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MESSAGE FROM THE HOD

Title: Congratulations DLIS!

By: Zahidah Zulkifli



Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,

May 2022, marked 30 years of the Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS). The department was started on the Petaling Jaya campus by the strong efforts and passion that have been given by the team during that time. Since then, the department has successfully produced a lot of experts including librarians, lecturers, archivists, project managers, and many more.

All the success will never happen without them. Today, we are celebrating the DLIS 30th Anniversary to show our appreciation to all the remarkable people who have made what the department is today.

The connexion@DLIS which is also the continuity of the celebration from the recent 20th KICT anniversary that was started in April 2021 with 4 industrial talks, "interesting facts about DLIS", games, and logo competition. It is followed by the closing ceremony that was held in hybrid mode at the KICT Conference Roo, Zoom and YouTube. During the closing ceremony 30 guests were invited, who are the Kulliyah members, DLIS staff, and students. They are also librarians from Perpustakaan Kuala Lumpur, IIUM Dar al-hikmah, Gombak and ISTAC campus. The session was fulfilled with Forum and Hi-Tea. Finally, on 14 June 2021, we were invited to visit National Archives Malaysia, which is the last activity for the anniversary celebration.

We are fortunate to have support from the Kulliyah, Prof. Dr. Abd. Rahman Ahlan as the advisor, Dr. Muri Mahmud, the DDPGR, Dr. Nor Azura Zakaria, the HORRI, Madam Zenita, and definitely the department members; even though there are only 6 of us, and I just joined the department in August 2021, but the commitment that has been given is amazing.

The backbone of this event is definitely LISSA – The Library and Information Science Student Assembly, led by Sr. Fawdatuzzihan and her team who worked very hard day and night since early this year. Alhamdulillah, it was a very good start to the new line-up of LISSA, and more activities will be coming insyaAllah.

I see this as a collaborative opportunity where everyone has a role to play in supporting the department and the Library and Information Science programs into the future. I sincerely hope the ukhwah that has been developed among us is not going to stop here, but even stronger. Insyallah, more activities and programs will support our educators, students, collaborators, and researchers to create a sustainable future for the library and information science.

Sincerely,

Asst. Prof. Ts. Dr. Zahidah Zulkifli

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



2022 marked the 30th establishment of DLIS. The library and Information Science program are only offered at 4 higher institutions in Malaysia and we are one of them. I feel privileged to be able to deliver this message as a Chairman of Connexion@DLIS. This is a special time for DLIS in history as we celebrating our 30th anniversary in the mid of 2022. The journey of DLIS began since 1996 and now reach 3 decades, DLIS continues to build a reputation world-class teaching and research faculty in the domain of librarianship and information science.

DLIS offered to study for postgraduate level; Master and Ph.D programs in Library and Information Science fields. Postgraduates students are from various fields and combining of local and international students. DLIS provides knowledge and skills from expert lecturers and train our students with sufficient input for them to enter the job market. We welcome all such aspirants who like to seek knowledge and skills in library and information field to come and join DLIS and be the part of global community soon after the graduations.

To be part of this ecosystem for the past 12 years, I'm proud to say I am blessed because I have been surrounded by great mentors, lecturers, and colleagues who shared their experience and expertise throughout my study life until become a staff of this department. There are so many programs organized throughout the year that benefit me previously as a student and now as a staff.

CONNEXION@DLIS started on 14 April until 3 June 2022, we organized a few talks related to Library Information Science, sharing from the experts of industries or first-hand experience from experts to expose our students to the real experience of their seniors. we do library visits, games, and logo competitions.

By organizing CONNEXION@DLIS, we at DLIS managed to keep in touch with our super senior DLIS staff members such as Prof Dr. Ahmad Bakri, Dr. Noorharun, Dr. Basri Hasan, Dr. Wan Ali Wan Mamat, and many more and we also managed to get the valuable information related to DLIS.. alhamdulillah.. Hopefully, CONNEXION@DLIS will be the kick-off platform for all alumni and students of DLIS to share their thought and ideas for making DLIS better in the future.

Finally, I would sincerely thank and acknowledge everyone who extended help in making this event a grand success. Our Dean, Prof Dr. Abdul Rahman Ahlan, Hod of DLIS Dr. Zahidah Zulkifli, DLIS members, HoRI office, and my beloved LISSA members.

Thank you for your continued support and belief.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Nur Leyni Nilam Putri bt Junurham

MESSAGE FROM LISSA PRESIDENT

Alhamdulillah semester 2 2021/2022 has come to an end. With the support and courage from everybody in the Library and Information Science Students' Association (LISSA) and the Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS) according to their respective rank and contributions, many activities were successfully conducted.

For 30 years of its establishment, DLIS has been a vital institution in producing many skilful guardians of knowledge. Today, living in the Dataistic World, librarians play an essential role in guiding researchers and students to obtain authoritative scientific material in a vast ocean of information. Therefore, in conjunction with curriculums that has been long established and taught well by our dedicated teachers, outside class activities are not less important.

In addition, it should also be remembered that as far as technological advances are concerned, let us strive to qualify ourselves to be a librarian who earnestly preserves the strength of a long scientific tradition.

Finally, yet importantly, hopefully DLIS will continue to aspires to produce information professionals equipped with modern skills and competencies and imbued with Islamic values to meet the needs of a modern society. Let us pray that Allah bless our teachers for the time they dedicate and effort they make to uphold its missions.

by Fawdatuzzihan binti Mohamad Suandi