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YBHG. DATO' PROFESOR IR. DR. MOHD HAMDI ABD SHUKOR

NAIB CANSELOR UNIVERSITI MALAYA

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November 1, 2020 - Universiti Malaya (UM) is pleased to extend our heartiest congratulations to YBhg. Dato' Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor on his appointment as the 13th Vice-Chancellor of UM effective 1 November 2020 until 31 October 2023.

YBhg. Dato' Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor is not new to UM. His academic career begins in 1995 as a tutor and he later became a lecturer in the Department of Engineering Design and Manufacture in 1997. He was appointed as the Head, Department of Engineering Design and Manufacture in 2003-2006, promoted to Associate Professor in 2006 and served as a full Professor in 2010.

He was the former Dean, Faculty of Engineering, UM (2009-2011) and the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic International), UM (2011-2014). During this period, he displayed remarkable leadership excellence and successfully held various key administrative positions within and outside the university leading to his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in 2019.

Congratulations once again and welcome home YBhq. Dato' Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor, the 13th Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Malaya

CLARIVATE HIGHLY CITED RESEARCHERS 2020



November 18, 2020 - Six (6) UM researchers have been shortlisted as "Highly Cited Researchers 2020" by Clarivate.

The highly anticipated annual list of "Highly Cited Researchers 2020" identifies researchers who have demonstrated significant and broad influence in their field of expertise through the publication of highly cited papers during the last decade.

These highly cited papers rank in the top 1% by citations for their respected field and publication year in the Web of Science citation index. Of the world's population of scientists and social scientists, Highly Cited Researchers are 1 in 1,000.

Researchers are selected for their exceptional influence and performance in one or more of 21 fields (those used in Essential Science Indicators or ESI) or across several fields.

6,389 researchers are shortlisted in the "Highly Cited Researchers in 2020" list – 3,896 in specific fields and 2,493 for crossfield performance. This is the third year researchers are identified with cross-field impacts. The number of researchers selected in each field is based on the square root of the population of authors listed on the field's highly cited papers. The number of those with cross-field influence is determined by finding those who have influence equivalent to those identified in the 21 fields.

Amongst the 6 Highly Cited UM Researchers 2020 are:

Engineering Category

- 1. Prof. Dr. Wan Mohd Ashri Wan Daud
- 2. Prof. Dr. Md. Abul Kalam
- 3. Prof. Dr. Saad Mekhilef
- 4. Prof. Ir. Dr. Nasrudin Abd Rahim

Cross-Field Category

- 5. Prof. Ir. Dr . Abdul Aziz Abdul Raman
- 6. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Gani

2020 MERDEKA AWARD & IUPESM INAUGURAL FELLOWS





Professor Dr. Ng Kwan Hoong

For outstanding contribution in the education and pioneering work advancing the fields of medical physics and radiation medicine in Malaysia.

Prominent professor, Prof. Dr. Ng Kwan Hoong from Faculty of Medicine UM has been awarded the 2020 Merdeka Award (Outstanding Scholastic Achievement) in recognition of his outstanding contribution in education and pioneering work advancing the fields of medical physics and radiation medicine in Malaysia.

And in the same year, Prof. Ng is also being awarded the Inaugural **Fellow** of International Union for Physical and Engineering Sciences in Medicine (IUPESM). The Fellowship of IUPESM is an award to the most prominent leaders of the Union for Physical and Engineering **Sciences** Medicine.

INFRA MICROBIOLOGY LAB BIORISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



October 27, 2020 - INFRA Microbiology Lab in collaboration with Institutional Biosafety and Biosecurity Committee (IBBC), Universiti Malaya has organised a virtual Biorisk Management Workshop on 27 October 2020 via Google Meet.

The workshop aims to expose research students (particularly biology lab users) and researchers to the principles of biosafety and biorisk management.

The topics covered are:

- 1. Malaysia Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity Policy and Guideline
- 2. University Malaya Policy and Procedure on Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity
- 3. UM IBBC and regulatory compliance
- 4. Introduction of Biosafety and Biosecurity
- 5. Fundamental of Biorisk Management

The Biorisk Management Workshop has 2 sessions where the 2nd physical workshop is to train participants on basic biosafety and on how to conduct risk assessment.

Currently, only users with basic biosafety training could apply to access and conduct microbiology procedure in the Infra Microbiology lab. Thus, the Biorisk Management Workshop serves as one of the training channels before the users can access microbiology lab.

WORLD'S TOP 2% SCIENTISTS BY STANDFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford University has recently released a list of scientists that represents the world's top 2% scientist in various disciplines, in which 80 UM researchers were featured in the list and another 30 researchers were listed as world the top 2% world's careerlong citation impact scientists.

The analysis was conducted using citations from Scopus along with data assessing

scientists for career-long citation impact till the year 2019 and for citation impact during a single calendar year.

The complete list of a total of 159,684 researchers (World Ranking of top 2% in each field) along with their affiliation, country, cscore, field-wise rank and total researchers in a specific subject field has been published in the PLOS Biology

WORLD'S TOP 2% CAREER-LONG CITATION IMPACT SCIENTISTS

- 1. Dato' Prof. Dr. Goh Khean Lee
- 2. Prof. Dr. Saad Mekhilef
- 3. Dato' Prof. Dr. Ng Seik Weng
- 4. Prof. Dr. Altis Lee Ellis
- 5. Prof. Dr. Abdul Kariem bin Hj Mohd Arof
- 6. Prof. Ir. Dr. Masjuki Haji Hassan
- 7. Prof. Ir. Dr. Nasrudin Abd Rahim
- 8. Dato' Emeritus Prof. Dr. Lam Sai Kit
- 9. Prof. Dr. Kam Toh Seok
- 10. Prof. Dr. Mohd Ali Hashim
- 11. Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohd Azlan Hussain
- 12. Prof. Dr. Md. Abul Kalam
- 13. Prof. Dr. Ramesh a/l T. Subramaniam
- 14. Prof. Dr. Wan Mohd Ashri Wan Daud
- 15. Prof. Dr. A.S. MD. Abdul Haseeb

- 16. Prof. Dr. Chung Lip Yong
- 17. Datuk Prof. Dr. Harith bin Ahmad
- 18. Prof. Dr. Tan Nget Hong
- 19. Prof. Ir. Dr. Yau Yat Huang
- 20. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yarub Kahtan Abdul-Rahman Al-Douri
- 21. Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Moghavvemi
- 22. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Niyaz Khan
- 23. Prof. Dr. Sulaiman Wadi Harun
- 24. Dr. Ong Hwai Chyuan
- 25. Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohd Zamin Jumaat
- 26. Emeritus Prof. Dr. Yong Hoi Sen
- 27. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Gani
- 28. Dr. Nader Ghaffari Khaligh
- 29. Dr. Kazi Md. Salim Newaz
- 30. Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ameen Abdulla Hassan

WORLD'S TOP 2% MOST-CITED SCIENTISTS

- 1. Mekhilef, Saad
- 2. Rahim, N.A.
- 3. Goh, Khean Lee
- 4. Masjuki, H.H.
- 5. Arof, A.K.
- 6. Hashim, Mohd Ali
- 7. Ong, H.C.
- 8. Ramesh, S.
- g. Sagadevan, Suresh
- 10. Kalam, M.A.
- 11. Wong, Li Ping 12. Daud. Wan Ashri Wan
- 13. Ahmed, Ejaz 14. Chan. Kok Gan
- 15. Kazi, S.N.
- 16. Gani, Abdullah
- 17. Hayyan, Maan
- 18. Zailani, Suhaiza
- 19. Ahmad, Harith 20. Hutchison, Charles S.

- 21. Jumaat, Mohd Zamin
- 22. El-Shafie, Ahmed
- 23. Chong, Wen Tong
- 24. Juan, Joon Ching
- 25. Al-Douri, Y. 26. Lai. Chin Wei
- 27. Agamuthu. P.
- 28. Hussain, M.A.
- 29. Chung, Lip Yong
- 30. Phang, Siew Moi
- 31. Yau, Y.H.
- 32. Haseeb, A.S.M.A.
- 33. Hasanuzzaman, M. 34. Balakrishnan, Vimala
- 35. Mo, Kim Hung
- 36. Shamshirband, Shahaboddin
- 37. Kamarulzaman, Adeeba
- 38. Basirun, Wan Jefrey 39. Yip, C. H.
- 40. Abd Hamid, S.B.

- 41. Shafigh, Payam
- 42. Dahari, M.
- 43. Ramesh, S.
- 44. Mokhlis, Hazlie 45. Metselaar, H.S.C.
- 46. Selvaraj, Jeyraj
- 47. Kam, Toh Seok
- 48. Illias, Hazlee Azil
- 49. Harun, Sulaiman Wadi
- 50. Lee, Hwei Voon 51. Hayyan, Adeeb
- 52. Choudhury, I.A.
- 53. Bakar, A.H.A.
- 54. Na. K.H.
- 55. Wan Daud, Wan Mohd Ashri
- 56. Ambati, Ranga Rao
- 57. Zulkifli, Nurin Wahidah Binti Mohd
- 58. Abdulla, Mahmood A.
- 59. Khaligh, Nader Ghaffari 60. Tan, Nget Hong

- 61. Moy, Foong Ming 62. Jalab, Hamid A.
- 63. Tay, Sun Tee
- 64. Ling, Tau Chuan
- 65. Awang, Khalijah 66. Abrizah, Abdullah
- 67. Lim, Y.A.L.
- 68. Ahmed, H.M.A.
- 69. Kiah, Miss Laiha Mat
- 70. Kadir, M.F.Z. 71. Ali, Ihsan
- 72. Yong, Hoi Sen
- 73. Che, Hang Seng
- 74. Chia. Y.C.
- 75. Elias, Mohamad Fathi Mohamad 76. Malek, Sri Nurestri Abd
- 77. Adikan, F.R.M.
- 78. Lim, Kok Sing
- 79. Phan, Chia Wei 80. Takaoka, Hiroyuki

UM EXPERTS APPOINTED AS FELLOWS OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MALAYSIA (ASM)

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Datuk Emeritus Prof. Dr. Norma binti Mansor Social Wellbeing Research Centre (SWRC) Faculty of Economics and Administration

Heartiest congratulations to three (3) UM experts for the recent appointment as Academy of Sciences Malaysia Fellow (FASc) in Chemical Sciences. Medical & Health Sciences and Social Sciences & Humanities category.

The 3 UM experts are: i) Prof. Dr. Misni bin Misran from Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, ii) Prof. Dr. Hany binti Mohd Ariffin from Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine and iii) Datuk Emeritus Prof. Dr. Norma binti Mansor from Social Wellbeing Research Centre (SWRC), Faculty of Economics and Administration. They have important roles been playing and contributed significantly in their respective field.

The appointment was announced at the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Academy, held on 24 October 2020. The AGM also witnessed the appointment of five (5) more UM experts as the ASM Council Members 2020/2021.

Datuk Prof. Dr. Awg Bulgiba Awg Mahmud Faculty of Medicine from appointed as the Secretary-General of the council and the other 4 ASM Council members from UM are: i) Emeritus Prof. Dr. Phang Siew Moi (Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences), ii) Dr. Helen Nair (Faculty of Science), iii) Prof. Dr. Shamala Devi K.C. Sekaran (Faculty of Medicine) and iv) Prof. Dr. Yvonne Lim Ai Lian (Faculty of Medicine).

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) OKAYAMA AWARD 2020



October 26, 2020 - We are proud and happy to announce that UM Zero Waste Campaign (UM ZWC) - the longest running and pioneer UM Living Labs project in UM through its initiative on 'Empowering Communities for Food Waste Recycling and Sustainable Urban Farming' bagged the international coveted Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Okayama Award 2020! Our warmest congratulations on UM dedication to ESD activities.

ESD Okayama Award is an annual prestigious sustainability award hosted by Okayama City and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Okayama Award Steering Committee, Japan initiated in 2005 aims to showcase outstanding ESD practices in local communities around the world and as well as to support organizations carrying out programmes related to ESD; a key enabler in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the year 2030.

With this award conferment that entitled the winner a total of USD 3000 prize, UM Zero Waste Campaign led by Prof. Dr. Sumiani Yusoff and her dedicated team will be on the highlight to share their award-winning project at the Virtual 'ESD Forum/ESD Okayama Award 2020' on 31st January 2021.

The award-winning video of ESD Okayama Award 2020 by UM ZWC is now available on Youtube via https://youtu.be/-yhYasavI8k



ITEX'20 UM GOLD MEDAL WINNERS



November 21, 2020 - With the extended Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), the ITEX 2020 was restyle from physical to online exhibition format via https://itex.com.my.

The International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition (ITEX) presents an exciting opportunity for inventions to be showcased to potential business and investors both locally and internationally.

The ITEX competition is open to all participating inventors to gain recognition for their inventions as well as to compete amongst other international inventors for local and international awards and medals. the inventions in the exhibition.

In ITEX'20, UM was represented by two teams (Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar a/l Govin from Faculty of Medicine and Dr. Adeeb Hayyan from Faculty of Engineering.

Out of the 15 exhibit categories, Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar a/l Govin has participated in the Education category with the project on "4th Wave Execution Integrity Software" and Dr. Adeeb Hayyan's project on "Green solvents for palm oil processing, extraction technology, Halal authentication and destruction of hazardous materials" was registered under the Materials category.

The ITEX'20 competition result was announce via online on 21 November 2020 and both teams from UM have won the gold medals in ITEX'20.

THANK YOU DATUK IR. (DR.) ABDUL RAHIM HJ. HASHIM 12TH VICE-CHANCELLOR OF UM



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