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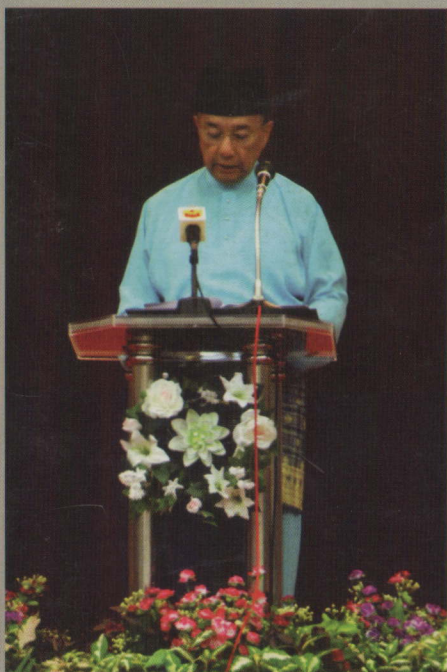
AL-MISHKAH

SULTAN SHARIF ALI ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

A Progressive And Dynamic International Islamic University Based On Al-Quran And Al-Sunnah

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UNISSA'S FIRST ACADEMIC SESSION BEGINS



The Minister of Education delivering his speech during the launch

The establishment of the Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University is testimony to the caring attitude of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei

Darussalam in upholding the greatness and guidance of Islam based on the belief of the Ahli Sunnah Wal-Jama'ah according Mazhab Shafie, as stipulated in the country's constitution.

This was stated by the Minister of Education, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awg Haji Abdul Rahman Bin Dato Setia Hj Mohd Taib at the launch of the university's programs and academic session.

112 students have enrolled for various programs at the university that are offered by four faculties. They are Usuluddin, Syariah and Law, Arabic Language and Islamic Civilisation as well as Business and Management Sciences Faculties.

Of the total, 84 students are

taking up first degree programs, whilst 28 others are registered for Master Degree programs.

Pehin Dato Haji Abdul Rahman said the university will become a landmark of the country's Islamic glory, which has the role of producing ulama and intellectuals who can further enhance the understanding of the Islamic teachings in Brunei Darussalam.

The Minister also said that in line with the purpose of its establishment, the university has a far-sighted vision to become a university of international standard that is progressive and dynamic based on Al-Quran and Al-Sunnah.

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In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious,
Most Merciful

Dear Reader,

A year has passed since the establishment of the Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (UNISSA). A year full of events and accomplishments: Deans and Deputy Deans of several faculties and centres have been appointed; new programs and courses had been developed and approved; several conferences, seminars and workshops had been held; and many official visits and trips had been made. In fact, a lot of activities and meetings have taken place throughout this wonderful year.

In this second issue of Al-Mishkah, you will find some highlights of the events and accomplishments. We also have featured a report about a special meeting between His Majesty Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiyah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddin Saadul Khairi Waddin and the professors and officials of UNISSA at the Hari Raya Celebration organized by Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiyah Foundation.

There is also an inclusive interview with the Rector of UNISSA, in which he declares that *"After a year since its inauguration, I can say Alhamdulillah that we have been able to overcome several difficulties such as preparing the drafts of the University Constitution, acquiring financial allocations and renovating the interior parts of IPISHOAS building. The University logo has also been approved. We have also been able to organise a dialogue with several stake holders and to organise several university courses. We have also developed Master's degree programs in Islamic Studies and Arabic Language which are currently attended by more than twenty students, both local and international."*

You will also read about the latest accomplishments of the university, what has been achieved and what has not been accomplished yet. There will also be articles about the latest visits to Malaysian universities, the Methods of Teaching workshop, the Strategic Planning workshop, the UNISSA's Inaugural Senate Meeting and so forth.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this issue.

Finally, we wish all of you once again a fabulous new year, filled with love and happiness.

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UNISSA'S FIRST INTAKE REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION



The Rector delivering his speech

The registration of UNISSA's first intake students was held on Thursday, 2nd August 2007. Out of the 112 students who have been accepted for the programs, 84 are undergraduates, while 28 others are pursuing a Master's degree.

The new students were required to undergo two days of orientation.

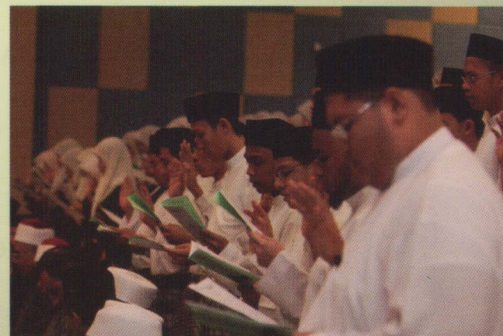
The orientation opening ceremony was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Education cum Rector of UNISSA, Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr Hj Mohammad Bin Pengiran Hj Abdul Rahman at the Chancellor Hall, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

Besides a speech from the Guest of Honour, a motivational talk was also given by Ustaz Hj Hambali Bin Hj Jaili, a lecturer from Hassanal Bolkiah Arabic Secondary Boys' School (SMALHB). The students were also briefed on the rules and regulations of the university.

The ceremony ended with presentation of certificates to all the lecturers who were involved in the pre-session intensive course as well as to the students who achieved the best performance in the course according to their categories.



An oath recitation led by Awg Hj Abd Rashid Bin Hj Awg Damit (left pic)



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He said that he is optimistic that its invaluable vision will steer the institution to become a centre of high learning at par not only within Islamic world but also at international level.

At the event, the Minister also launched "Al-Mishkah", the university's newsletter. Present was the Deputy Minister of Education, Pg Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Mohammad in his capacity as rector of UNISSA, officials from the Ministry of Education, staff of UNISSA, the new students and their parents. The event took place at the Chancellor Hall of Universiti Brunei Darussalam.



The Minister of Education (left) and the Deputy Rector

**UNISSA DEANS, DEPUTY DEANS, DIRECTORS
AND DEPUTY DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT**



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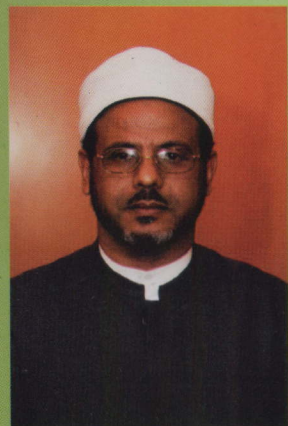


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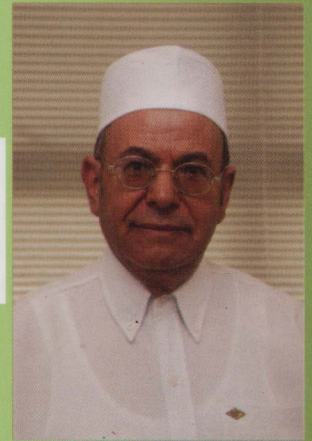
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DEPUTY DEAN, STUDENT AFFAIRS

Hajah Masnooraini Binti Haji Mohiddin



HEAD, UNITECH

Haji Azaman Bin Haji Sulaiman



**VISITING ENTOURAGE
BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO
HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS AND
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF MALAYSIA**

The main vision of the establishment of Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (UNISSA) is to be a progressive and dynamic international Islamic university based on Al-Quran and Al-Sunnah. It also aims to be an international Islamic studies centre which offers a range of academic programs, research centre and human development using holistic methods and modern technology in accordance with global development. Based upon these objectives, a visit was organised by UNISSA to Malaysian universities. This was led by the Deputy Minister of Education cum the Rector of UNISSA, accompanied by the university's Academic Advisor, Deputy Rector, Registrar and Bursar.

The objective of this visit was to study of the best practices system used by the higher institutions concerned. It was also to establish a closer relation with the universities in Malaysia through exchanging valuable information, encouraging expertise collaboration as well as discussing various types of student exchange programs or projects for mutual advantage.

It also aimed to obtain certification procedures for the programs and courses offered by UNISSA. The certification process not only introduces the programs but enhances the standard and the quality of UNISSA within the International Higher Institutions.

The four day visit to the higher learning institutions and Malaysia government agencies, held from 30th October to 2nd November 2007, gave the visiting entourage the opportunity to observe valuable aspects of the institutions. It also provided a chance for discussions with members of seven established higher learning institutions namely Islamic International University of Malaysia (IIUM), the University of Malaya (UM), the Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM), the National University of Malaysia (UKM), the University of Science, Malaysia (USM), the University of Utara Malaysia (UUM) and Malaysia Multimedia University.

Moreover, three Malaysia Government agencies, namely the Department of Shariah Judiciary, the Department of Civil Service and the National Accreditation Board (LAN), were also visited to explore the important criteria and certification of qualifications and programs that were used.

The outcome of this visit was significant as it further strengthened the existing mutual understanding between the visiting entourage with their hosting counterpart. Indeed, to realise the vision and mission of UNISSA, which is to produce pious, highly spiritual and valuable human resources that are competent and committed to developing the nation and humanity at large.



Rector with the President of Malaysia Multimedia University (MMU)



Visit to Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)



Visit to Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)

NEWS AND EVENTS

CO-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES



A briefing session given by the Assistant Rector

Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (UNISSA) started its first 2007/2008 academic session on 22nd Rejab 1428H corresponding to 6th August 2007M. One of the programs in the academic structure is co-curriculum activities which is compulsory for all students as a university required course.

The main objective of the co-curriculum activities is to provide opportunities and experience for the students to participate in non-academic activities, which are aimed at helping in the development of positive thinking and self-esteem. These are invaluable traits to be instilled among the students as members of society during their university years as well as upon graduation.

The three categories of co-curriculum activities offered by UNISSA are: i) activity clubs; ii) sports; and iii) community service & spiritual activities. All these activities are carried out every Wednesday afternoon throughout the semester.

“Dikir”, “hadrah” and Islamic calligraphy clubs are offered in the first category of co-curriculum. The sports category offers games like Futsal, Badminton and Ping Pong for the male students; and Netball and Badminton for the female students.

In the third category of co-curriculum, students are involved in activities organised by the the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, such as “Projek Keluarga Dalam Memeduli Warga Emas” and “Kumpulan Jaya Diri Belia” that commenced in October 2007. As for spiritual activities there are memorising ‘doa’, ‘wirid’ and ‘tahlil’.



Students listening during the briefing session

UNISSA - STAKEHOLDERS MEET



The Rector delivering his speech



The dialogue held at the Senate Room, Chancellor Hall, UBD

On 7 - 8 th August 2007, UNISSA organised a dialogue session to which relevant stakeholders were invited to gain information on their human resource needs and the requirements of the nation.

Representatives from government and non-government agencies joined forces for a brainstorming session to prepare a five-year strategic plan for the Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University (UNISSA) to produce competent human resources who could contribute to nation building. The stakeholders included government officials from the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources (MIPR), Department of Economic Planning and Development of the Prime Minister's Office, the Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB), the Centre for International Finance of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Court House, the State Mufti's Office and the Attorney General's Chambers.

The dialogue session, held at the Chancellor Hall of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), provided opportunities for cooperation between the Islamic university and the nation's stakeholders in working together to build the nation.

The university is working on achieving this objective by providing services to the government in the form of research, learning and consultancy.



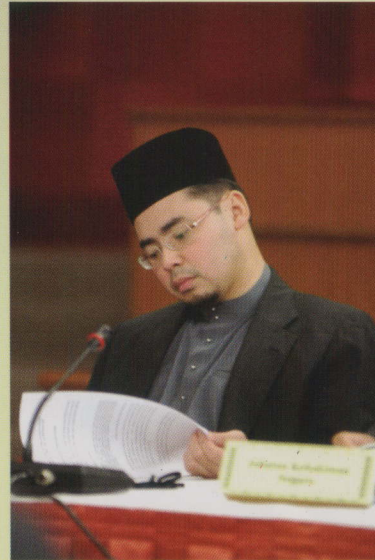
Officers from BEDB and MIPR



The Deputy Rector giving his welcoming remarks



Dato Paduka Hj Kiprawi, the Attorney General (middle)



Pengiran Hj Tashim from the Mahkamah Rayuan Syariah

The session also provided UNISSA with the opportunity to give in-depth information to the stakeholders in reference to the current and future programs offered by the university.

This dialogue complements the university's current and future scheme of not only implementing Islamic-based programs such as Tafsir, Hadith and Aqidah, but also general-based programs like Islamic finance, management and administration, law and information-communication technology (ICT).

According to the Rector, UNISSA is not only to produce graduates for local markets but also for global markets.

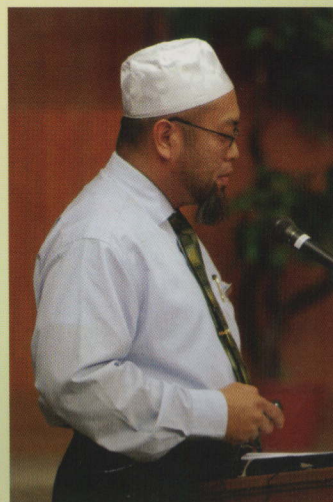
During the session, a representative from each agency was given 20 minutes to give a presentation which was followed by a question and answer session.



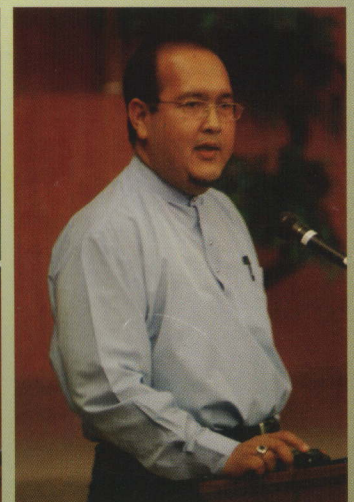
Awg Haji Serudin from the Syariah Court



Awg Haji Marzuki from the Ministry of Religious Affairs



Awg Haji Zakaria from the Bank Islam Brunei Berhad (BIBD)



Awg Haji Yusof from the Ministry of Finance

UNISSA RECEIVED VISITORS FROM MALAYSIA AND THE SULTANATE OF OMAN



The Deputy Rector giving a brief overview of UNISSA

On 14th August 2007, the Malaysian Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Mustapa Mohamed made a visit to Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and UNISSA. Among the programs of the visit was a briefing session held at UBD's Chancellor Hall conducted by Dr Hj Md Yusop Bin Hj Awg Damit, the Deputy Rector. Present during the briefing session was the Ministry of Education, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awg Haji Abdul Rahman Bin Dato Setia Hj Mohd Taib.

The Minister delivered a speech in which he spoke of the strong existing relations between the two countries and his vision on how to build a closer rapport of educational relations.



Group photo of the ministers and officers from UNISSA and UBD

On 30th October 2007 UNISSA also received a visit by the Minister of Higher Education of the Sultanate of Oman, Dr Rawya Saud Al-Busaidi, who was in this country for the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam and the Ministry of Higher Education, Sultanate of Oman, at the Chancellor Hall, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

The Deputy Minister of Education, Pg Dato Seri Setia Dr Hj Mohammad, in his capacity as the Rector of UNISSA, welcomed the visiting minister. Shortly afterwards, Dr Rawya was briefed on the establishment of Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali by the Assistant Rector of UNISSA, Dr Hajah Masnon Binti Haji Ibrahim. The visit continued with a tour around the UNISSA campus, where Dr Rawya took part in on-going classes.



The Omani Minister and Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Education



A briefing session held at UNISSA building

ورشة عمل لتطوير طرق التدريس

المنعقدة في ١٢ - ١٣ من رمضان ١٤٢٨ هـ
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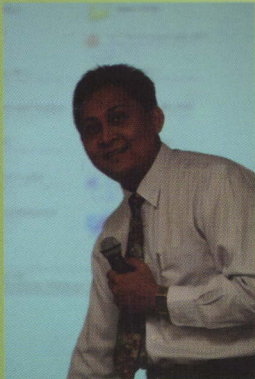
من متطلبات سوق العمل في العصر الحاضر أن يمتلك خريجو الجامعات المهارات والقدرات الفائقة في المهارات الاتصالية، وفي تحديد المشكلة وطرح الحلول المناسبة لها، كما يتطلب السوق المعاصر من هؤلاء الخريجين أن تكون لديهم قدرة عالية للعمل بروح التعاون الجماعي وفي التفكير التحليلي واستخدام المهارات - المذكورة آنفاً - لوضع الحلول المناسبة للمشكلات المعاصرة .

وبما أن المعلم هو الدعامة الرئيسة والأساسية والعمود الفقري للعملية التعليمية ، وعنده ينتهي كل تخطيط تربوي ليقوم في نهاية المطاف بتنفيذه ، أقامت جامعة السلطان الشريف علي الإسلامية ورشة عمل لتطوير طرق وأساليب التدريس، وذلك إيماناً منها بوجود تزويد الأساتذة بالتطورات المستمرة في أساليب واستراتيجيات التعلم والاستفادة منها في هذا المجال ، حتى يقوموا بتربية أغلى ثروات الوطن وهم الطلاب وإعدادهم كمواطنين صالحين قادرين على تحمّل مسؤولياتهم وخدمة مجتمعاتهم ورفع شأنه .

ولم تكتف إدارة الجامعة بالدعوة الى عقد هذه الورشة أو إقامتها بل حرصت بكامل قياداتها على حضورها بدءاً وختمها وقد قام معالي مدير الجامعة ونائب وزير التربية والتعليم فغيران داتو سري ستيا الدكتور الحاج محمد بن فغيران الحاج عبد الرحمن بإلقاء كلمة حث الحاضرين فيها على متابعة كل جديد في وسائل التعليم وطرق التدريس المختلفة مع المحافظة على الأصالة ، وذلك لأن توظيف التقنية في خدمة العلم أصبح ضرورياً وحتمياً في جامعتنا ، لأن المجتمع بحاجة إلى شخصيات قادرة على مواكبة تغيرات وتطورات العصر .

أهداف الورشة :

- كانت هناك أهداف عديدة يُسعى لتحقيقها من إقامة هذه الورشة من بينها مايلي :
- 1- تنمية مهارات الأساتذة وتعريفهم بالاتجاهات التربوية الحديثة .
 - 2- العمل على تجديد الأساليب التربوية .
 - 3- تشجيع الأساتذة على التقويم الذاتي والمستمر في العمل التربوي .



الأستاذ المشارك الدكتور

الحاج سعيدي

4- بيان أهمية أساليب التعليم والتعلم التي تتمركز حول الدارسين .

5- مراعاة مستويات التقويم التربوي في نظم أسئلة الامتحانات وإعدادها بهدف تطوير قدرات الدارسين التفكيرية والتحليلية .

6- التخلي عن الأساليب التقليدية ومواكبة الجديد في العملية التعليمية .

7- ألا يقوم المعلم بتقديم صيغ معرفية جاهزة للطلاب وإنما عليه أن يزودهم باستراتيجيات التعامل المختلفة فيهم الإبداع والابتكار .

وقد حضر في هذه الورشة أستاذان من كلية التربية هما الدكتور وان مت بن سليمان، والاستاذ المشارك الدكتور الحاج سعيد بن داتو الحاج صفي .

في اليوم الأول تناول الدكتور وان مت عرض بعض المعلومات المتعلقة بطرق وأساليب التدريس المعاصرة والتي من بينها: مركزية الدارس والمدرس والفرق بينهما ، وطريقة التعليم والتعلم عن طريق حلّ المشكلات وأهميتها وتطبيقاتها في الفصول الدراسية، وأهمية مراعاة مستويات الإدراك المعرفي في وضع أسئلة الامتحانات .

وفي ختام هذا اليوم دارت بعض المناقشات والمداخلات الجادة من قبل الأساتذة المشاركين حول هذه الموضوعات .

وفي اليوم الثاني كان المحاضر الأستاذ المشارك الدكتور الحاج سعيد الذي أشار إلى أهمية الحاسوب في التعليم وأهميته بالنسبة للمعلم لمتابعة كل جديد ولخدمة المنهج الدراسي والطرق التربوية ، وذكر أن استخدام التقنية الحديثة يساعد على مراعاة الفروق الفردية بين الطلاب ويعمل على زيادة التحصيل وتنمية المهارات ويقلل مدة التعلم إلى غير ذلك .

وفي ختام الورشة قدم الدكتور أواغ الحاج محمد يوسف بن الحاج أواغ دامت نائب مدير جامعة السلطان الشريف علي الاسلامية الشكرَ للجميع على الحضور والاهتمام والمناقشة الإيجابية التي تسهم في تفعيل التنمية المهنية لدى المعلم ، وضرورة تطبيق هذه الأفكار والخبرات بما يخدم مخرجات التعليم ويجعلها تسير نحو الأفضل .



اختتام الورشة



محاضر الورشة والمشاركون من أعضاء هيئة التدريس

MAJLIS SAMBUTAN NUZUL AL-QURAN 1428H



Rektor UNISSA menyampaikan ucapan

UNISSA telah mengadakan Majlis Sambutan Nuzul Al-Quran 1428H pada 3 Oktober 2007M bertempat di Dewan Kuliah, Dewan Canselor, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

Hadir selaku Tetamu Kehormat di majlis ini ialah Yang Mulia Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan selaku Rector Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali.



Pegawai-pegawai utama UNISSA

Majlis tersebut turut dihadiri pegawai-pegawai utama, para pensyarah, kakitangan dan mahasiswa-mahasiswi UNISSA.

Majlis ini diisikan dengan sebuah ceramah agama khas mengenai sejarah dan hikmah Nuzul Al-Quran yang disampaikan oleh salah seorang pensyarah UNISSA, Ustaz Pengiran Haji Saiful Bahrin Bin Pengiran Haji Kula.

Selepas penutupan majlis, para mahasiswa/i telah mengkhatamkan Al-Quran secara beramai-ramai.



Mahasiswi UNISSA



Ceramah khas disampaikan oleh Ustaz Pg Hj Saiful Bahrin



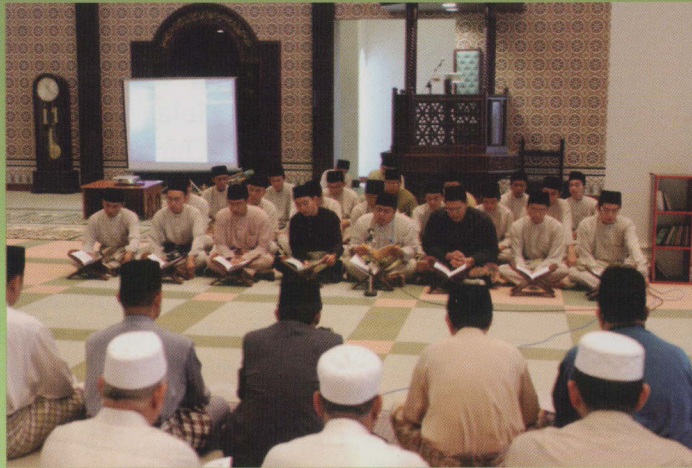
Para pensyarah dan mahasiswa



Para mahasiswa/i mengkhatamkan Al-Quran



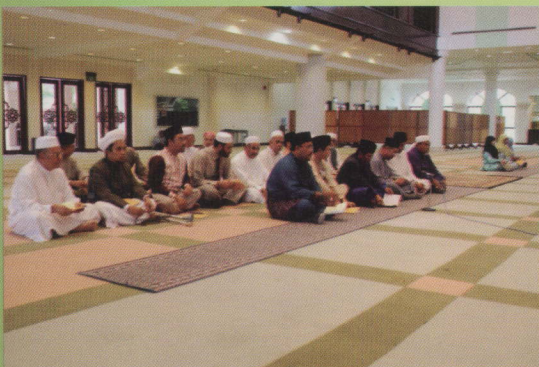
MAJLIS KHATAM AL-QURAN DI BULAN RAMADHAN



Sebuah majlis Khatam Al-Quran anjuran mahasiswa/i UNISSA telah diadakan pada 10 Oktober 2007M bertempat di Masjid Universiti, Universiti Brunei Darussalam. Hadir selaku Tetamu Kehormat di majlis tersebut ialah Yang Mulia Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan selaku Rektor Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali.

Majlis tersebut turut dihadiri pegawai-pegawai utama, para pensyarah, kakitangan dan mahasiswa/i UNISSA.

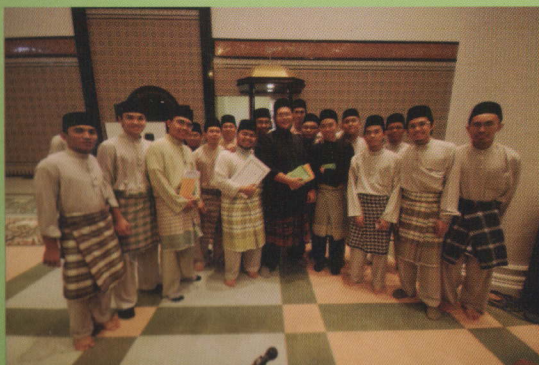
Antara lain, majlis ini bertujuan untuk menggalakkan para mahasiswa/i agar sentiasa dekat dengan Al-Quran di samping menjadi salah satu usaha memperbanyakkan amal ibadat di bulan Ramadhan. Kegiatan ini juga diharap akan dapat menjadi acara tahunan UNISSA demi memartabatkan UNISSA sebagai sebuah universiti Islam yang teguh menegakkan syiar Islam.



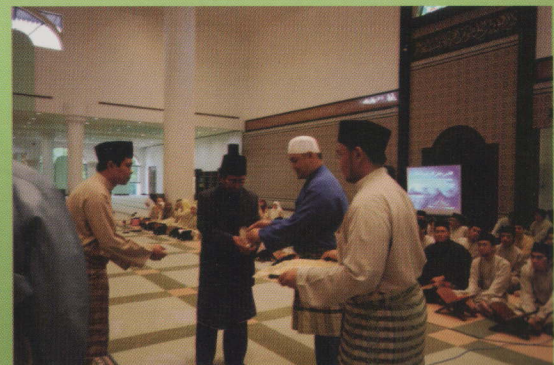
Tetamu Kehormat, para pensyarah, dan kakitangan UNISSA



Mahasiswi UNISSA



Mahasiswa UNISSA



Penyampaian Cenderamata kepada Tetamu Kehormat

MAJLIS SAMBUTAN HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI UNISSA



Rektor, Timbalan Rektor dan Pegawai-Pegawai Utama

UNISSA telah mengadakan Majlis Sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri pada 17 Oktober 2007M bersamaan 5 Syawal 1428H. Hadir selaku Tetamu Kehormat di majlis ini ialah Yang Mulia Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Mohammad bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan selaku Rector Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali.

Sambutan pada hari tersebut dihadiri oleh Pegawai-Pegawai Utama, Pensyarah, Staf dan Pelajar UNISSA.

Di antara kandungan aturcara di majlis itu ialah ucap nasihat daripada Rector UNISSA dan persembahan dari mahasiswa UNISSA.



Pensyarah, pegawai dan kakitangan



Ucapan Tetamu Kehormat



Beramah mesra dengan para pelajar

HARI RAYA CELEBRATION HOSTED BY SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH FOUNDATION

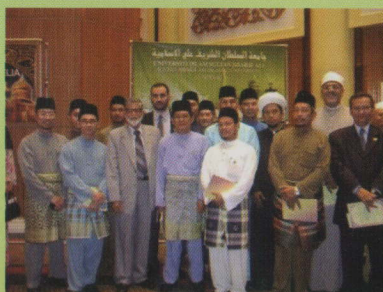


Greeting His Majesty the Sultan and the Royal Highness the Crown Prince

On 11 Syawal 1428H corresponding to 23 October 2007M, UNISSA was invited to the Hari Raya celebration organised by Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Foundation (YSHHB). The celebration took place at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam consented to attend the celebration.

The event gathered officers, staff and students from various educational institutions in the country.



Among the officers, lecturers and staff attending the ceremony



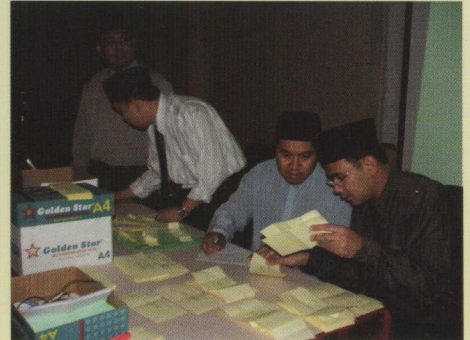
UNISSA STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION



The Registrar, Awg Haji Tarip briefing the students before the voting



The students voting



Counting the votes

An election of members of UNISSA Students' Representative Council was held on Wednesday, 14th November 2007 at the Lecture Hall, Chancellor Hall, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

10 male and 6 female UNISSA students were nominated to fill the posts of UNISSA's Executive Student Representatives and Faculty Representatives.

Present to witness the event was UNISSA's Registrar and officers. The result of the election is as follows:

Executive Student Representatives:-

- Chairperson : Mohammad Zulhilmi bin Mat Ali
- Deputy Chairperson : Dyg Nur Haziirah binti Hassan
- Secretary : Abdul Mu'iid bin Hariel
- Deputy Secretary : Hj Zunazri bin Hj Mohammad
- Bursar : Mohd Rashdan bin Nukman
- Deputy Bursar : Siti Nuriana binti Ali

Faculty Student Representatives:-

- Faculty of Usuluddin : Abdul Aziz bin Hj Abd Rahman
- Faculty of Shariah : Mohd Riziman bin Hj Usin
- Faculty of Arabic Language and Islamic Civilisation : Roseanita binti Hj Timbang
- Faculty of Business : Dyg Hafizah binti Mail

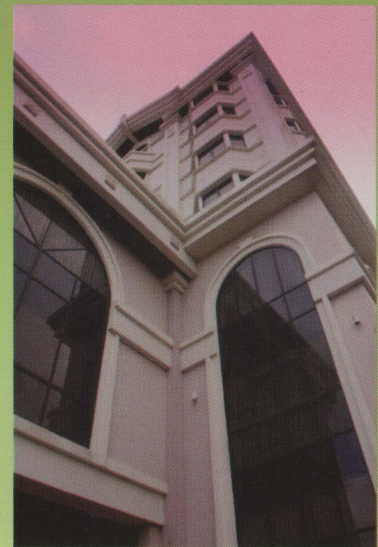


The elected representatives were introduced

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP



Guests and participants during the opening ceremony



LR Asma Hotel in Jerudong

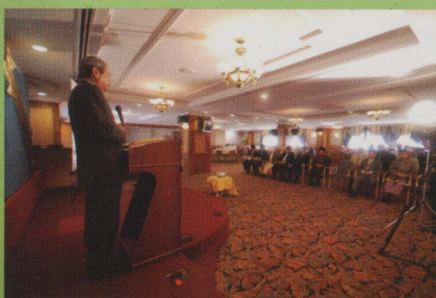
On Monday, 3 December 2007, UNISSA organised a Strategic Planning workshop held at LR Asma Hotel in Jerudong. The workshop lasted for two days and it was opened by the Acting Minister of Education cum Rector of UNISSA, Pg Dato Seri Setia Dr Hj Mohammad Bin Pg Hj Abd Rahman.

In his opening speech, Pg Dato Seri Setia Dr Hj Mohammad stated that the landmarks of a university were not only seen at its artistic architecture and Islamic glory but also in its academic aspects which are of high quality based on Al-Quran and Al-Sunnah as these are pure and can be taken as a reference for Islamic ummah. Furthermore, its high quality and international standard can attract students and academics from abroad to take the opportunity at the local university to gain knowledge for the present world and after.

The session was also attended by Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato Dr Wan Mohd Zahid Mohd Noordin, the chairman of the board of directors of the Universiti Teknologi Mara of Malaysia, who was invited to share his experiences in strategic planning.

UNISSA has made early preparation for the first five-year strategic plan. This plan will be the framework for education as desired in the mission and objective of the university. UNISSA has also made an effort to activate the knowledge culture because effective knowledge activity will contribute to intellectual enlightenment which then becomes the mover or catalyst for nation building and ummah.

The two-day workshop was attended by senior government officers and lecturers of UNISSA.



The Guest Speaker Tan Sri Dato Dr Wan Mohd Zahid delivering his speech



Q & A session chaired by the Deputy Rector (far right)

UNISSA INAUGURAL SENATE MEETING



Group photo of UNISSA Senate members



The Rector (right) and the Deputy Rector

On Saturday, 8 December 2007, UNISSA held its inaugural Senate Meeting in the Senate Room, Chancellor Hall, UBD.

The meeting was chaired by Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Mohammad Bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman, the Deputy Minister of Education Cum Rector of UNISSA.

The meeting was attended by Deans and Deputy Deans of Faculty of Arabic Language and Islamic Civilization, Faculty of Syariah, Faculty of Usuluddin and Faculty of Business and Islamic Management Sciences as well as Directors and Deputy Directors of Knowledge and Language Promotion Centre and Mazhab Shafi'i Research Centre.

The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Rector, Assistant Rector, Academic Advisor, Registrar and Bursar.

The Rector began the meeting by congratulating the deans and deputy deans on their appointment, and he called upon them to do their best to develop the University and enhance its name in the international community.

On the meeting's agenda was the approval of BA and MA courses for the second semester and the endorsement of UNISSA's Examination Regulations.



Meeting in progress

حوار مع رئيس الجامعة



د. عارف كرخي ومعالى رئيس الجامعة

لقد أجرى الأستاذ المشارك الدكتور عارف كرخي أبوخضيرى عميد كلية اللغة العربية والحضارة الإسلامية الحوار التالي مع معالي فغيران داتو سري ستيا الدكتور الحاج محمد ابن فغيران الحاج عبد الرحمن نائب وزير التربية والتعليم ورئيس جامعة السلطان الشريف علي الإسلامية.

د. عارف:

أودّ أولاً، نيابة عن هيئة تحرير المشكاة وبالأصالة عن نفسى أن أهنئكم بمنصبكم الجديد كريكور لجامعة السلطان الشريف علي الإسلامية. والحقيقة أن اختياركم رئيساً ليونيسا لم يكن مفاجأة لنا، ولمن يعرفونكم عن قرب، ولمن يعرفون كفاءتكم الأكاديمية والإدارية. فماذا كان وقع هذا الاختيار عليكم شخصياً؟

فغيران داتو:

في البداية ما كنت أتطلع إلى هذا المنصب الكبير الذي يجعلني رئيساً لجامعة السلطان الشريف علي الإسلامية وما كنت أودّ تحمله لأنني أعرف جيداً صعوبته خاصة أنها مازالت في طور التأسيس و لكن بعد أن تمت موافقة صاحب الجلالة السلطان الحاج حسن البلقية معز الدين والدولة على هذا الترشيح فليس لي إلا السمع والطاعة وأعتبر هذا واجبا عليّ في هذه المرحلة سائلا المولى عز وجل أن يوفقني ويساعدني لإنجاح هذا المشروع النبيل لخدمة الدين والوطن وعلى الله توكلتي واعتمادي.

د. عارف:

نعرف أن لديكم مواهب عديدة فمعاليكم شاعر وكاتب ومترجم وغيرها. فما الذي تعتقد أنه يمكنكم أن تسهموا به في هذه الجامعة الجديدة؟

فغيران داتؤ:

إن ما ورد ذكره في السؤال يعدّ من عناصر الحضارة والتمدن وينظر إليه من ناحية الأدب والبحوث العلمية والترجمة وغيرها. فأنا أعتقد أنه من المناسب أن نشجع هذه الأمور كلها في جامعتنا طلابا وأساتذة من خلال التركيز على نظرة الإسلام إليها. وأتمنى أن يتخرج من هذه الجامعة شعراء وأدباء وكتاب ومفكرون إسلاميون. وهذا يمكن أن نحققه بالتدرّج مثلا بتدريب طلابنا وعمل الورش لهم وتشجيعهم على الكتابة وإجراء المسابقات بينهم.

د. عارف:

معاليكم أستاذ وأكاديمي معروف، ما هو تصوركم الشخصي للجامعة الإسلامية؟ وما الدور الذي ينبغي أن تقوم به في المجتمع المحلي والدولي معا؟

فغيران داتؤ:

هذه الجامعة الإسلامية أنشئت لأهداف سامية ونبيلة لرفع مستوى المعرفة في مجال التعاليم الإسلامية الأصيلة والعلوم الأخرى على السواء. وأتوقع في المستقبل أن تكون بروناي دارالسلام باعتبارها دولة إسلامية مرجعا إسلاميا مرموقا بسبب وجود هذه الجامعة لأنها فريدة ولا تماثلها جامعات أخرى في العالم. وعلى هذا لا بد أن نقوى المناهج الدراسية واللغة العربية والإنجليزية بجانب لغة الوطن ونقوى أيضا هيئة التدريس بتعيين المحاضرين المؤهلين ذوي الخبرة الواسعة وبدعوة العلماء المشهورين إلينا لإلقاء المحاضرات العامة من حين لآخر. فأنا أظن أنه ليس من المستحيل أن تجذب الجامعة أنظار المجتمع المحلي والعالمي لأن المسلمين الآن وغير المسلمين في حاجة إلى مثل هذه الجامعة التي يمكن أن تكون جسرا بين الشرق والغرب. وقد زرت جامعات مختلفة إسلامية وغير إسلامية وكلهم استقبلوا نوايانا النبيلة بكامل الرضا والقبول.

د. عارف:

مضى عام واحد على إنشاء يونيسا. فماذا حققت هذه الجامعة من الأهداف التي وضعت لها؟ ومتى سيتم تحقيق الأهداف الأخرى؟