

UMS engineering students embark on entrepreneurship expedition in Vietnam

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KOTA KINABALU: Fifteen students from the Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) successfully carried out the Entrepreneurship Expedition III Programme at Ton Duc Thang University (TDTU) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam — a milestone that demonstrates the capability of UMS students to execute international-level programmes with excellence.

The programme, fully planned by the students over six months, aimed to strengthen leadership, teamwork and communication skills while nurturing creativity and cross-cultural understanding among participants.

The head of the Oil and Gas Engineering Programme, Dr Nurfaiziana Abdullah, said such initiatives provide wide opportunities and added value to students.

“The collaboration between TDTU and UMS through this

mobility programme exposes students to different perspectives and cultures, allowing them to interact with international peers and understand the dynamics of the global job market,” she said.

Meanwhile, Programme Director, Nurul Nazirah Sawal, said the expedition provided students with a platform to apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations.

“From six months of preparation to the execution in Ho Chi Minh, we learned to manage the programme comprehensively — from formal communication and budgeting to on-site coordination.

“This experience taught us the true meaning of independence and leadership. Every team member played an important role, and this teamwork spirit was what made our mission a success.

“We also had the opportunity to witness Vietnam’s progressive



The participants during the expedition in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.

entrepreneurial culture, which inspired us to bring new ideas back to UMS and Malaysia,” she added.

The highlight of the expedition was the Academic Exchange Workshop between UMS and TDTU, where the

UMS delegation was warmly received by Dr Ho Ngo Anh Dao, Dean of the Faculty of Environment and Labour Safety

at TDTU.

During the workshop, head of the Mechanical Engineering Programme, Dr Mohd Kamel Wan Ibrahim, delivered a lecture titled “International Student Mobility in the Faculty of Engineering, UMS.”

The presentation aimed to promote UMS as a preferred destination for credit mobility activities in the Southeast Asian region.

Throughout the expedition, the students participated in various activities, including visits to traditional markets, photography competitions, exploration of Vietnam’s tourism products, and cultural exchange sessions with TDTU students.

Entrepreneurship Expedition III marks the continuation of earlier programmes held in Hatyai, Thailand and Batam, Indonesia, further expanding UMS’s regional mobility and collaboration efforts.