

# Open-door policy at KUIM

IT is not surprising to see students in their lecturers' rooms after classes and tutorials at Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM). From consultations regarding academics to special projects, KUIM's teaching staff are at hand to help students out.

"Most of us have an open-door policy, which means students can come and see us at any time of the day without making appointments," said the Faculty of Science and Technology dean Professor Dr Jalani Sukaimi.

The friendly approach that lecturers adopt makes it easier for students to see them should they face any problem with their subjects.

"As we all know, our job is to impart knowledge to our students. We play an important part in making complicated information simple for them to understand," he said.

KUIM boasts a strong line-up of teaching staff. These individuals are made up of people from Malaysia, Algeria, Sudan, Tunisia, Somali, Iraq, Libya, Canada and Indonesia.

Many are experts in their field.

For instance, Jalani has



been involved in the education sector since 1974. He specialises in genetics and biotechnology, having done a comprehensive research on genetics for his doctorate at the University of Reading, UK.

Having worked with the Palm Oil Research Malaysia (Porim) gives Jalani an edge. As the director of Biology and Deputy Director General, he was involved in the commercialisation of research results.

His experience and affiliation with the industry assures that his classes are industry orientated.

While at Porim, he also travelled extensively to collect gen plasms. To date, he has been to 70 countries,



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including Sinegal, Namimbia, Angola, Sierra Leon, Tanzania, Latin America, Spain and Zimbabwe.

He has also published articles and given keynote address at seminars.



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"I cannot wait to start teaching in the new Food Bio-technology programme

which will be introduced this June," he said.

Besides him, another well-known figure is the Faculty of Syariah and Law dean Professor Dr Abdul Samat Musa.

Soft-spoken Abdul Samat is well-liked among his students and peers. He teaches Comparative Constitutional Law and Administration of Islamic Law in Malaysia.

"I started teaching 25 years ago," said Abdul Samat, who holds a doctorate from the University of Manchester, UK.

His PhD thesis focused on freedom of expression in English law. Hence, Abdul Samat, who did his first degree in Syariah, is an expert in comparing civil and Syariah matters.

Studying under these scholars is an added advantage. Aside from providing excellent facilities and support, KUIM strives in equipping the best teaching staff to provide the best education for students.

It is set on developing a

new generation of Muslims who are ethical, socially responsible, dynamic and who can take up challenges in the information age.

KUIM, which became the 12th public university in 2000, offers courses run by the Faculty of Syariah and Judiciary, Faculty of Qur-anic and Sunnah Studies, Faculty of Economics and Muamalat, Faculty of Dakwah and Islamic Management (now renamed the Faculty of Leadership and Management).

Operating in a temporary campus situated in Kuala Lumpur, Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM) is set to move to its new campus in Bandar Baru Nilai, soon.

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