

UTM VICE- CHANCELLOR'S LAST LECTURE

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7 July 2013 At about 8 a.m., before a packed audience of UTM staffs at Dewan Banquet, Bangunan Canseleri Sultan Ibrahim, UTM Johor Bahru, Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Zaini Ujang, delivered his final note as the Vice-Chancellor of UTM with the same gusto, motivational speech he always make during every UTM monthly meeting since 2009. His 120-minutes address entitled "The Last Lecture", recalled his beginnings, his inspirations and aspirations. He has been appointed as the Secretary General (II) at the Ministry of Education earlier this week. FM pay tribute to a visionary man who has rebranded and transformed UTM somewhat at a big scale. Here we highlight his personal lessons learnt whilst at UTM over the years for us to take heed (perhaps). ■

ZAINI UJANG'S 10 LESSONS at UTM

- ◆ **The easiest hurdle:** to become a professor.
- ◆ **Healthy** living, productive life
- ◆ **Global** recognition, alliances
- ◆ Don't preach, **just do it.**
- ◆ **Aim:** high, bold and doable
- ◆ **Malays:** transform easier by empowerment than instruction or subsidy.
- ◆ **Academic output:** Print, not oral culture.
- ◆ **Performance:** Essence (DNA), not numbers or paper credentials.
- ◆ No involvement, no **commitment.**



Pix (top): Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Zaini Ujang at his final lecture on 7th July 2013. Pix (bottom) : Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Zaini Ujang (far right) with Dato' Dr. Madinah binti Mohamad (far left), the new Secretary General, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation and Dato' Sri Dr. Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia.

LET'S GO GREEN!

Echoing Fakulti Sains last month's circular on 'Langkah Penjimatan & Urusan Perkhidmatan' (Saving Measures & Services), JSM (under Madam Head of Department's directives) is encouraging all JSM staff to perform Acts of Green everytime, all year long! It is not an understatement to say that JSM staffs are heavy-paper users. So here are several tips on how you can do your part to help mother earth reduce, reuse and recycle your papers at the department.

- ◆ Use e-learning to upload materials for course outline, lecture notes, tutorial sheets etc. Stop giving out handouts to the students!
- ◆ Use e-mails, JSM web, or FB group page for announcements, call for meetings etc. Use pdf attachments in emails for items that may contribute to Key Performance Index's marks.
- ◆ Keep rough papers for scribbling notes. Reuse one-sided papers!
- ◆ Put a recycling box inside your office for reusable papers.
- ◆ Put a recycling box outside your office to throw away waste papers and request your floor janitor to empty the box for you. They (the janitor that is) will appreciate the extra money that they get from the sale of your recycled papers.
- ◆ Print out on both sides of the paper. Go further and be a cheapskate: do it on two layouts per page with small margins and small fonts.
- ◆ Print a web page, by copying and pasting it first onto Microsoft Words. Printing webpages 'as is' often prints a lot of junk that you don't want.

On a final note: If you have done all the tips above, good for you! Next step, encourage others-Reduce, Recycle and Reuse Papers. If you have not, then give it a go! Every Little bit helps. Stop cutting down trees! ■

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10 Jun 2012: PM. Dr. Norma Alias.
16 Jun 2012: En. Che Rahim Che Teh.
22 Jun 2012: PM Dr. Yusof Yaacob
25 Jun 2012: Dr. Maslan Osman

Semoga dilimpahi rezeki dan diberkati Allah.

