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JIEC 2019 FOCUSES ON THE PREPARATION OF IMPLEMENTING CURRICULUM THAT IS RESILIENT TO THE CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS OF IR 4.0



UUM ONLINE: Thailand – The Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) University Teaching and Learning Centre (UTLC) in collaboration with Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Hatyai, Thailand organised the Joint International Education Conference (JIEC) 2019: 4th Inspirational Scholar Symposium (ISS) and 8th PSU Education Conference which was held at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Hatyai, recently.

The two-day conference which began from 12 to 13 December successfully brought together scholars, academics and industrial professionals from across disciplines. The conference also became a platform for the sharing of ideas and research findings involving scientific inquiry in relation to teaching and learning, student engagement, student feedback and lecture reflection processes.

The Director of UTLC, Assoc. Prof Ts. Dr. Muhamad Shahbani Abu Bakar said with its apt theme, 'Growth Mindset, Innovative and Integrated Work-Ready Education', the assembly of intellectuals saw the presentation of a total of 68 papers for the 4th ISS and another 232 papers for the 8th PSU Education Conference.

According to him, the conference was seen as a means to develop the potential of individuals in a holistic and integrated manner through indirect interactions between researchers, academics and industry members in presentations and discussions.

He said the involvement of the participants made the conference an incredible platform in ensuring that the education system continued to grow to meet the demands of the 21st century.

"The conference also focuses on positioning research for global excellence in line with the 8th Malaysia Education (Higher Education) Plan or PPPM (PT) 2015-2025.

"Therefore, JIEC 2019 also called for the involvement and the cooperation of the Academic Excellence Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia (KPM) and the heads of Teaching and Learning of 20 Public Universities in Malaysia (MAGNETIC Committee) which also discusses Alternative Assessment," he said.

Dr. Muhamad Shahbani also reiterated that the joint conference gave the academic staff of UUM particularly researchers of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) grants and also participants of the Inspirational Academician Program (IAP) the opportunity to share their research findings and best practices in teaching and learning globally in tandem with the succession plan programme designed by UTLC.

The keynote address of JIEC 2019 was presented by the Executive Director of the Knowledge Economy Forum (KEF), Lithuania, Arminas Varanauskas and the Director of the Centre for Academic Excellence Development (CDAE), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Prof Dr Abd Karim Alias.

In addition, the conference also included forums, discussions, workshops and presentations. JIEC will be organised on a regular basis and UUM through UTLC will host the conference next year.

