

Event Report: Academic Visit towards Research Based Practices to UTM (15.03.2016)

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A team of 8 lecturers from Programme Mechanical Engineering (Material) visited to the Centre for Composite, *Institute for Vehicle System and Engineering (IVese), UTM* on 15th March 2016 for a collaboration discussion. The team was led by Head of Programme Mechanical Engineering (Material), Nor Ain binti Jamaludin and the Project Coordinator, Hairriza bin Kosnan. UTM Centre for Composites (PUSKOM) led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Yazid bin Yahya was established in January 1995 with the objectives to educate and promote the composites technology through teaching, training and consultation to the public.



The integrity of PUSKOM activities is supported by the members from Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Faculty of Chemical and Natural Resources Engineering, University Technology Malaysia. A part from being driven in composites knowledge-based, the members of PUSKOM have also strive on pure and strategic applied research, product development project and training through smart partnership concept with strategic government agencies, local institutions and private sectors.



The aims of this visit are to review the participatory process of polytechnic students in research & development activities as well as to encourage dialogue among the lecturers on the possible FRGS projects collaboration between UTM and PIS.

The discussion was carried out on the basis of Malaysia Education Blueprint (Higher Education) 2015-2025 where quality of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is soaring upwards to produce graduates with talent skills to meet labour market demands in various industries. Thus, this meeting led to the following consensus:

1. Co-supervise project
2. Seminar on research and methodology
3. FRGS writing workshop

