

From: UUM CORPORATE COMM.
Sent: Khamis, 18 Mac 2021 1:35 ptg
To: UUM - All Staff; UUM - All Students
Subject: Researchers Met Virtually In ICOCI2021 Amidst A Pandemic



UUM Corporate Comm.
Universiti Utara Malaysia

18 MARCH 2021 / 4 SYAABAN 1442H
=====

"UUM : UNIVERSITI PENGURUSAN TERKEMUKA"
(THE EMINENT MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY)

By Dr. Azizi Abas
Pictures by SOC

RESEARCHERS MET VIRTUALLY IN ICOCI2021 AMIDST A PANDEMIC



UUM ONLINE: According to UNESCO reports, more than 1.5 billion students in 165 countries have been affected by schools and campuses' lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, schools, colleges and universities shifted to virtual learning as a replacement for on-site delivery.

Further, many countries close their border and enforce travel restriction, which made physical meeting is impossible. Due to this reason, the School of Computing (SOC) decided to host the 8th

International Conference on Computing and Informatics 2021 (ICOCI2021) virtually via the Cisco Webex platform and Facebook Live stream recently.

The conference is aligned with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. ICOCI2021 brought the theme of 'Digital Transformation and Innovative Technologies for Sustainable Cities and Communities' that suits the current global pandemic scenario.

The pandemic causes people to shift to digital technologies in performing daily activities in a new normal to control the virus's spread. The conference aims to discuss how transformation and innovation can be the keys to sustainable cities and communities in a broader perspective.

ICOCI2021 also discussed the current topic of interests in computing and informatics, including smart technology, the Internet of Things (IoT), green computing and eco-friendly, intelligent systems and robotics, data science, data analytics, multimedia support and applications, systems and network security, and cybersecurity. Although the researchers met online, the conference managed to gather more than 500 participants from Malaysia and other countries, including Indonesia, Philippines, Yemen, China, Nigeria, Iraq, Algeria, Bangladesh and Somalia.

ICOCI2021 was officiated by UUM Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Prof. Dr. Haim Hilman Abdullah. He encouraged researchers to go for in-depth research and innovation in IoT, and big data analytic that benefited many developed countries that solve daily issues like traffic congestion and air pollution. The key to their success is through digital transformation.

Meanwhile, in her welcoming speech, the ICOCI2021 conference chair, Prof. Dr. Ku Ruhana Ku Mahamud highlighted that the landscape of scholarly community has changed where research outputs are published in journals rather the conference proceedings.

"To cope with this change, ICOCI2021 will publish all accepted papers in four Scopus-indexed journals," she said.

The opening ceremony also presented two renowned speakers, Prof. Dr. Marcus Foth from the Queensland University of Technology and Prof. Dr. Gary Chan from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. The opening ceremony has reached over 4.6K viewers on Facebook in four hours after its live-streamed.

On the second day, keynote talks were delivered by Prof. Dr. Simon Yan from the University of Guelph, Canada and Prof. Dr. El-Sayed M. El-Alfy from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

ICOCI2021 also brought three industry speakers to share the current development and some up to date technologies applied by the industries. They were Mrs Haryati Anuar from Telekom Malaysia Berhad, Dr. Wan Muhamad Hasni Wan Sulaiman from Techna-X Berhad and Dr. Syarifah Bahiyah Rahayu Syed Mansoor from Cybersecurity Centre, Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia.

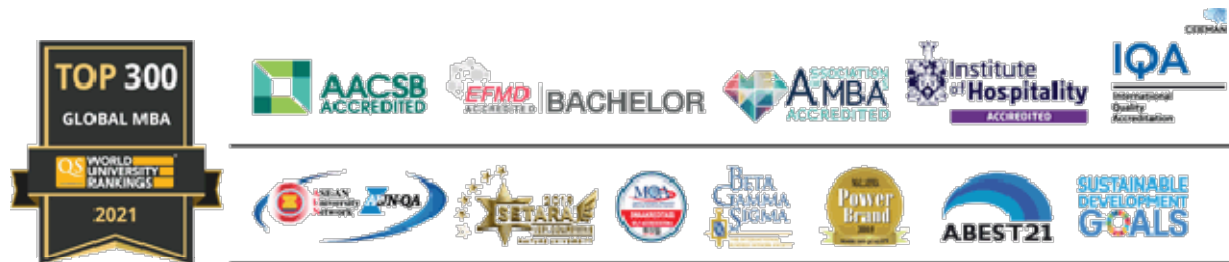
The conference also recognised high-quality research by awarding the best paper awards to five presenters for their accomplishment. ICOCI2021 provided six presentation rooms in two parallel sessions on the afternoon of the first conference day.

The Dean of SOC, Prof. Dr. Huda Ibrahim delivered her speech in the closing ceremony and thanked all the participants, presenters and speakers.

She also hoped that they continuously support the upcoming ICOCI hosted in 2023. All ICOCI2021 participants were given an e-certificate as a token of appreciation for attending the ICOCI2021.



Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail



Universiti Utara Malaysia Official Website <http://www.uum.edu.my>

Disclaimer: This e-mail (including any attachments) may contain confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, distribution, printing, copying or use of this e-mail is strictly prohibited. If you have received this e-mail in error, please notify the sender or Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) immediately and delete the original message. Opinions, conclusions and other information in this e-mail that do not relate to the official business of UUM and/or its group of companies shall be understood as neither given nor endorsed by UUM and UUM accepts no responsibility for the same. All liability arising from or in connection with computer viruses and/or corrupted e-mails is excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.