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Deputy Minister visits

Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, Deputy Minister of Higher Education converse with MMU students

Feb 3, Sri Ruby Seminar Room, Plaza Siswa – Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah visited Multimedia University Melaka Campus on Monday, February 01, 2010.

Senior Director of Students' Affairs Division, Mr. Zamzuri Abdul Majid, briefed the Deputy Minister on the student development programme outlined by STAD, including the Students Activities Performance System (SAPS) that monitor and evaluate students' activity in co-curricular activities.

Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, who is an old friend of Mr. Zamzuri

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Farewell, Mr. Syukor



Feb 05, STAD – Mr. Syukor Hashim is common figure to students of the MMU Melaka Campus. Many of the students would have met him, and sought advice throughout their time in campus. From distributing information through his website, to his consultation on student activities and attending events, he

had served the students tirelessly for the past seven years.

Mr. Syukor Hashim is officially leaving the university today (February 05, 2010). In appreciation of the man who had done so much for students, neXus conducted a short interview with him.

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neXus wishes all MMU students and staffs a Happy Chinese New Year and "Gong Xi Fa Cai". There will be no publication in Week 5 (February 15 - 21, 2010). We will be back in Week 6.

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Abdul Majid "from Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (UIA) days", then spoke on the Ministry of Higher Education's effort to eliminate the distinction between Public Higher Learning Institutions (IPTA) and Private Higher Learning Institutions (IPTS). Instead, the ministry would recognise all tertiary educational institutions as only IPT.

During the Q & A session, Deputy President of Students' Representative Council Yeo Kheng Keen asked whether the ministry has a

fund to assist a student in need of a surgery which will cost an estimated RM 450,000. Dato' Saifuddin replied, "Yes, there is a fund, Tabung Kebajikan. But it is under Dato' Seri Shahrizat's ministry."

Another student who introduced herself only as Fatin related her experience while doing charitable works in Terengganu. Fatin said students under schools administered by Jabatan Kebajikan did not get assistance from the government as public schools (under the Education Ministry) did. Dato'

Saifuddin Abdullah said that it is good that they hear feedbacks which are not from official channels. He also promised that the ministry will follow up on the welfare issues that Fatin brought up.

Over the two-hour session, Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah said that he enjoyed playing basketball during his free time. He had also jokingly said that a fellow student, Arun, from Voices MMU Melaka is "a far better speaker than many MPs."

When the session ended at 12pm, Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah person-

ally spoke to the each student who were present at the event and asked about their clubs and societies.

"He appeared to have a very friendly persona and was sincerely trying to know and understand perspectives of students studying in local tertiary educational institutions," a student told neXus.

Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah's visit to MMU Melaka is part of the "Menyelami Minda Muda (3M)" programme.

Mr. Syukor Hashim leaves

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neXus: Which part of your MMU experience is the hardest to let go?

Mr. Syukor Hashim (SH): *The best experience for me is to deal directly with all students. Not all the staff in this university gets the opportunity to do so. When I came into MMU, I was actually in two other departments prior to this. I was first placed in Human Resource, where I mainly dealt with MMU staff, and later in the Center for Research where my daily contacts are limited to only post graduates.*

Of course, on the contrary, it will be a horrible experience when students get into trouble. However, it is my passion to help people. So regardless of the situation, I will always try to make sure the problem is solved as it makes me happy as well to be able to help someone.

neXus: What is the reason behind your decision to leave MMU?

SH: *Well, there's a better opportunity. I started a business in collaboration with Public Gold which had been going on for about a year now. It was only until last December, where the need to leave MMU becomes much stronger. As the business is growing, it's very hard to cope with two jobs, since both of them are fairly demanding. So in the end, I had to choose one, and I have decided to further my business.*

neXus: You have been with us for seven years, and many students are already familiar working with you.



Mr. Syukor Hashim at various events. From left to right: Interfaith Talk (Nov 12, 2009), Moments with SRC (Nov 25, 2009), Diploma/Degree Jan Intake (Jan 15, 2010)

With you leaving, do you think this will affect the number/quality of student activities?

SH: *I believe things will go on just fine. In fact, all this while, the students are the ones leaving me (after graduation). I think the students will continue to be enthusiastic in organising events and student activities. Of course, they can still keep in touch with me and ask me questions. The best way is to add me through Facebook. (search: Syukor Hashim)*

neXus: Will things be any different with Mdm Fauzianita, who will be replacing you?

SH: *Mdm Fauzianita and Mr Nizam are both ex-MMU students. Hence, they definitely understand MMU's environment. Perhaps the style will be different, but I'm sure they will be able to continue to help the students.*

neXus: What are the chances of students working with you in the future?

SH: *I'm not too sure. Maybe there will be opportunity. Nevertheless, right now I'm still in contact with a number of ex-MMU students who were once active on campus. In fact, some of them have become fairly successful and some who found their soul mates in their clubs and societies and are now married.*

neXus: What will be your message to the students of MMU?

SH: *I sincerely hope that I can keep in touch with all of you. I'll be checking my Facebook very often once I leave MMU.*

neXus and the Student Publication Board would like to express our utmost gratitude to Mr. Syukor for his guidance and support for the board. Farewell.

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Kak Shimah Speaks



Fondly known as Kak Shimah, the owner of Shimah Catering in Plaza Siswa have been serving students for near to a decade. neXus speaks to Kak Shimah.

neXus: Hi Kak Shimah, thank you for doing this interview session with us. How is the business here so far?

Kak Shimah (KS): My pleasure. Business used to be very good back then in 2001 to 2004. I sold nasi lemak, nasi campur, and nasi ayam among others. I even had a fast food

neXus: What happened to the stall in the food court?

KS: Sadly, I had to close down the stall as the rent was too expensive and there were too many competitors there. Not only that, I was conned by one of my own workers! I lost about RM40,000 of my sales!

neXus: So sorry to hear that, Kak Shimah. Is the situation better now?

KS: For now, business still goes on, but of course not as good as it used to be.

neXus: Have any students attempted "Free Meals"?

KS: Yes, some students took advantage on me. When my workers and I are busy chopping chicken or taking payments, some of the students would just walk away. They would do this in a group. Although I have witnessed it myself, I just let them go.

neXus: How unethical! How is the competition here in Plaza Siswa?

KS: It is so-so. Sometimes competitors would send chain letters to me. They would also tell other students not to visit my stall anymore.

neXus: Is it because they are jealous of your business? The food at your stall seems to be a favorite among the students because of its reasonable price.

KS: Of course! I know that the students are always having insufficient money. (Laughs)

As the interview drew to a close, the number of customers remained unchanged. Work was constant and hectic at Shimah Catering. neXus proceeded to interview a few students on the food at Kak Shimah's. The students unanimously agreed that the food was cheap. However, one alleged that the food was rather unhygienic as he found hair or insect in their food. Another reported to have seen roaches running around the stall.

neXus wishes Kak Shimah all the best in her future undertakings.



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ALS is organizing Arabic and French Classes for all MMU starting this week. The details are as follows:

Day:
Arabic (Staff): Every Monday
Arabic (Student): Every Tuesday
French: Every Wednesday

Time: 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Fees:
Arabic (Staff): RM100
Arabic (Student): RM30
French: RM75

To register or enquire, contact:

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Arabic Language Society 09/10

Apology on mistake in last newsletter

neXus deeply apologizes for the many parties who were hurt, upset or misled by the article entitled "More MMU Lecturers Leaving" here. There were insufficient authority and citations to support the claims put forward.

Accordingly, several changes has been made. In the first paragraph, the statements regarding law lecturers Mr Tay and Mr Ravindran have been removed.

We wish to clarify that Mr Tay Eng Siang is not "resigning to pursue his full time PhD". Speculations of Mr Ravindran leaving MMU is also unconfirmed.

On the other hand, the lecturer-student ratio target of FET's management is to achieve below 1:20.

We appreciate your feedback and criticisms in helping us strive and improve in becoming a credible and professional student press.

Thank you.

Mobile Phones and Hot Chicks



Feb 08, Exam Hall – The inaugural Telecommunication Fair (T-Fair) organised by MMU IT Society (MITSoc) yesterday was about more than just phones.

The highlight of the day was the Youth Beauty Search, a co-event of T-Fair. The objective of the Youth Beauty Search was to find a pretty girl that could possibly be the face of MITSoc in a more prestigious competition. The winner was Noor Roziana Bte Ahyar from FET. Participants voted for the winner. Everyone was entitled to vote once. There were some complaints about the voting system used on the first round of voting on Saturday. According to Aaron Leo Chung

Sheng, an Alpha Management student, security around the ballot box was not tight enough, and several people voted multiple times.

T-Fair had a quite a number of mobile phone vendors in MMU's spacious Exam Hall. There were many popular models among university students although the iPhone was conspicuously absent. Most companies only brought a limited choices of models to browse. Some booths did promotions or activities from time to time to generate interest. Several phones were auctioned off with people fervently bidding.

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CLS ushers in the Lunar New Year



Feb 4, CLC/President's Square – Check out the lunar calendar! It's the end of the year and the Spring Festival is here. In Malaysia, we do not experience four seasons, but this time of the year, we are celebrating Chinese New Year very soon. Chinese Language Society was here again to make the university ready for the festival.

This was the 13th Chinese New Year Extravaganza and it was held from 1st to 4th February. Along CLC concourse, the decorations there made the students felt the festival sooner. This year,

Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year fall on the same day. Therefore, there was a corner for Valentine's Day dedication.

Easily the most attractive is the man-made bamboo fountain placed at the centre of the concourse. There were exhibitions on "Nian", Chinese New Year in other countries, traditional musical instruments and traditional customs. The story of "Nian" was exhibit, telling that it was a beast and now the lion dance is known to have originated from the legend of this beast. "Gu zheng", "pi pa"

and "yue qi" were some of the traditional musical instruments displayed.

Games were not missed to be held by the committees, from eating contest to calligraphy competition. What to eat to win? Mandarin oranges! To be more precise, who ate three mandarin oranges the fastest would be the winner. On the other hand, calligraphy competition was more serious and need good concentration.

On the last night, the celebrations moved to the President Square. Garden Festival was held that night. Lion dance performance, lucky draw and some other performances were carried out by the committee members to light up that night. Food was also sold but it could only be purchased with coupons.

By interviewing some of the committee members, they were pleased, satisfied and hope that they can participate in organising the next event by CLS.

Gong Xi Fa Cai!

St. John's Ambulance holds blood donation drive

Feb 4, Main Hall - St. John's Ambulance Malaysia held a blood donation earlier this week here in the Melaka Campus. The donation campaign, initially planned for three days, was cut short to only two, from Feb 01 to Feb 02.

About 100 students had parti-cipated on both days.

Donors were first "screened" for illnesses, STDs, insufficiency of sleep, pregnancy or periods by means of filling in a form, then a simple test was done to check for the type of blood, hemoglobin count and blood pressure before they donate their blood.

Two decapitated dummies meant for a CPR demonstration were exhibited at the other end of the hall. Along with the blood donation, organ donation campaign was also held.

All things Japanese

Feb 4, CLC/FIST - Colourful paper cranes were hanging in the air, indicated the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. It also indicated the fair at CLC concourse and FIST corridor was held by the Japanese Language Society.

Japanese Culture Fair was held for four days, from 1st to 4th February. During the opening ceremony, ushers wore kimonos (Japanese traditional costume) and guys dance in kimonos too were attracting students to the fair.

There was exhibition on Japan's UNESCO world heritage sites. Replicas of the Himeji Castle, Itsukushima Shrine and other heritage sites were displayed at one corner. Besides displaying the replicas, there were also Japanese dolls of all sizes, decorative food – sushi, ramen and etc. Kimonos

were also hung at the concourse.

For students who love Japanese costumes, there was a photo shooting booth. Students could wear the kimonos and take photos wearing them. You can rarely find that opportunity in Melaka, so it was a golden opportunity for those students who wished to try on kimonos. Besides photo shooting, there were Sakura flowers decorating the fair. The flowers brought the "Japan" look in the university.

The undeniably major highlight would be the food fair. The committee members sold Japanese food – the Japanese layer cake, takoyaki, okonomiyaki (Japanese pancake) and Yakult (Japanese probiotic milk) and others.

Celebrating "Kizuna": Japanese Culture Night 2010



Feb 07, Main Hall - The 7th Japanese Culture Night (JCN), organised by the Japanese Language Society, was held at 8pm last night at Main Hall, Melaka Campus. Datuk Yaakub bin Mohd Amin from the Melaka State Government officiated the event.

Themed "Kizuna" (meaning "bond" in Japanese), the JCN was held in hope of promoting a greater bond of love and friendship.

The highlight of the event was a drama entitled "The Doll Love Story", which was well-received by the audience who cheered and

applauded throughout the play.

Members of the Aikido Club demonstrated Japanese martial art -Aikido, while eight dancers also presented the Chakkiri-bushi dance. Chakkiri-bushi is a song themed around tea-picking and was written in 1927 in Shizuoka.

There were also some Japanese songs played by local Jrock bands most notable of which was "Butterfly", the opening song for anime, Digimon Adventure.

Rishi Ramachandran and Amirul Izzat Hasri hosted the event.

Tickets were priced at RM 6 each.

Interested in forming MMU's English Language Society?

We are now looking for ad hoc members. Those interested can send their name, ID, phone number and email address to leocrimzon@hotmail.com or contact Luqman Shuaib at 017-3968984

