

ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ACADEMIC STAFF ORGANIZED BY AKEPT

Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) with the cooperation of Akedemi Kepimpinan Pengajian Tinggi (AKEPT) has organised a two-days training program called 'Entrepreneurial Leadership Training' on the 11th and 12th October 2011 which was held in Hotel Renaissance, Kota Bharu, Kelantan. Puan Noor Fzlinda Fabeil, a tutor from Entrepreneurship Program (HE04), and Puan Chiew Tung Moi (Coordinator of Asas Pembudayaan Keusahawanan, PPIB), were named by the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International) to attend the program. The intensive training was targeted to higher education academic staff with the focal aim to inculcate them with entrepreneurial mindset, qualities and attitudes for human capital development, for example risk taker, brave, ready to failure, acknowledge weakness and critiques, ready for improvement and team-working. Approximately, 59 participants from various IPT attended this informative training, which involved academic staff and administrators. Three distinguished speakers whom

are well known with their entrepreneurship leadership qualities in their respective field; Prof. Emeritus Dato' Ir. Dr. Zainal bin Mohamed (Vice Chancellor of UMK), Prof. Dr. Hj Ibrahim Che Omar (Deputy Vice Chancellor, UMK) and Datuk Dr. Md. Hamzah Kassim (co-founder and CEO of iA Consulting Group) shared their experiences with the participants during the program. It was stressed that entrepreneurship education is not just about starting a business; rather, it should be viewed beyond its conventional definition. Entrepreneurship education adds value to the behaviour of the people, in terms of cognitive and communication style. It was hoped that these entrepreneurship attributes would produce more transformational leaders rather than transactional leaders among academic staff and administrators, whilst produce students with entrepreneurial qualities and enterprising spirits, the required talent to the economy. The program was ended with a wonderful dinner and dance performance of 'dikir barat' from UMK's students.