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"UUM : UNIVERSITI PENGURUSAN TERKEMUKA"
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VICE-CHANCELLOR SHARES ASPIRATIONS WITH YOUNG LECTURERS



UUM ONLINE: "I will pass the baton one day because Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) now has many talented young lecturers who will help this university become a notable university.

"Congratulations to all of you, young lecturers for successfully completing your PhD and this is the starting point of becoming an academician. All of you still have 30 years on, to serve UUM, hence I'll pass the baton soon," said the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Bashawir Abdul Ghani while sharing his aspirations with young lecturers via Webex teleconferencing recently.

The Vice-Chancellor said during his early days of being an academician things were a bit difficult because technology was not as sophisticated as now as it came with limited resources. Unlike the present day, information technology has made information highly and easily accessible.

He said the session was aimed at strengthening teaching techniques in the face of the digital age which in one fell swoop will help increase efficiency and reduce costs. As such he urged the young lecturers to take advantage of the opportunity to further boost UUM into becoming a distinguished and exceptional university.

He said with the change in time people were confronted with challenges both domestically and internationally. As such young lecturers were reminded to adapt to current developments as education is not static but dynamic.

"Explore new teaching techniques in the digital age such as remote learning and Webinars and intensify marketing activities to promote the University.

"I hope that as future successors, don't be shy about sharing ideas, don't be afraid to be criticized, be willing to change and move forward by improving your self-confidence and abilities in all aspects," he said.

He further added that UUM would be setting up a Centre for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) based on big data and Artificial Intelligence (AI), so the existing successors need to move forward to further develop the University.

"Instead of relying on the internet or reading on Google, instead try to think more critically in fact the valuable experiences gained while pursuing your studies in countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia and Japan can and should be practiced at UUM.

During the session, Prof. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Bashawir also urged the young lecturers to always contribute their thoughts, besides emphasizing on the importance of mastering the English Language especially when writing in high impact journals.



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