

UPM professionals honoured

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UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia (UPM) honours two of its former vice-chancellors with The Putra Special Academic Award during its Putra Academic Excellence Awards (MGAP) 2012 presentation ceremony here today.

The two former vice-chancellors, Prof Datuk Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi and Prof Tan Sri Dr Nik Mustapha R. Abdullah received the Putra Special Academic Award from the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who is also UPM's chancellor.

Another 13 academic and 2 non-academic staff members of the university also received the Vice-Chancellor's Fellowships Award 2012 while another academician received the Outstanding Consultant Award at the ceremony.

The MGAP was organised in an effort to motivate and strengthen the commitment and dedication of its academic and non-academic staff.

This award was an initiative which started in 2007 to give more recognition to academic staff who showed excellence and creativity in education.

Held for the fifth time, the award is given out to lecturers for promoting innovation and creativity in teaching, education, research, consulting, and professional services.

There are four categories of MGAP:

1. Vice-Chancellor's Fellowship Award - Category for Education
2. Vice-Chancellor's Fellowship Award - Category for Research and Innovation
3. Vice-Chancellor's Fellowship Award - Category for Professional Services
4. Consultancy Award

UPM's vice-chancellor, Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan said that UPM's commitment in providing higher education will contribute to the development and success of the nation.

"This is in line with the mission of the university to provide meaningful contribution towards the creation of wealth and development of the nation and people through the exploration and dissemination of knowledge," he said.

Research and Innovation Award

The Research and Innovation Award gives recognition to excellent researchers each year to inspire all researchers in line with UPM's aspiration to become a Research University of international repute.

Young Researchers Award and Excellent Researchers Award

This award is divided into two clusters: Science and Technology, and Social Sciences and Humanities. Marks are based on certain criteria. The Young Researchers Award is for staff who are 35 years and below while the Excellent Researchers Award is for staff members of more than 35 years.

Publication of Articles in Journal

This award gives recognition to lecturers who produced the best articles in journals based on Science and Technology and Social Sciences and Humanities.

Book Publication Award

Award given to staff who have published an original book with an impact on the dissemination of knowledge or managed to bring about a change in mind-set.

Professional Services Award



Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan,
UPM vice-chancellor

This award was created to recognise the contribution and excellent service by UPM staff.

Excellent Consultant Award

The award was created to recognise good deeds and the contribution of an individual or group in relation to consulting activities in UPM.

Prof Datuk Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi

Dr Radin studied at the Sheffield University, United Kingdom and obtained his B. Eng (Hons) in Civil and Structural Engineering in 1984. He later continued studying at the same university and received his Master's degree in Transport and Traffic Engineering in 1985.

In 1996, he succeeded in getting his PhD in Traffic Safety Engineering from the Accident Research Centre, Birmingham University.

He was the sixth vice-chancellor of UPM. Before this appointment, he was the director-general Malaysia Higher Education at the Ministry of Higher Education and also director at the General Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS), Ministry of Transport.

Before being transferred to the Diplomatic and Management Scheme in 2010, he was a professor in traffic safety engineering at UPM.

He was also Dean of the Engineering Faculty from 1999 to 2004 before being appointed the deputy vice-chancellor (Academic and International Relations) in 2005 and later he became the vice-chancellor until 2006.

Dr Radin is very active and committed to teaching at various levels not only for undergraduates and post-graduates, but also as a supervisor for the PhD programme.

He has 27 years of working experience in road safety.

In the early 1990s he was given the task of creating a database on national accidents at the Police Headquarters, Bukit Aman, Kuala Lumpur.

He was also tasked with designing the National Accident Recording System POL27 (Pin 1/91) and created the National Blackspot System for MOT.

In 1995, he developed the National Safety Target (Radin's Model) and in 1996, it was implemented by the Malaysian Government.



Prof Datuk Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi

Since then he has been involved in implementing road safety programmes.

Among the big projects carried out in Malaysia are safety programmes for motorcyclists, pedestrians, National Safety Programmes, special lanes for motorcyclists, multimedia campaigns, road safety audits, national black spots, joint enforcement programmes and implementing a controlled programme for motorcyclists.

In 2004, he introduced the national death indices based on death per billion kilometre of road usage (VKT) and in 2005 he created the Road Safety Education System for schools in Malaysia.

Dr Radin is a fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Engineers; Fellow of Malaysia Science Academy, and a corporate member of the English Institute of Highways and Transport. He is the chairman for research and training of the standing committee, Roads, Malaysia Association of Engineers (RIM), editor of the *IEM Journal*, co-editor for *Road Journal*, Association of Engineers Asia and Australasia (REAAA) and chairman Road Safety Standard Committee (TC09) and a member of the International Council Road Injuries Traffic Network (TC02) based in Paris.

Besides this, he is also a member of the board of directors Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and the Malaysian National Defence University (UPNM) and Advisory Council for Prevention and Crash Safety Journal as well as other international journals.

Besides patent and a few international awards he received before this, Dr Radin also received the Katahira Young Engineer Award in 2000, Japan; BP/Highways and Transport Road Safety Award, United Kingdom 2002; and UK Prince Michael Road Safety Award 2005.

Prof Tan Sri Dr Nik Mustapha R. Abdullah

Prof Tan Sri Dr Nik Mustapha R. Abdullah was born on Dec 26, 1954, in Machang, Kelantan. He received his diploma in Agriculture from Universiti Pertanian Malaysia in 1976.

In 1979 he received his B. S. (Resource Economics) from the University of California, Davis. His persistence in learning was rewarded when Kelantan-born Dr Nik received his Master's degree in 1980 and his PhD in 1988 in Agriculture and Resource



Prof Tan Sri Dr Nik Mustapha R. Abdullah

Economics from the Oregon State University.

He joined UPM in 1981 as a lecturer at the Department of Natural Resources Economics, Faculty of Economics and Management (FEP), UPM and he was appointed head of department in 1989.

In 1993, he was promoted to associate professor and in 1997, he became professor. After serving as head of department from 1989 to 1997, he was appointed as deputy dean responsible for managing research and graduate studies in August 1997.

He was appointed as dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management from 1999 to May 2004.

In June 2004, he was appointed deputy vice-chancellor (Development) until December 2005, and from January 2006 onwards, he became the vice-chancellor.

He has published articles on issues related to fishery in the Marine Policy, Marine Resource Economics, International Journal of Food Marketing and Agribusiness and Asian Fisheries Sciences.

During his tenure, UPM received a Tier 5 rating (Excellent) in the SETARA Rating 2009 poll organised by the Malaysian Quality Agency (MQA).

UPM was awarded the dual accreditation status by MQA, and received the highest ranking in the Webometrics Ranking Web of World Universities.

UPM is the only public institution in Malaysia to receive accreditation by the Royal Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) London for its bachelor of environmental health and work science programme.



Excellent Educator

Cluster of Social Science, Arts, Applied Social Science and Applied Arts
PROF DR JAYAKARAN MUKUNDAN
(Faculty of Educational Studies)

- Received UPM Excellent Service Award 4 times including Putra Excellent Award 2007.
- Exposed Project Based Learning activities to students.
- Won 5 international awards, 3 local awards and 29 PRPI UPM medals.
- Founder of 4 international conferences and 3 international symposia.
- Holds copyrights for 4 software programmes.



Cluster of Applied Science and Engineering
DR PATRICIA KING JIE HUNG
(Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences)

- Facilitates students to unleash their potentials
- Used different approaches in Students Centered Learning such as case studies, model building and interactive activities.
- Excellent Service Award 2004 for research.



Young Educator

Cluster of Pure Science and Health
DR WAN ZUHAINIS SAAD
(Faculty of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences)

- Discovers new approaches and ideas in integrating latest technology in learning process.
- Wants students to be extra ordinary.
- Received Excellent and Faculty Awards 2011.



Cluster of Social Science, Arts, Applied Social Science and Applied Arts
DR ADLINA AB. HALIM
(Faculty of Human Ecology)

- Innovates Student Centered Learning and Sharing Knowledge.
- Active in social and community work. Lectures at Kajang Women Prison, a panelist for TV9 and TV3 religious programmes.
- Received UPM Excellent Service Award 2011.
- UPM Excellent Service Certificate 2008, 2009, 2010.



Cluster of Applied Science and Engineering
DR ONG KIAN HUAT
(Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences)

- Head Department of Forestry Science UPM Bintulu, 2012
- Principle: "Understanding Facilitator and Excellent students - A match creating great learning experience".
- Excellent Academic Staff 2012; Best Lecturer Award 2012; Candidate for Putra Teaching Award 2008, Bronze Medal APP 2010, Silver Medal APP 2011 and Excellent Service Award 2012.



Excellent Researcher

Cluster of Science and Technology
PROF DR MAZNAH ISMAIL
(Institute of Bioprocess)

- Published 26 articles in ISI journal, 2012.
- Holds 7 research grant worth RM3.6 million from the government, RUGS and Bernas Sdn. Bhd.
- Formed two start-up companies: Nutracreme Sdn Bhd dan GerminBran Sdn Bhd through GE Symbiosis programme.
- BioInnovation Awards (Biotechnology Innovation of the Year) in conjunction with BioMalaysia 2012, Science & Technology Award of 2012 given by Malaysia Toray Science Fund (MTSF).



Cluster of Social Sciences and Humanities
PROF DR TENGGU AIZAN TENGGU ABDUL HAMID
(Institute of Gerontology)

- First Malaysia Gerontologist in 1992.
- Formed Institute of Gerontology (IG) by combining expertise of old folks from the Faculty of Human Ecology and Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- Published at least 16 CIJ journals and six chapters in books in 2012.
- Co-Edited a book on Profile of Older Malaysians



Young Researcher

Cluster of Science and Technology
DR CHIN NYUK LING
(Faculty of Engineering)

- Published 65 articles with a cumulative impact factor of 67.7.
- Editor of Food and Bio-products Processing journal, judge in ITEX research competition.
- Chairman of Agricultural and Food Engineering Technical Division Malaysian Institute of Engineers.
- Received Excellent Service Award, Lecturer Service Award 2011, Young Putra Education Award 2009 and Excellent Researcher Award, Faculty of Engineering 2012.



Publication of Journal Article

Publication of Journal Article (Science and Technology)
PROF DR TAN CHIN PING
(Faculty of Food Science and Technology)

- Heads more than 30 research and consultancy projects and published more than 150 articles and 140 conference working papers.
- Achieved h-index of 22.
- Awarded UPM Young Scientist Award 2006.
- Received Excellent Researcher Award (Science and Technology) 2010 and PACIFICHEM Young Scholar Award 2010.
- Received ProSPER.Net-Scopus Young Researcher Award 2010 and TWAS Young Affiliate Fellow 2010-2014.



Publication of Journal Article (Social Sciences and Humanity)
PROF DR KHALID ABDUL RAHIM
(Faculty of Economics and Management)

- Deputy Director Institute of Agriculture and Food Policy.
- Best Written Contribution on Malaysian Economy (Dissertation Category) oleh Tun Razak Foundation 1993.
- Appointed Thematic Network Coordinator oleh United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for Asia and Pacific in Environmental Economics 1994-1996.
- Chairman of Task Force to evaluate natural resources in South China Sea 2003-2008.



Book Publication

ASSOC PROF DR NORMAHDAH SHEIK SAID
(Faculty of Modern Language and Communication)

- Expert in Human Computer Interaction (HCI) majoring in Cognitive Ergonomics.
- Her books and products won research awards at university, national and international levels (5 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze).
- Active in research on Games & Gamification; Cultural & Heritage Digital Story Telling; Virtual Reality (VR); Augmented Reality (AR); Immersive & Mobile Technologies.



Arts and Creativity

DR SHAMSUDIN OTHMAN
(Faculty of Educational Studies)

- Utusan-Exxon Mobil Literary Award (2002, 2003, 2007).
- Awarded Johor Darul Tak'zim Literary Award III (2000), IV (2002), V (2005), VI (2007), VII (2009) and VIII (2011).
- Received Main Award Tun Abdul Razak Poems (2003) and Premier Literary Award (2002/2003)
- Received Main Award Islamic Literary Poems in Conjunction with Tun Razak Musical Night (2010).
- Main Prize (Poems) Competition organised by Institut Terjemahan Buka Malaysia (ITBM)- Berita Harian and Malaysia National Writers' Association (PENAMA), (2012-2013).



Professional Services

Academician
PROF DR AHMAD ISMAIL
(Faculty of Science)

- Expert in Exotoxicology and wild life ecology
- Head Academician Association (2011-2013).
- Active in local media (RTM1, RTM2, TV3, TV Bernama), Radio (Nasional) and newspapers (The Star, NST, Berita Harian, Utusan Malaysia, Sinar Harian and others).



Management and Professionals
MOHAMED GHAZALI ALI
(Director of University Islamic Centre)

- Won Excellent Service Award 3 times in 2 decades since 1992.
- In January 2012, promoted to Special Grade Jusa C (VU7).
- In 2012 received Tokoh Pekerja Award (for Management and Professional (Non-Academic) in conjunction with Labour Day UPM level.
- Assisted in the signing ceremony between UPM and Selangor Islamic Religious Council to form UPM Education Endowment Fund.



Non-Executive
MOHD ZAILANI ABD RAZAK
(University Agricultural Park)

- President General Staff Union Universiti Putra Malaysia (KEPER-TAMA) since 28 October 2008.
- Heads several committees at university and national levels in CUEPACS, KEPERTAMA UPM, KOPERASI UPM, Security and Health Committee UPM
- Trustee UPM Endowment Education Fund



Excellent Consultant Award

ASSOC PROF DR MOHD FADLEE A. RASID
(Faculty of Engineering)

- Involved in the development of a wireless sensor system for the Economic Planning Unit, PMO worth RM3.5 million.
- Internet of Things developed for Ministry of Information, Communication and Culture.
- Involved in high impact consultancy work for wireless sensor network.

