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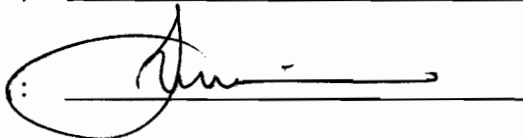
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Abstract

The University Utara Malaysia aspires to be a management university that is a paragon of efficiency and of world class level. In reaching this goal, UUM has opened its door to welcome a large number of international students, to the date this article is written, there are approximately 2000 international students in UUM. The large number of international students results in problem of the student visa renewal. It is not an easy task for the Unit of International Affairs to manage all the student visa renewal. Thus, this research proposes a development of a system that will remind students on the visa and passport expiry when the date is almost due. By sending SMS and emails, this system can reminder the international students to renew their visa. The development of this system is hoped to enhance the students' visa and passport management by the Unit of International Affairs of UUM.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Aiming to become a world class university, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) opens its door to foreign students. All the international students should get student visa from Malaysia immigration in order to study legally in UUM. To the date this report is written, the number of the foreign students in UUM is approximately 2000, with such large number; the visa expiration issue should be taken into consideration.

However, according to the Malaysian law and UUM law, international students need to submit their national passports to the international department two weeks before the due date, but many students forget about the submission. Offenders who exceeded the date of visa renewal will be charged not exceeding RM 10,000.00 or imprisonment of more than five years (Official website immigration department of Malaysia, 2009).

Though, since there are 1853 international students in UUM, as shown in Table 1.1 (The Unit of International Affairs, 2009), the number of international students who need to make or renew their visa also reached 108 student in June 2009, as shown in Table 1.2(The Unit of International Affairs, 2009), this problem became very significant and need to be solved immediately.

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