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LAUNCHING OF IUM HEARING & SPEECH CLINIC AND IUM OPTOMETRY CLINIC

The IUM Hearing & Speech Clinic and IUM Optometry Clinic at Jalan Hospital Campus, Kuantan were launched on 29th June 2010.

The event was officiated by the Higher Education Ministry Deputy Director General Prof. Dr. Rujhan Mustafa who represented the Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin. Prof. Dr. Rujhan pointed out that audiology/speech therapy and optometry were relatively new disciplines in Malaysia and the establishment of these clinical facilities in IUM marked an important step in the development of these fields in the country.

He said, "At present, there are only three major facilities on audiology available in the country. They are at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and now IUM, while in speech pathology there are two programs being run at UKM and USM, with a third being developed at present in IUM." Prof. Dr. Rujhan also added that, recent studies have shown that in the area of speech pathology, Malaysia requires around 2000 experts to cater for demand. Presently, there are only about 200 practitioners available to the public.



IUM SIGNS MoU WITH TASHKENT UNIVERSITY

IUM signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tashkent Islamic University of Uzbekistan (TIU) in the area of education development on 9th July 2010 at the Banquet Hall. IUM was represented by the Rector Prof. Dato' Sri Dr. Syed Arabi Iddid, while TIU by its Rector Prof. Abdullaev Ravshan Vakhidovich. It was witnessed by Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faris Ismail, Deputy Rector (Research and Innovation) IUM and Khasanov Khamidbek Saidbekovich, Head of International Cooperation Department, TIU. Also present were Uzbekistan Ambassador to Malaysia, Mr. Shukur Sabitov and students from Uzbekistan.



AZMAN HASHIM COMPLEX

The Azman Hashim Complex in IUM Gombak campus was officially launched on 14th July 2010 by Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Ambank Group Chairman as well as Chairman of the Azman Hashim Foundation.

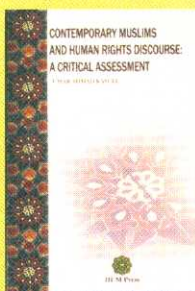
The 12,000 sq. ft. complex will become the commercial centre for the university. The complex is occupied by three Islamic banks, a bookstore, café and a 4,220 sq. ft. multipurpose hall. The multipurpose hall named Dewan Zabedah after Azman's mother will be available for rent to public functions such as seminars, examinations and weddings.

The complex is expected to generate an annual rental income of RM500,000 which will benefit the university's students managed through the IUM Endowment Fund (IEF).

"I am so pleased that this complex has turned out to be such a beautiful and practical building," said Tan Sri Azman. The revenue generated from the rental income from the business outlet in this complex, together with the multipurpose hall, will be used to sponsor needy and deserving students in IUM, he added.

IUM Rector Prof. Dato' Sri Dr. Syed Arabi Iddid in his speech said the rental revenue will be used to sponsor 15 selected local and foreign students every year. He said more than 1,300 students benefited from RM2.5 million in IEF in 2008, and last year the numbers increased to 1,800 students who received over RM3 million.

"The assistance from Azman Hashim Foundation is appreciated, and hopefully, more generous individuals will come forward and participate in any of the IEF's programs and projects," he added.



book of the month

Title : Contemporary Muslims and Human Rights Discourse: A Critical Assessment
 Author : Umar Ahmad Kasule
 Publisher : IUM Press
 Price : RM55.00
 Pages : 322
 Year : 2009

Dr. Kasule in his book examines the issue of human rights from the western perspective and how its western-centric view is seen from a non-western viewpoint, namely Islam. The book has six chapters which unravel the Western and Islamic conceptions of the human rights with critical survey of Muslim writings on human rights theory. The book examines the differing aspects of the definition and assumptions of human rights from two worldviews which in today's global political stage continue to be the bone of contention between the West and the Islamic world. An eye-opening and thought provoking book for everyone. - SAODAH WOK