

UMS holds International Mobility Seminar

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KOTA KINABALU: The Faculty of Business, Economics, and Accountancy at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) hosted the 5th International Mobility Seminar, titled "Expanding Horizons in Islamic Finance and Economic Sustainability" on June 25.

It was patronized by Associate Professor Dr Mohd Rahimie Abd Karim, Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, UMS, and was chaired by Associate Professor Dr.Suddin Lada, with Dr Ahmad Nizam from the Faculty of Economics and Business at Universitas Syiah Kuala, Aceh, Indonesia, serving as co-chair.

The seminar was meticulously organized by the FBEA International Mobility Program, with Datu Razali Datu Eranza and Andy Lee Chen Hiung as coordinators.

It featured esteemed speakers who addressed critical topics in the realm of Islamic finance.

Dr Dayang Safrina Ag. Budin delivered an insightful presentation on the diversification of Islamic banking products in Malaysia, shedding light on the innovative financial instruments that are shaping the industry.

Dr Ridwan Nurdin from Dewan Syariah Aceh discussed the pivotal role of the institution in safeguarding the Shariah-compliant economic framework in Aceh, emphasizing the importance of maintaining economic integrity within Islamic principles.

Following the invited speaker sessions, an International Students Talk Show took place, focusing on student entrepreneurship and international collaboration. This session highlighted the potential



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of young minds in driving economic growth and fostering cross-border partnerships.

Zacky Muharram Rani from the Faculty of Economics and Business at Universitas Syiah Kuala shared his experiences and insights, inspiring fellow students.

UMS was represented by two international capstone projects, showcasing the collaborative efforts of students Nisrina Humaira Rasyidi, Nabila Qistina Robian, Ahmad Zaid Mohamad, Nasiri Nina Natasha Baqiah Abu Bakar, Sitti Salmiya Ombra, and Metlye Metter.

Their presentations underscored the importance of practical learning and international cooperation in academia.

The seminar also facilitated a campus visit by 15 delegates from the Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Syiah Kuala. The delegates were warmly welcomed by Associate Professor Dr Mohd Rahimie Abd Karim, who expressed his hope for a fruitful exchange of knowledge and experiences. Dr Ahmad Nizam conveyed his gratitude for the hospitality extended by UMS and looked

forward to future collaborative opportunities.

In the afternoon, faculty members from Malaysia and Indonesia engaged in community service and a company visit to the Tanjung Aru Marine Ecosystem Center (TAME).

Located at the picturesque Tanjung Aru Beach, TAME was founded by Japson Wong, a seaweed marine biologist and local Sabahan upcycling artist. The center serves as a collaborative platform for social and environmental betterment, focusing on marine conservation, wildlife protection, heritage preservation, green technology, recycling and upcycling.

Michael Yap, a marine biologist specializing in seagrass and a marine and climate change educator, led interactive guided tours and hands-on upcycling workshops.

These educational activities, tailored to different age groups and objectives, are part of TAME's mission to inspire proactive environmental stewardship.

The visit to TAME provided delegates with a deeper understanding of sustainable practices and the importance of environmental conservation.

Muhammad Haris Riyaldi, Coordinator for the Islamic Economics Program at Universitas Syiah Kuala, expressed his admiration for the beauty of the UMS campus and the collaborative spirit demonstrated by UMS faculty and students.

The 5th International Mobility Seminar successfully achieved its goal of expanding horizons in Islamic finance and economic sustainability. The event not only facilitated the exchange of knowledge and ideas but also strengthened the bonds between academic institutions in Malaysia and Indonesia.

As the seminar concluded, the participants left with a renewed commitment to foster international collaboration and advancing sustainable economic practices within the framework of Islamic finance.

Dr Sharifah Milda Amirul (Deputy Dean of Academic and Internationalization) wishes further collaboration can be explored in near future, and Dr Noor Fzinda Fabeil (Deputy Dean of Students Affairs and Postgraduate) welcomes potential students from USK to further study in UMS.