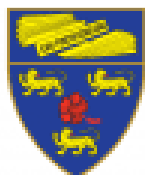




Musolla Al Majid Now Up and Running

On 20 December 2018, Musolla Al-Majid was officially opened at Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for the use of all. The event was graced by Datuk Ir. (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Hashim, Vice-Chancellor of University of Malaya, and Dato' Ar. Hajeedar Abdul Majid, President of ICOMOS Malaysia and the owner of Hajeedar and Associates Sdn. Bhd.

Construction of the musolla was fully financed by Dato' Ar. Hajeedar and is named after his late father, Haji Abdul Majid Haji Ismail @ Abdul Aid, a former OCPD of Kuala Lumpur. It is designed to fit up to 70 people and its structure includes materials recycled from the Masjid Saidina Abu Bakar, Bangsar.



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Prof. Wong Appointed New Dean

YBhg. Datuk Professor Dr. Danny Wong Tze Ken was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya on 3 December 2018.

Prof. Wong is a professor of history in University of Malaya, where he has served as Director of Global Planning and Strategy Centre, and Director of the Institute of China Studies.

He was also Visiting Professor at Peking University, Visiting Yip (China) Fellow at Magdalene College, Cambridge University, Visiting Scholar at the Hakka College of National Central University, Taiwan, and Visiting Professor at the Centre for Integrated Area Studies, Kyoto University.

Prof. Wong is a member of the Board of Governors for the Chinese Heritage Centre, Singapore and a council member of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees, SEASREP Foundation, and Chairman of the UNESCO Southeast Asian Shared-History Textbook Technical Committee.

We look forward to the faculty flourishing with him at its helm.

Datin Safiah Lands Teaching Award at ACUM 2018

The Deputy Dean of FASS, Datin Associate Professor Dr Safiah @ Yusmah Mohammad Yusoff, was honoured with the prestigious teaching award in the University of Malaya Excellence Awards (ACUM) 2018.

The award was presented by HRH Paduka Seri Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, the Chancellor of University of Malaya at the ACUM 2018 Ceremony on 20 December 2018.

The Faculty would like to congratulate Datin Safiah for this achievement.



Dream of the Red Chamber Research Centre Launched

by Fan Pik Wah



The University of Malaya Dream of the Red Chamber Research Centre was officially launched on 17 December 2018. Representing the Vice Chancellor at the launch was the Dean, Datuk Professor Danny Wong.

The new centre was mooted in 2017 following the establishment of the Dream of Red Chamber Research Collection Room at the University of Malaya Library, which comprises some 6,000 publications from the personal collection of Tan Sri Chan Kong Choy.

Tan Sri Chan is Advisor to the Alumni Association of Department of Chinese Studies, and the new centre will be under the purview of the Department of Chinese Studies at FASS.

During the launch, the Managing Director of Nirvana Asia Limited Group, Tan Sri David Kong Han Kong, presented the Dream of the Red Chamber Research Centre with RM one million for research and development.

Receiving the cheque on behalf of the Centre was Prof. Wong. He was accompanied by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fan Pik Wah, Head of the Chinese Studies Department, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanafi Hussin, former Dean of the Faculty. Also present at the ceremony were Tan Sri Chan Kong Choy, and Datuk Ng Tong Hai, Chairman of the Alumni Association.

Tan Sri David Kong also pledged a further annual support of RM200,000 for the Centre's work for the next five years. More than 200 guests including many alumni and former lecturers attended the function.

Visit of Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica

A delegation from the Institute of Taiwan History, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, visited FASS on 26 December 2018.

The seven-person delegation was led by the Director of the institute, Distinguished Research Fellow Professor Hsu Hsueh-Chi.

Representing FASS were Prof. Wong (Dean of FASS), Assoc. Prof. Rosmadi Fauzi (Deputy Dean), Dr. Geetha Govindasamy (East Asian Studies), Dr. Ching Thing Ho (Chinese Studies), Dr. Noraini Hassan (History) and Dr. Tan Miao Ing (MCRC).



Possible areas for collaboration were identified, including historical migration, history of health and diseases, Japanese occupation, Taiwanese migrants, and the digitization of maps.



Visit from SK Seri Lanang

by Rosmadi Fauzi

On 20 December 2018, 20 pupils aged 11 and 12 from SK Seri Lanang, Banting, visited FASS.

They were accompanied by their headmaster, Mr. Mohd Sazali Jailani, and officials from the Ministry of Education.

The purpose of the visit was to allow students to view campus facilities and learn about the range of academic programmes available.

The visit was part of a long-term programme that has been carried out by FASS in the Banting area since the beginning of 2017.

A session by YM Dr. Tengku Adeline Adura of the Geography Department introduced the pupils to the importance of the environment.

The students were then taken on a campus tour, during which they visited the UM Arts Gallery. They also interacted with staff from the Department of History, and were shown the faculty's seminar rooms, computer lab, and conference room.



Eliminate Violence Against Women

by Lai Suat Yan

In conjunction with International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the Gender Studies Programme at FASS organized a series of activities in November and December based on the theme 'Tackling a Culture that Condone Sexual Harassment'.

Events included a flash mob, a workshop, and a forum which saw Member of Parliament YB Ramkarpal Singh among its panellists. Together, these addressed the problems of blaming victims, shaming survivors, and trivializing instances of harassment.

The events were co-organized by Persatuan Kakitangan Universiti Malaya (PKAUM), Pergerakan Tenaga Akademik Malaysia (GERAK), several student groups and NGOs.

