

# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2007/2008: 430 FINAL YEAR STUDENTS ATTENDED BRIEFING

Internship is a key component which forms part of the curriculum in most of the programs offered at the Business & Economics School (BES). It provides students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the respective industry as well as to apply what they have learned in the classroom into real working experiences. Internships can be a great opportunity to adjust career planning goals as it will give opportunities for students a great interest in the field in which they interned, that the student want to work in a similar position, or conversely that they are entirely uninterested in an industry. Internships greatly

increase the chances for students to gain full time employment after graduation. Internships can provide an important edge. "You'll be able to demand more and get further faster when you graduate," explained the Practicum Coordinator during the briefing. "The training also helps to build your comfort level with the working world thus reducing the chances of falling flat on your face later" responded by Mr. Arif @ Kamisan Pusiran, Practicum Coordinator, when asked by one of the students during the briefing. Furthermore, this Industrial Internship Program will establish close relationship between the industry players and UMS.

"My internship experience opened my eyes to a more complex world and increased my confidence prior to entering the job market" said Phyllis Philip Lee, BES alumni 2006, who is now working at an international hotel in Singapore.

More than 400 final year students attended the briefing which was held at DKP 1. The briefing was scheduled earlier than previously to give ample time for the students in finding companies for their internship placements. Several necessary forms were distributed to the students as well as the Practicum Guideline Booklet.