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# HRH TUANKU CHANCELLOR'S WORKING VISIT TO USIM



HRH Chancellor receiving salute from USIM'S Student Police Volunteer Corp upon arrival. On Tuanku's left is Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin, USIM's VC.

Her Royal Highness Tuanku Najihah Binti Al-Marhum Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, Chancellor of USIM made a working visit to USIM on 26 March 2008 (Wednesday). The main objectives of HRH's visit were to meet the academic and administrative staff and to be briefed on the latest academic and physical developments of the University. HRH's concern and special interest has been a source of inspiration and is

highly appreciated by the University fraternity. This is the second function organized by the University this year attended by HRH, the first being the Special Convocation Ceremony on 16 February. In the Special Convocation Ceremony, HRH as Chancellor of USIM awarded an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree in Da'wah and Islamic Management to Fadhilah Al-Imam Al-Akbar Prof. Dr. Sayyed Muhammad Tantawi, the Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar.

Tan Sri Dr. Mohamad Yusof Noor, Chairman USIM's Board of Directors, Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdul Shukor Hj. Husin, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Dr. Muhamad Muda, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Internationalisation), Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohamed Asin Dollah, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), deans of faculties, professors, senior officials of the University and student representatives also attended.

In her Royal address, HRH observed that USIM has progressed and expanded tremendously well, not only in its physical and infrastructure development but also in its academic programs and student enrolment. HRH thanked the Federal Government and the Ministry of Higher Education for their support, and hoped that they will continue to do so as USIM is still in the process of building the physical infrastructure.

HRH also expressed the hope that work on the construction of the University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences building will start soon so that it will be located on the main campus. HRH congratulated USIM on its effort in organizing and realizing The Tuanku Najihah Syariah and Law Lecture series. This annual

prestigious event which has attracted internationally recognized speakers has brought immense benefits to academicians and law experts. The conferment of an Honorary Doctorate to Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar University has also helped to elevate USIM's stature at the local and international level.



Warm reception by USIM's staff for HRH Tuanku Chancellor. On Tuanku's left is Tan Sri Dr. Mohamad Yusof Noor, Chairman USIM's Board of Directors.

HRH also emphasized on the need for hard work and team work as requirement for USIM to achieve recognition at both local and international level.

Earlier in his welcoming speech, Tan Sri Dr. Mohamad Yusof Noor, Chairman Board of Directors, thanked HRH Tuanku Chancellor for her Working Visit. Tan Sri observed that USIM under HRH's royal patronage has achieved various milestones in positioning itself as a renowned university that elevates the quality of Islamic education.

According to Tan Sri USIM must take the initiatives to ensure Malaysia's hope to become the education hub in this region will be realized. This could be done through the intake of international students, exchange programs and credit transfer program. Thus, USIM's staffs need to fully utilize all the opportunities and bravely face the challenges in making this vision a reality. To realise this vision, USIM needs to strategise its position, utilising its human resource expertise, optimizing use of its physical facilities and also to strengthen its image through the programs and courses offered. However, it must be remembered that all the efforts planned will only be realized through the concerted efforts of all the parties involved.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF VICE CHANCELLOR'S BRIEFING TO TUANKU CHANCELLOR

- USIM'S main campus in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan is strategically located, close to KLIA and Putrajaya, and only 40 minutes to Kuala Lumpur, Shah Alam and Seremban. The campus provides facilities for teaching and learning that are conducive, up-to-date and modern. The teaching staff- a mix of local and foreign - are highly qualified and experienced, experts in their respective fields.



HRH Tuanku Chancellor delivering her speech.

USIM is a Comprehensive University offering a variety of programs covering science and technology; major languages, humanities and Islamic studies; social science (professional); medicine, health sciences and dentistry. The University has 8 faculties. As of 15 March 2008, USIM offers

- 5 TAMHIDI programs (pre-university)
- 18 first degree programs
- 3 postgraduate diploma programs
- 11 programs at the masters level, and
- 5 PhD programs.

- New postgraduate programs that will be offered beginning the 2008/2009 academic session are:

- Masters in Da'wah and Islamic Leadership
- Masters in Counselling (Drug Abuse)
- Masters in Counselling (Family Counselling)
- Masters in Communication (Media Management)

- Based on projected output and student intake for the 2008/2009 academic session, total student enrolment this July 2008 is expected to be around 5,000 students comprising of all levels.