Message from the Dean

Warm greetings from the Faculty of Law

UiTM Law is more than pleased to officially launch the inaugural issue of its quarterly newsletter. Ever since its establishment, UiTM Law has developed into a strong autonomous and integrated academic community of academic staff and students that have incorporated into a leading university network. Being a faculty consisting of members from wide-ranging expertise, knowledge and skills, there are numerous activities, diverse programmes as well as achievements occurring within our community. We hope to share these exciting activities as well as distinguished achievements through the upcoming issues of our newsletter. Our activities have expanded in depth and breadth in response to the increasing sophistication and internationalization of the education fraternity in Malaysia. Our upcoming issues would also present our continuous improvements and innovations, which would hopefully contribute to further development of UiTM Law.

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“The dean, management team, staff and students of the Faculty of Law would like to tender our appreciation to the former dean, Prof. Dato’ Dr. Rahmat Mohamad for his dedication, contribution and aspiration to the Faculty. Under his guidance, the Faculty has enhanced its achievement in internationalisation and collaboration with the industry. In 2018, we had celebrated the Faculty’s 50th anniversary with various activities under his leadership. Prof. Dato’ Dr. Rahmat Mohamad is now the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Industry, Community, Alumni & Entrepreneurship Network (ICAEN), UiTM. Thank you and best wishes from all of us at the Faculty of Law.”

Prof. Dato’ Dr. Rahmat Mohamad
Warm greetings from the editorial team and welcome to the first issue of the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Newsletter. In this first issue, we introduce our new dean, Dr. Hartini Saripan, and her management team. We highlight some activities conducted by the Faculty and involvement of the staff in the activities at the national and international levels. We are proud to present the activities of Child Law Centre headed by Dr. Nadzriah Ahmad, recognition of our experts and the winner of National Book Award 2019, Dr. Daleleer Kaur Randawar.

I would like to thank all contributors and colleagues who helped with the production of this Newsletter. Not forgetting the editorial team members, Dr. Wan Rosalili Wan Rosli, Dr. Faridah Hussain and En. Hanafi Hasan for their endless efforts on this matter. Special thanks to the dean of the Faculty of Law, Dr. Hartini Saripan, for her support and encouragement to the editorial team.
A visit from the new dean of the Faculty of Law, Airlangga University, Dr. Nurul Barizah to our Faculty, to meet the new dean Dr. Hartini Saripan, to strengthen the existing collaboration on staff and students exchange programmes and on research networking.

29 January 2019

Meeting the delegates from Bhagwant University, India on 8 March 2019 at the Chancellery, UiTM.

Heartiest congratulations to Dr. Normawati Hashim. She was a Visiting Lecturer of Administrative Law at Warma-dewa University (UNWAR), Bali Indonesia for two (2) weeks (14-28 April 2019).

Her activities at UNWAR were as follows:-
• Guest lecturer for Administrative Law;
• Discussion in collaborative work on research, publication and innovation in areas of common interest with members of the law faculty;
• Meeting with the management of the law faculty;
• Conduct test, quizzes, sharing discussions on important issues regarding judicial review in public law and methodology in answering assessment questions on Administrative Law with the Administrative Law students;
• A showing of a short video of UiTM Law Faculty to UNWAR students;
• Public lecture to the academic members and students of the Law Faculty;
• A meeting was also conducted 25 April 2019 with Mr. Edward Hadjon, a Constitutional lecturer from Universitas Udayana, on collaboration between UiTM Law Faculty and Universitas Udayana.

Four (4) students from our Faculty have been offered to join the Student Mobility Program (Outbound) for Semester March 2019.

Congratulations to:
1) Athirah Johana Qistina Binti Zainalabiden
2) Tun Laila binti Tun Rafaee
3) Natasha Adzlin Binti Mohd Yusoff
4) Nur Batrisyia Huda binti Mohd Rosli

They are joining the Students’ Exchange Program (one semester with credit transfer) from 10 February to 21 July 2019 at the Airlangga Universitas Surabaya, Indonesia. In return, we receive four (4) students from Airlangga Universitas for this Student Mobility Program (Inbound) for Semester Feb-July 2019.

Greeting to:
Farhan, a law student from BINUS Universitas, Jakarta; and four (4) law students from Airlangga Universitas. They are:-
1) Hidayatur Rohman
2) Dina Mariana
3) Widyanti Wibowo
4) Mella Fitriyatul Hilmi

They are participating in the Inbound Students Exchange Program (one semester with credit transfer) from 25 February 2019 to 20 July 2019 at our Faculty.
Dr. Nadzriah Ahmad has been appointed as Malaysia’s National Researcher to undertake a study for ASEAN International Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) entitled “Thematic Study on Juvenile Justice, With Particular Emphasis on Interrogation Practices for Children in Conflict with the Law”. The project’s summary is as follows: “The AICHR’s thematic study on juvenile justice focuses on the interrogation practices for children in conflict with the law. Its objective is to provide a comprehensive regional report on the practices and conduct of interrogation by officials toward children in conflict with the law (CICL) and to share/learn good practices in the same within the jurisdiction of ASEAN Member States (AMS). The study also aims to contribute to the promotion and protection of the rights of the child as enshrined in the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD) and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)”

Presentation made by Dr. Nadzriah Ahmad to the National Children Council, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development on social issues among children and teenagers in Malaysia, as well as making recommendations to the Ministry for better protection to children and teenagers in these three main settings; (a) healthcare; (b) safety and (c) education.

Date: 14 February 2019
Venue: Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Putrajaya

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Appointment of Dr. Nadzriah Ahmad as Moderator for the National Consultation for Mid Term Review on ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children (MTR ASEAN RPA-EVAC) in order to identify the developments, progress as well as challenges in the legal framework, prosecution and justice system. The MTR will take note of the latest progress in ASEAN Member States across sectors towards strengthening the response to violence against children. The analysis and findings will form a Regional Report. The Regional Report of the MTR ASEAN-RPA-EVAC will be used to prepare for the 7th UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2019 on the theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”.

Date: 18 February 2019
Venue: Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Putrajaya
In conjunction with the celebration of International Women's Day 2019, Hilton Kuala Lumpur hosted the function on the 27 March 2019. Dr. Sheela Jayabalan and Dr. Normawati Hashim were invited as the guest speakers to talk on child management awareness. Both speakers shared their knowledge and insight on child bonding, understanding children especially in their teen years, education, challenges and sacrifices to achieve the goals of bringing up children. Being members of the Child Law Centre, Faculty of Law, UiTM Shah Alam, they also promoted the goals of the center and invited research collaborations from interested parties.

Participation in CRC Talk: “Orang Asli Children-Rights, Opportunities and Aspirations”

The topic for this talk is entitled “Orang Asli Children - Rights, Opportunities and Aspirations”. This talk highlighted the following pertinent points concerning the rights of orang asli children, particularly concerning right to education in the following areas: (1) Orang Asli Education System: Problems Faced by Children and Youth; (2) Orang Asli Children: Learning Skills and Culture of Education; (3) Issues Relating to Orang Asli Children and Their Plight in a Minority Community in Malaysia; (4) Injustices Perpetrated Against Orang Asli Children in Their Rights and Education; and (5) Social and Religious Rights of Orang Asli Children.

Date: 6 March 2019
Venue: KL Bar Auditorium, Wisma Badan Peguam Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur
The 8-9 March 2019 “Colloquium Internasional Himpunan Ahli Hukum Tata Negara dan Hukum Administrasi” at Banjarmasin was organized by the “Himpunan Ahli Hukum Tata Negara dan Hukum Administrasi”, an Indonesian Association for Legal Personnel whose interests are in constitutional law and administrative law, in collaboration with the renowned Law Faculty of Universitas Lambung Mangkurat of Banjarmasin. The current membership of this association boasts a wide spectrum of academics, legal officials, lawyers and judges throughout the Indonesian archipelago and this association actively holds conferences annually. The main theme of the recent colloquium was “The Design of An Anti-Corruption Presidential Election and Legislative Election”. En. Mohamad Nazim was chosen to represent the UiTM Law Faculty and was invited to participate as a panelist. Three other members of the forum were Indonesian legal experts in constitutional law and administrative law. Firstly, Prof. Dr. Philipus M. Hadjon presented a paper entitled “The Prevention and Handling of Corruption Criminal Offences for the National Civil Apparatus: A Survey in Administrative Law” which discussed the legal provisions regarding abuse of authority under the Indonesian Administrative Law. Next, Prof. Denny Indrayana presented a paper on the main theme and discussed the importance of having a clean system of elections which abhors political corruption namely vote-buying and ambiguous campaign funds. En. Mohamad Nazim spoke on the perception of political interference in corruption cases in which he argued that people’s perceptions which are usually vengeful, cynical and angry must be looked into since they signify deeper structural problems of corruption in the society. The last speaker was Dr. Lufsiana Abdullah who shared his valuable experience as a judge in the corruption court. Banjarmasin is an interesting place which offers many avenues for possible research collaborations and we should swiftly embark upon this endeavor.

On 15 March 2019, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irwin Ooi Ui Joo made his way to the Malaysian Competition Commission (MyCC) at its Headquarters, at Menara SSM, KL Sentral. He was invited by MyCC to assist the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). A team from OECD was in Malaysia as part of a global initiative to study the barriers to competition in the transport and logistics industry. The assistance to OECD covered the regulatory framework for transport and logistics, and focused on non-tariff barriers. The scope of the advice that he gave to the OECD covered all modes of transport and logistics, plus further feedback on the various ASEAN legal framework agreements which Malaysia has signed. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irwin had the pleasure of working with Michael Saller (Senior Competition Expert) and Sophie Flaherty (Competition Analyst) as they systematically looked at all sectors of logistics and transport, in particular, licensing and state regulation of various operational matters. Also present at the meeting was a representative of MyCC who kindly documented the meeting’s minutes, and who also kindly took the obligatory group photo at the end of the session.
In fulfilling the call for reformation of Parliament and the State Legislative Assemblies, two lecturers from the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Dr. Norazlina Abd Aziz and Puan Habibah Omar were invited as experts in two separate workshops for the improvement of the Standing Order of Perak State Legislative Assembly. These workshops were organised by the Perak State Legislative Assembly, Executive Council Members and Perak State Secretary Office. The first round of the workshop was conducted at the Concorde Hotel, Shah Alam, while the second-round workshop was held at Hotel Seri Malaysia, Ipoh.

The workshop on the Improvement of Standing Orders of Perak State Legislative Assembly on 27-29 January 2019 brought together experienced members which comprised of the Speaker of Perak State Legislative Assembly, Deputy Speaker, Members of Parliament, State Secretaries of Perak, Selangor and Negeri Sembilan as well as language experts from Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka.

The second round of workshop which was held on 25-27 February 2019 was meant to further improve the Standing Orders of Perak’s State Legislative Assembly. In both workshop sessions, the whole of Perak Standing Orders was reviewed and improved to be laid down at the State Legislative sitting in April 2019.
COURSE ON EFFECTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT FOR JUDGES AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS

By: Dr. Faridah Hj. Hussain

On 30 to 31 January 2019, the Judiciary of England and Wales and Malaysian Judiciary jointly organised a workshop on effective case management for civil and criminal cases at the Palace of Justice, Putrajaya. The objective of the course is to use, modify, adopt and insert into the Malaysian judicial system the new concepts of best civil and criminal case management system as practiced in the UK. The event was officiated by Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Richard Malanjum, Chief Justice of Malaysia, who invited lecturers from the Faculty of Law, UiTM to attend the course. The Rt Hon. Lord Justice Haddon-Cave explained about case management in civil proceedings. He pointed out the concept of overriding objective of dealing with cases “justly and at appropriate cost”. His Honour Michael Topolski, Queen’s Counsel, highlighted the best conduct of criminal trials and sentencing. Miss Alyson Sprawson, Legal and Policy Advisor to the Senior Presiding Judge of Judicial Office, emphasized better case management approach in a criminal trial. Civil and criminal procedures are among the final year subjects at the Law Faculty of UiTM. As such, the Dean, Dr. Hartini Saripan has encouraged Faculty lecturers to attend the said workshop. Encik Yunus Bin Abu Samah, Puan Mimi Sintia Binti Hj. Bajuri, Dr. Azhani Binti Hj. Arshad, Dr. Faridah Binti Hj. Hussain and Dr. Nadzriah Bt Ahmad represented the Faculty. Judges, judicial officers and lecturers from the Faculty of Law, UiTM were given the opportunity to do some exercises on case management for civil and criminal cases. The course aimed to maintain the confidence of the public. Besides that, the sessions focused on avoiding delay in handling cases and on evading unfair advantage to the parties.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON ABOLOYING DEATH PENALTY

By: Dr. Faridah Hj. Hussain

On Tuesday, 19 March 2019, law lecturers from the Faculty of Law, UiTM were invited to attend the roundtable discussion on abolishing the death penalty. The roundtable discussion was hosted by the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia. The half day discussion was attended by a wide array of participants of different professional backgrounds. The objectives of the discussion are to provide a platform for scholars, law enforcers and policy makers to discuss at length the feasibility of abolishing the death penalty. Besides that, the roundtable discussion aims to seek possible solutions from the Islamic perspective and to understand the reasoning behind abolishing or retaining the death penalty. The speakers were Prof. Dr. Mohammad Hashim Kamali, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shamrahayu A.Aziz, Dato’ Mah Weng Kwai and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil. The speakers voiced their opinions on the right to life based on Shariah and International law perspectives. Besides the speakers, a few participants gave their ideas on the issue of whether to abolish or retain the death penalty in Malaysia. Dr. Nur Ezan Binti Rahmat, Encik Ahmad Shukree Mohd Salleh, Puan Mimi Sintia Binti Hj. Bajuri, Puan Che Audah Hassan, Dr. Normawati Hashim and Dr. Faridah Hj. Hussain represented the Faculty to this roundtable discussion.
YOUNG LAWYERS ADVOCACY TRAINING COURSE

By: Dr. Faridah Hj. Hussain

On 25 -27 January 2019, the Faculty of Law UiTM and Yayasan Arshad Ayub jointly organised the course on basic civil advocacy. The course was held over two days at the Sessions Court, Putrajaya. Among the objectives of the training course were: i) witness handling in examination-in-chief, ii) witness handling in cross-examination, and iii) closing submissions. The opening address for the plenary session was by YAA Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Richard Malanjum, Chief Justice of Malaysia. The training was conducted by prominent senior judges and lawyers such as YA Datuk Seri Panglima David Wong Dak Wah, Chief Judge Sabah and Sarawak, YA Dato’ Mary Lim, YA Datuk Wong Kian Kheong, YA Datuk Vazeer Alam Mydin Meera, Y.M Tunku Farik Tunku Ismail, Shaikh Abdul Saleem and Brendan Navin Siva. The participants were the full time lecturers and part-timers who are currently teaching at the Faculty of Law, UiTM. All participants were exposed to a simulation courtroom environment in handling examination-in-chief and cross examination. They were designated with a specific role either as counsel or witness. The course was indeed beneficial to the participants. It is also useful to the academicians as they are required to teach the students, especially on civil trial and advocacy. Lecturers of the Faculty, who completed the training course were Encik Muhammad Umar bin Abdul Razak, Dr. Faridah Hj. Hussain and Puan Mimi Sintia Binti Hj. Bajuri. Dr. Hartini Saripan, Dean of the Law Faculty of UiTM, expressed her thanks to the judiciary, especially to YAA Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Richard Malanjum, Chief Justice of Malaysia, and to Yayasan Arshad Ayub at the end of the workshop.

WRITING AND PUBLICATION WORKSHOP

By: Dr. Wan Rosalili Wan Rosli

On 7-8 March 2019, a Writing and Publication Workshop was held at the Faculty of Law, the first of the many initiatives and programmes which will be conducted throughout the academic year. The programme was kickstarted with a talk by an experience journal reviewer, Prof. Dr. Faridah Hassan, a resident reviewer for Institute of Quality and Knowledge Advancement (InQKA), UiTM. Fifteen staff joined the session which also involved sharing their own experiences publishing in top journals. During the afternoon slot, our beloved Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zaiton Hamin gave a talk on how to write and publish in journals and shared her own experience in publishing in Q1-Q4 ranked journals. The next day, our Ranking Champion Coordinator, Dr. Nur Ezan Rahmat conducted a hands-on workshop on how to find journals listed on SCOPUS and briefed the participants on how to submit articles in the new e-rts system which allows resident reviewers to review and comment on the articles submitted. The e-rts is a new initiative by InQKA to encourage and help academics in UiTM to write and send their articles to SCOPUS ranked journals.

THE PHILIP C JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition (Malaysian National Rounds) was organised by the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) from 22 to 24 February 2019. The battle between University of Malaya and UiTM in the final round had shown that both universities have strong and outstanding teams. The UiTM team was represented by Wardah Yumna Yunus, Ahmad Dzulhaziq Ahmad Mahmod, Althea Suraya Rahmat, Nur Fathin Amira Sapawi and Vanessa Iskandar Ng. Wardah Yumna was awarded as the Best Oralist for Preliminary Rounds. The team from University of Malaya won the competition and represented Malaysia to Washington DC, USA for the Philip C. Jessup (international rounds) which was held from 31 March to 6 April. The Faculty of Law of UiTM would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all parties involved in this competition, in particular, members of the judiciary, Malaysian Bar and Selangor Bar for their full cooperation in providing the panel of judges for this competition.
On Monday, 1 April 2019, Dr. Daleleer Kaur Randawar was awarded the National Book Award 2019 by National Book Development Foundation for her book “The Law on Domestic Violence in Malaysia”. Affectionately known as Dr. Dolly to her colleagues and students, this award was bestowed on her for writing the Best Book in the Social Science Category for Higher Education Institutions in Malaysia. Dr. Dolly received the award from the Minister of Federal Territories YB Tuan Haji Khalid bin Abd. Samad. The event was held to appreciate and acknowledge contributions in the publication field. The event, organised by the National Book Development Foundation, was held at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in conjunction with the Kuala Lumpur International Book Fair 2019. Dr. Dolly’s book, “The Law on Domestic Violence in Malaysia” discusses on domestic violence related to Muslims and non-Muslims in Malaysia. This book explains clearly the legal principles governing domestic violence in providing protection towards the victims. The book was co-authored with Prof. Dr. Najibah Mohd Zin from Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws (AIKOL) International Islamic University Malaysia. The analysis and the discussion provided by the authors will assist readers to grasp the basic law as well as the more intricate aspects of domestic violence. Comparison with certain selected jurisdictions is made to provide an insight and suggest necessary reforms to suit the modern communities and the changing society. The book aims to provide invaluable resource for scholars, students, researchers and practitioners regarding the law on domestic violence in Malaysia and some selected jurisdictions.
Congratulations to our latest edition of PhD holders 2018-2019

Dr. Ibtisam @Ilyana Ilyas
Thesis:
Enhancing Financial Consumer Protection in Consumer Credit Industry in Malaysia by Establishing A Single Regulatory Body

Dr. Azni Md Dian
Thesis:
The Conservation of Heritage Sites in Peninsular Malaysia: Reformation of the Legal Framework

Dr. Siti Hafsyah Idris
Thesis:
Bioethical Issues Relating to Farmers’ Right Arising from Genetically Modified Crops in Malaysia

Dr. Rafizah Abu Hassan
Thesis:
The Parole Supervision Duties and the Impediments Under the Prison Legislation in Malaysia and New South Wales, Australia

Dr. Faridah Hussain
Thesis:
The Application of Privileged Wills in Malaysia and Other Selected Countries : A Comparative Analysis

Dr. Wan Rosalili Wan Rosli
Thesis:
The Extent of the Criminalisation of Cyberstalking in Malaysia and England & Wales

Dr. Mohd Haris Abdul Rani
Thesis:
Establishing Regulatory Framework for Ocean Thermal Energy-Driven Development in Malaysia
Other Activities

A Visit to the Legal Aid Clinic of the University of Malaya, 1 April 2019

Round Table Discussion on 28 March 2019.

Rome Statute: International Criminal Court at the Institution of Malay Rulers Chair

Round Table Discussion on Reformation of the House of Senate, 18 March 2019

Expo Selangkah Ke UiTM 30 March 2019

Meeting with future research collaborators from the Asian Foundation on Women’s Role in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, 18 April 2019

Courtesy call from Law Society AIKOL IIUM, 28 March 2019