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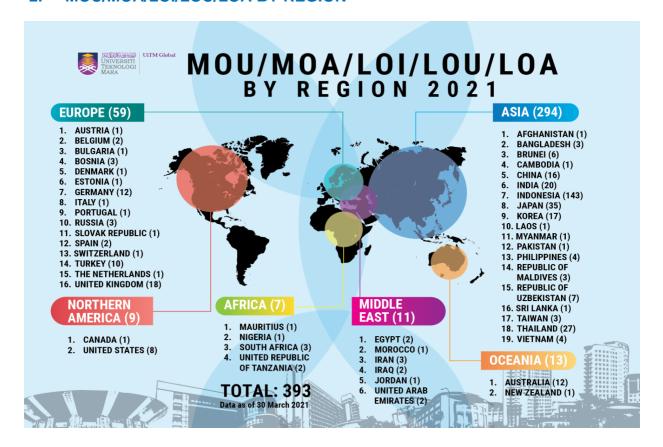
PELAPORAN UITM GLOBAL KEPADA MEU 13/2021

Department of International Affairs (DIA)

1. UITM INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



2. MOU/MOA/LOI/LOU/LOA BY REGION



3. TOTAL MOU/MOA/LOI/LOU/LOA



4. MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS, MALAYSIA (31 MARCH)

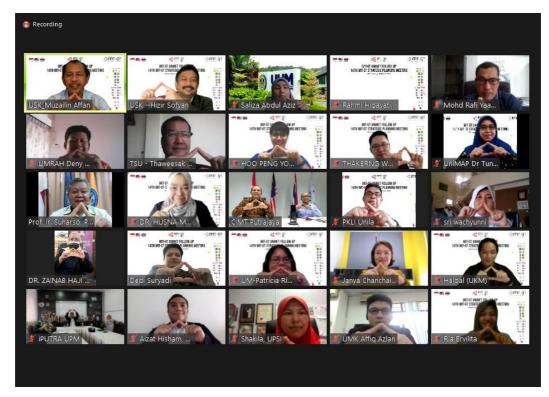
This hybrid meeting, conducted at Dewan Senat, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) on 31 March to discuss international students 'issues and also mobility programmes, was officiated by Prof. Dato 'Dr. Zulkifli Idrus, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation). Dr. Hajah Zainab Haji Mohd Noor, AP DR-Ing Masria Mustafa and Dr. Rozzana Mohd Said represented UiTM at the meeting. Dr. Zainab's paper on Operational Definition (OD) of Virtual Mobility may influence *Bahagian Dasar JKPT* on crafting their guidelines on virtual mobility programmes.



5. 14TH IMT-GT STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING (SPM) AND FOLLOW UP MEETING (: UNIVERSITY NETWORK (UNINET) (19 AND 31 MARCH)

IMT-GT UNINET held a meeting on strategic planning on 19 March and a follow up meeting on 31 March to discuss 2021 collaborative activities for university members. This meeting was attended by both the Director, Dr Hajah Zainab Haji Mohd Noor and Head of ICTD, Dr idaya Husna Mohd, to represent UiTM as country coordinator. Various activities were discussed and planned for the year. As a result, a follow up meeting was conducted on 31 March to assess the effectiveness of completed and ongoing programmes. The ICTD team were among the attendees at the meeting chaired by the Standing Chairman of IMT-GT and Head of Delegation Prof Dr Hizir Sofyan. The 44 attendees include Head of Delegation Thailand, Dr Thaweesak Putsukee, Director of CIMT, Mr Firdaus Dahlan as well as other UNINET members. Important issues uncovered during the implementation of activities in 2020/2021 were discussed and recommendations on the preparation of USAP 2022-2026 were outlined.





6. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONALISATION FOR UNIVERSITY LEADERS (MIUL) 2021- FIRST SERIES (29-30 MARCH)

This virtual programme was attended by the Director of DIA, Dr Hajah Zainab Haji Mohd Noor, on 29 - 30 March. The programme highlighted various topics including Leadership in Managing Internationalisation in Higher Learning Institution (HLI), Strategic Relation/ Strategy for Internationalisation as well as Leading Higher Education Branding and Marketing and Student and Academic Exchanges: Way Forward.



7. INTERVIEW WITH UITM HOSPITAL DIRECTOR (26 MARCH)

A special ceremony to hand over the mock keys to the new hospital by the Minister of Higher Education YB Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad to UiTM was officially performed on 26 March. This event marked yet another milestone in the history of UiTM. The hospital is officially known as UiTM Hospital Puncak Alam, under the management of the Director Prof. Dr. Sazzli Shahlan Kasim. In conjunction with the event, a special interview with the Director was arranged. The aim is to obtain information of the hospital which can be featured in the UiTM Global News for local and global audience.





8. MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND INTERNATIONALISATION, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (26 MARCH)

The UiTM students' representative had a meeting with DIA on 26 March chaired by the Director, Dr Hajah Zainab Haji Mohd Noor. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss possible collaboration activities. The meeting was attended by 6 student representatives and 6 staff from DIA , namely heads and coordinators of ICTD and ISD. The aim of the meeting was to develop leadership skills among the students by working together on potential collaboration activities.



9. SESSION 2 VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME (ISOP) 2020/2021 (26 MARCH)

The second virtual International Student Orientation programme was organised on 26 March. A total of 263 registered students from 17 countries attended the programme. Students were introduced to relevant departments at UiTM especially Institute of Post Graduate Studies Curriculum Affairs and the Tun Abdul Razak library. They were also welcomed by UiTM Global Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Prof ChM Dr. Hadariah Bahron, who briefed them on UiTM, while the Director of DIA shared survival tips as international students. Useful Information Packs (IP) with relevant contact numbers and email were disseminated to the students prior to the event.



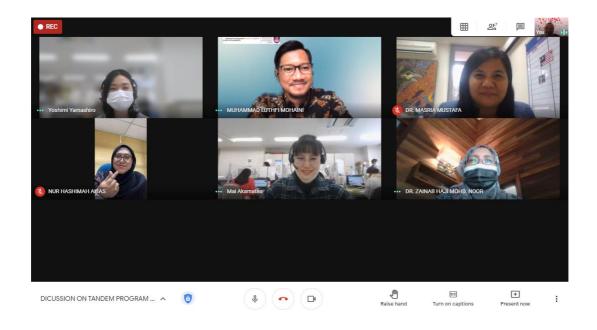
10. QS MAPLE (23-25 MARCH)

The virtual QS MAPLE 2021 conference and exhibition was attended by the UiTM Global (UG) Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Prof. ChM. Dr. Hadariah Bahron, directors and coordinators of the three departments. The event was organised by QS and Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University under the theme of "The Future Today: Sustainable growth towards 2030" from 23-25 March 2021. The Department of International Affairs (DIA) director, head and coordinators connected and networked with several universities and organisations for international collaborations. This event provided DIA the opportunity to expand networking with international higher education institutions across the globe particularly in the Arab and African regions.



11. MEETING WITH RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY (2 MARCH AND 24 MARCH)

A virtual collaborative meeting to discuss new activities between Ritsumeikan University (RU), Japan and UiTM was held on 2 March, attended by the Director, Dr. Hajah. Zainab Haji Mohd Noor and the ISD team. RU International Office team was represented by Ms. Yoshimi Yamashiro, Ms. Mai Akamatsu and Mr. Yuya Shirasaki. The meeting outcomes were online 'peer teaching 'language and culture whereby students learn each other's' language and culture taught by their peers for free. Physical mobility was also considered once permitted to include co-supervision of final year student projects. A subsequent meeting was held on 24 March to discuss details of online programmes to be held after each party proposes a concrete programme outline. The programme is expected to be executed during the Spring 2021 (March – August) session.



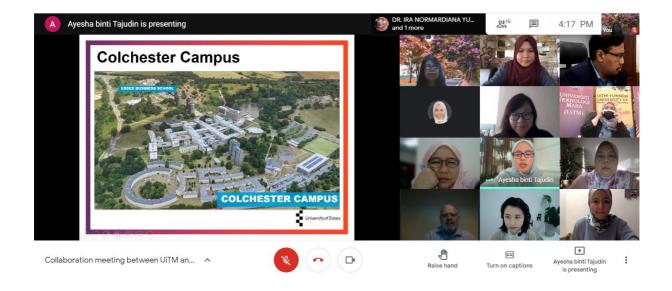
12. AIMS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING (23 MARCH)

The first biennial meeting of AIMS member universities was held at JKPT, Putrajaya on 23 March 2021. Representatives from the 10 AIMS member universities attended the meeting. They were required to report on their financial status and AIMS activities from 2019 – 2020 and mobility plans in 2021. Dr. Hajah Zainab Haji Mohd Noor and Dr. Rozzana, attended the meeting as AIMS national committee members from UiTM. UiTM presented Virtual AIMS Student Forum (VAF), a signature programme for AIMS which UiTM initiated in 2020 and entrusted to continue in 2021.



13. COLLABORATION MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX (12 AND 23 MARCH)

A meeting with Universty of Essex, UK on 12 March and Business Management faculty members at UiTM was led by Dr Hajah Zainab Haji Mohd Noor and attended by ICTD team. The discussion include PhD joint supervision, Study Abroad and student exchange programme, Diploma progression and double degree award. Other potential collaboration include Diploma UiTM students seconded to second year degree at Essex, including unlimited scholarships. Dr. Zarina Denan of the Faculty of Business Management saw potential collaborations for the Faculty to have research collaboration with the Essex Business School. Other possibilities will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.



14. CREATIVE DESIGN UITM GLOBAL NEWSLETTER (UGN) MEETING (22 MARCH)

A meeting to discuss the design of UiTM Global Newsletter was held on 22 March. The aim was to seek feedback and input from DIA new members to improve the appearance, design and layout of the newsletter. A trendy, current, and contemporary design was agreed to be suitable for a newsletter such as UGN whilst maintaining its professional appearance. Graphic or design is essential in image presentation of newsletter to showcase internationalisation news in UiTM.



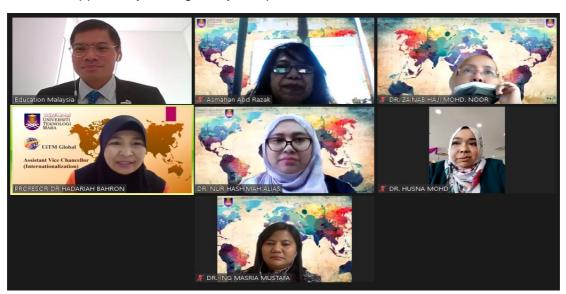
15. GETTING-TO-KNOW SESSION (22 MARCH)

A Getting-to-Know session was organised to introduce the five interns servicing DIA for one semester. Their internship at DIA started from March until June 2021. These interns were from the Academy of Language Studies, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Polytechnic. The roles and responsibilities of interns are based largely on their areas of specialisation or discipline in their studies. The overall responsibility of the student is to devote himself or herself to the learning of helpful interaction with service users at DIA.



16. MEETING WITH BEM DUBAI (21 MARCH)

The *Bahagian* Education Malaysia, Dubai, United Arab Emirates reached out to UTM via DIA on 21 March to discuss potential collaborations with interested universities in the Arab region to connect with universities in Malaysia. The meeting held by BEM Dubai sparked various possibilities of UiTM networking with higher education institutions in the region. This provides UiTM the opportunity to be globally competitive.



17. ISTANBUL SAHABATTIN ZAIM UNIVERSITY (IZU), TURKEY—UITM: MOU AND COLLABORATION MEETING (3 and 19 MARCH)

An MOU meeting on the 3 March and a collaboration meeting on 19 March between Istanbul Zaim University (IZU), Turkey and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) focused on bilateral trade and venture, cash waqaf towards e-commerce and financial technology (Fintech). The collaboration meeting were led by the Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Prof. ChM Dr. Hadariah Bahron from UiTM and Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bulut, President of IZU. Other collaborative efforts such as student and staff exchange, research collaboration, double-degree programmes were also discussed. This marked another milestone between UiTM and international partner in Turkey.





18. PUP OIA - COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND UITM : EXPLORATORY MEETING (18 MARCH)

The DIA Director, Dr Hajah Zainab Haji Mohd Noor and Dr Idaya Husna Mohd were invited to an exploratory meeting on 18 March with Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) organised by the Faculty of Accountancy. The meeting was to explore potential collaborations between both institutions in students' and staff mobility, and summer and exchange programmes.



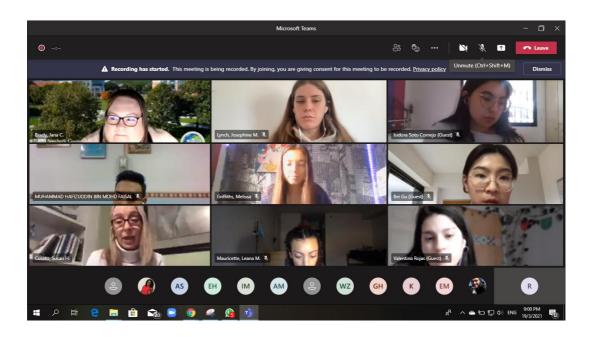
19. MEET AND GREET WITH DIA DIRECTOR (17 MARCH)

The monthly Meet and Greet (M&G) session with the Director of DIA enabled international students to meet the office and enquire on visa, accommodation, academic and financial matters. This month's session was held on the 17 March, attended by 25 students. At the session, Dr. Zainab informed the students on the availability of some financial assistance which the students can apply for Student referral . and Postgraduate Teaching Assistant scheme (UPTA).



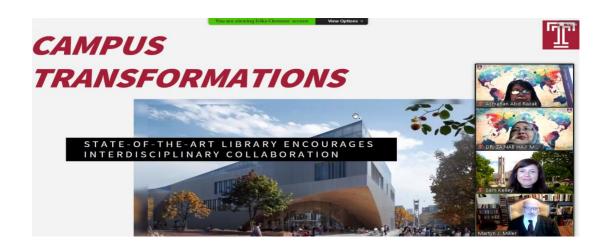
20. SCSU AND UITM IN VIRTUAL FLIGHT (OVF) PROGRAMME (12 MARCH)

Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), USA, invited UiTM to participate in their 3rd series of OVF programme on 12 March. The theme for this year's programme is "Many Roads, One Destination: Sustainability Studies in Higher Education Across Continents". This student forum programme is conducted every Friday and ends on April 22nd in conjunction with the World Earth Day. UiTM was represented by three student leaders (MPP) namely Muhammad Hafizuddin Mohd Faisal (FKM), Mohamad Syazwan Afiq Hidzamuddine (FITA) and Nur Aina Mardia Abd Ghani (APB). Students discussed SDG area of their interests and analysed various aspects of SDG activities in their home countries. This programme exposed UiTM students to be forward thinking, brave and able to engage with international counterparts in contributing their opinions and ideas on global issues as stated in SDGs.



21. MEETING WITH TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, PHILADELPHIA, US (12 MARCH)

A discussion with Temple University (TU) team, Dr. Martyn Miller, Dr. Samantha Kelley and Erika Clemons culminated in various opportunities for mobility and collaboration between UiTM and TU universities. These opportunities for TU and UiTM to connect namely for, international student leaders' collaboration on events or discussions, facilitating guest lectures or webinar between similar faculty, developing virtual student exchange programmes and hosting staff members or faculty for 2-4 weeks for training and cooperation to name a few. This illustrates a good start between UiTM and TU.



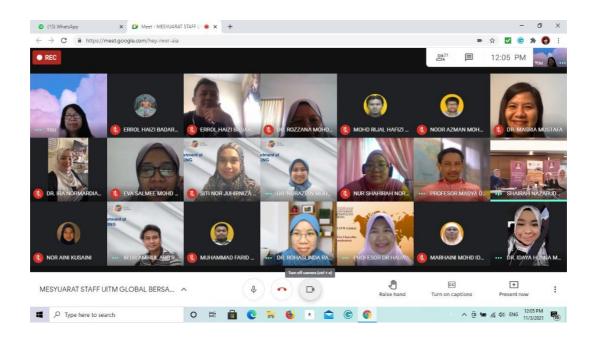
22. AIMS VIRTUAL MOBILITY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SERIES (4, 9, 11 and 16 MARCH)

AIMS network of 9 Southeast Asian countries including Japan and Korea, were at the Virtual Mobility Roundtable series of discussion on 4, 9, 11 and 16 March respectively. The event was organised by SEAMEO RIHED to discuss AIMS Virtual Mobility programmes to enhance further collaborations between member universities. The four-day roundtable discussion revolved around AIMS mobility areas namely Biodiversity, Environmental Management and Science, Marine Science (on 4/3/2021), Economics, International Business (on 9/3/2021), Hospitality and Tourism, Language and Culture (on 11/3/2021) and Agriculture, Engineering, Food Science and Technology (on 16/3/2021). UiTM has chosen four areas for student mobility purposes with other countries (International Business, Hospitality and Tourism, Language and Culture and Food Science and Technology). A total of 15 staff from UiTM attended the different roundtable session including 6 staff from DIA. AP Dr. Hafiz from the Faculty of Hotel and Tourism has volunteered to lead a study on student mobility in the area of Hospitality and Tourism. The SEAMEO RIHED secretariat collated the discussion points will share the outcomes of the session with all member universities for further actions.



23. UITM GLOBAL STAFF MEETING WITH ASSISTANT VICE-CHANCELLOR (3 and 11 MARCH)

A staff meeting held on 11 March gathered directors and coordinators of the three departments in UiTM Global namely Department of International Affairs (DIA), Department of Ranking (DOR) and Department of Strategic Planning (DSP). The main purpose of the meeting was to draw up a roadmap for each department and align programmes with each department's Performance Index (PI) set by the University Transformation Division (BTU). The coordination amongst the three departments in UiTM Global will further strengthen the entity.



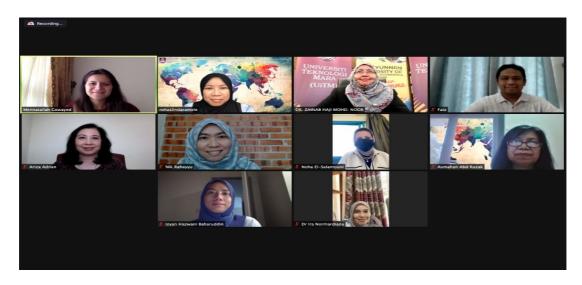
24. DEPARTMENT MEETING (10 MARCH)

The Department of International Affairs held its monthly meeting for 2021 on 10 March, chaired by the Director, Dr. Hajah Zainab Haji Mohd Noor. Other attendees include staff of ICTD and ISD. The meeting outlined programmes to be organised and KPIs to be achieved for the 2021. Other matters pertaining to international activities were also discussed.



25. MEETING WITH PHARAOS, EGYPT (10 MARCH)

A collaboration meeting between UiTM Faculties of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry and Pharos University in Alexandria (PUA) Egypt was held on 10 March. The aim was to explore possibilities of establishing a partnership between the two institutions. Pharos University has been looking for cooperation in Malaysia in the fields of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry. Hence, the University has been recommended to UiTM by the Malaysian Embassy in Egypt, and expressed willingness to cover any expenses for such cooperation.



26. INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS' TALK SERIES - ENGAGING GLOBAL

COMMUNITIES (9 MARCH)

An inaugural UiTM International Experts' Talk Series to showcase UiTM experts' international experiences on "Engaging Global Communities" was held on 9 March. The illustrious speakers, Prof. Dato' Dr. Rahmat Mohamad talked about his administrative and diplomatic experience as the Secretary General, Asian African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO) in New Delhi, India from 2008 to 2016. Similarly, Prof. Dr. Habibah Ashari shared her international academic experience as the 14th Tun Abdul Razak Chair-holder at Ohio University, Athens, USA from 2011 to 2014. While Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tazul Izan Tajuddin highlighted his research experience as the Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University, US from 2015 to 2016. These 3 speakers inspired 245 attendees to further engage in global communities and with the global audience. The talk significantly highlighted experts at UiTM and their achievements in the global arena.



27. DIA -- LO CLINIC 1/2021 (1 MARCH)

The first UiTM Global Liaison Officer (LO) 2021 meeting was organised by the International Coorperation, Training and Development (ICTD) unit on 1 March. The main objective of the meeting was to welcome and introduce new liaison officers and to assist LOs with matters related to MOUs/MOAs/LOIs. Matters pertaining to process and procedures of MOU/MOA/LOI document preparation were ascertained and clarified during the meeting. Also discussed were Summer Programme, students, staff exchange and mobility programmes especially during the pandemic. The Clinic provided a platform for LOs to grasp their duties and responsibilities well and conduct their tasks efficiently in assisting faculty members and students in international activities in their respective faculties. This is to ensure that UiTM's global agenda is achieved.

