROPIMUNDO) were invited to a closing ceremony on 16 June to mark their one-semester completion at UMT.

UMT Vice Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Nor Aieni Mokhtar was present to give her speech and officiate the event. Also in attendance were TROPIMUNDO General Coordinator Professor Dr. Farid Dahdouh-Guebas from University Libre Brussels (ULB), Belgium, and UMT principal officers.

Professor Nor Aieni in her speech said that the TROPIMUNDO students, having successfully completed their one semester of study at UMT, had officially become part of UMT alumni. In addition, they should also consider themselves as UMT ambassadors and help to improve UMT's visibility at the global arena, she said.

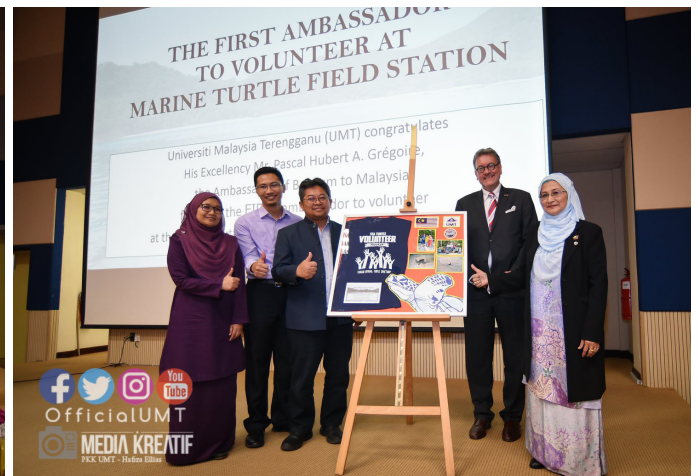
The students enrolled at the university in February and became UMT students for one semester as part of TROPIMUNDO programme requirements. The current cohort for TROPIMUNDO programme consisted of 16 students from ten countries including Belgium, Canada,

France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Spain, UK and the United States of America.

TROPIMUNDO is a two-year course sponsored by the European Commission (EC) and coordinated by Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgium. The course unites expert Higher Education Institutions with a long-standing worldwide expertise in tropical rainforests and woodlands and in coastal ecosystems such as mangrove forests and coral reefs. During the programme, students will get the opportunity to study at two European partner institutions and a partner university in the humid tropics.

UMT became one of the 12 official member universities in the consortium of TROPIMUNDO mobility programme on 1 September 2014 after signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Universiti Libre De Bruxelles. Since 2015, five cohorts had completed the programme at UMT, with 13 students in the first cohort, 14 students in the second, 18 students in the third, and 17 students in the fourth.

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UMT LAUNCHES 200 E-BOOKS AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

A special book launching ceremony was held at the Ministry of Education on 19 June to officially announce the successful publishing of 200 e-books by UMT Publisher.

The ceremony was officiated by Education Minister Dr Maszlee Malik. Also present during the event were Deputy Minister of Education Teo Nie Ching, Higher Education Director General Datin Paduka Ir. Dr Siti Hamisah Tapsir, UMT Vice Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Nor Aieni Mokhtar, and publishers from other universities.



developed through a strategic partnership with Celex Media Sdn Bhd. The site overdrive.com contains more than 2 million collection in digital format, with an estimated 27,000 subscriptions from libraries around the world.

The open access that is available from across the world provides greater likelihood of increased subscriptions of books published by UMT especially academic collection covering UMT's niche area, which is Marine Science and Aquatic Resources.

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UMT Vice Chancellor Professor Dato Dr Nor Aieni Mokhtar in her speech said that the publishing of the e-books on various academic fields and general themes was one of the strategies UMT employed in an effort to internationalize its products so as to reach a wider audience from every corner of the world.

These e-books, with greater circulation potential, will play an important role in helping UMT to be more known on the global stage and become a chosen destination for gathering knowledge, she said.

UMT had always prepared itself to embrace the digital world, especially in the publishing arena. Although still a new player in this industry, UMT Publisher had progressed tremendously and could now be mentioned in the same sentence with other university publishers having more experience in the publishing industry, she said.

Dr Maszlee in his officiating speech said that he would like to see more e-books translated into various other languages so that these books can be used as references by academicians and everyone in the society all over the world.

All the 200 e-books can be accessed via subscription from the website overdrive.com or from smartphones using the PubU application that was





UMT SIGNS MOU TO PROPEL OCEAN HOPE PROJECT

UMT has taken various initiatives in its effort to solidify strategic partnerships with industry players. The latest was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RHB Islamic Bank Berhad on 15 July that will see the two agencies utilize their strengths to elevate the marine environment sustainability campaign, OCEAN HOPE, to another level.

Signing on behalf of UMT was its Vice Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Nor Aieni Mokhtar and on behalf of RHB Islamic Bank Berhad was its Managing Director Dato' Adissadikin Ali.

Professor Nor Aieni in her speech said that UMT felt this was high time to bring the OCEAN HOPE project to greater heights, seeing the positive responses from the public.

"UMT would like to thank RHB Islamic Bank Berhad for its commitment to become our main strategic partner in this OCEAN HOPE project," she said.

Dato' Adissadikin stressed that the partnership would enhance the delivery of the awareness campaign. "Through this collaboration, we can utilize

our strengths to increase the awareness and highlight the importance of research in the conservation of the marine and environment ecosystem, which is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals formulated by the United Nations," he said.

Dr Maizah Abdullah, OCEAN HOPE project coordinator, is certain that the programme will be able to provide detailed explanation as well as suggest the best methods to manage and reduce waste that is produced every day. The public will be briefed on how poorly handled waste management system can negatively affect the oceans, she said.

The OCEAN HOPE campaign was initially started by students of the Marine Biology club, who organized the Waste Management for Ocean Hope Workshop in 2018 for students and staff of UMT and also the local community. The event was well-received, leading to its wide coverage by the local mass media and invitations from schools to hold similar events in their compounds. This eventually led to the Ocean Hope – School Tour 2019. Now, OCEAN HOPE has progressed to become a bigger agenda.

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CHORAL SPEAKING COMPETITION RAISES AWARENESS OF OCEAN CONSERVATION

For the third year, UMT became the host for the National Grand Final Choral Speaking Competition for Fully Residential Schools and MARA Junior Science Colleges. The event that saw 10 schools competing to be the national champion was held at Sultan Mizan Hall on 15 July.

The Choral Speaking Competition was included as one of the activities in celebration of UMT World Ocean Week, which is an extension of the World Oceans Day that is celebrated every 8 June. Prior to the Grand Final competition, 69 fully residential schools and 54 MARA junior colleges competed in their respective zones in April and May, with the zone champions advancing to the final round. The whole competition this year was co-organized with Ministry of Education Fully Residential and Excellent Schools Management Division and MARA Secondary Education Division.

The main aim of holding the Choral Speaking Competition was to get the message across to the public in a fun and entertaining way on the importance of the oceans to humans. More specifically, UMT wished to highlight its presence as the leading marine-focused university in the country to the students and participants, encourage the use English among school students, raise their interest in marine science and make

them realize the importance of ocean conservation for sustainable future, and develop their potential in becoming ambassadors of marine science.

As the competition was held in conjunction with UMT World Ocean Week, befittingly its theme was Ocean Priorities. The contestants were free to focus on any of the subthemes that included protecting and restoring natural systems, sustainable yet smart infrastructure, securing marine resources and habitats, climate and disaster risk solutions, heroes of the ocean, and research on physical, biological, and chemical oceanography.

Taking home the UMT Vice Chancellor Trophy, RM1500 cash, plaques and certificates as the champion was Sekolah Menengah Sains Tengku Muhammad Faris Petra. The Best Conductor Award went to Arissa Hadirah Ahmad Zaimi from Sekolah Seri Puteri, who walked away with RM100 cash, a plaque and a certificate.

UMT Vice Chancellor Professor Dato' Dr Nor Aieni Mokhtar officiated the event and later presented the prizes to the winners.

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- Financial Management
- Coastal Community Development
- Business Research Methods
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- Operations Management
- Strategic Management
- Marketing Management
- Project Paper

ELECTIVE COURSE CONCENTRATIONS

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT:

- Change Management
- Strategic Entrepreneurship
- Organizational Behavior
- Innovation Management In Organization
- Strategic Leadership and Decision Making
- International Business

HOW TO APPLY

- Application can be made online via <http://gsea.umt.edu.my> throughout the year.
- Application will only be processed on receipt of full supporting documentation required.
- All application received will be processed and successful applicants will be notified without delay
- Recommendation by two (2) academic referees (sealed) for students with degree other than conferred by UMT.
- Please include any other relevant documents e.g Curriculum vitae, supporting letter (s) and professional certificates (if any).
- Intake: September
- MBA program is offered at UMT Off-Campus Cyberjaya

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- Destination Marketing

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- Islamic Economics: Theory and Practice
- Financial Operations and Deposits of Islamic Banking
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MARITIME LOGISTIC AND TRANSPORT:

- Modern Port Management
- Marine Insurance
- The Law of Carriage of Goods By Sea
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Maritime Logistics
- Custom and Forwarding Agent

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About UMTSohor eNewsletter

UMTSohor eNewsletter is a monthly online newsletter, published as one of the platforms to let the public know more about Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. In each issue, we highlight some of the significant and memorable events happening recently at UMT.

UMTSohor is a term coined by the top management as a branding strategy. Since UMT is located in Terengganu, befittingly a local word "sohor" is added to the university's acronym. "Sohor" means

renowned in English. So UMTSohor in essence means UMT is renowned, famous. And if UMT is not already is, it is certainly working towards achieving that stature.

We hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter, and subsequently marked the calendar for the release dates of future issues, so you can be constantly updated.

