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MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE

"And speak gently to people and do not be harsh or coarse in your speech."

(Luqman, 31:17)



REFLECTION

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COLLABORATION BETWEEN KICT AND INDONESIAN UNIVERSITY

The recent collaborative international conference between the Kulliyah of Information and Communication Technology (KICT) at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and Universitas Raharja indicated a significant milestone in research collaboration and knowledge exchange. Two distinct conferences were held, resulting in different publication outputs. The conferences are the 3rd International Conference on Creative Communication and Innovative Technology (ICCI) and the 3rd International Interdisciplinary Conference on Research & Opportunities (IICRO).

Nearly 200 papers were selected for these conferences, featuring authors from countries including Indonesia, England, Pakistan, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, New Zealand, the USA, India, Estonia, France, Taiwan, Finland, China, Australia, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, and Germany. The commitment and contributions of the co-hosts were vital in ensuring the success of this event.

The co-host included Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana, Universitas Pelita Harapan, Universitas Semarang, Universitas Esa Unggul, ISB Atma Luhur, Universitas Ichsan Satya, Universitas Muhammadiyah Jakarta, Universitas Bina Bangsa and Universitas Catur Insan Cendekia. This event not only brought together esteemed scholars and industry professionals but also promoted a strong networking platform for knowledge sharing and research purposes. Not only were there conferences, but several activities were also conducted in conjunction with the event, such as workshops, a postgraduate colloquium, a student exchange program, a gala dinner and cultural exchange, and a tour.



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Conference as A Platform for Knowledge Sharing

The conference featured a variety of keynote speeches and research presentations related to the theme: "Fostering Sustainable Digital Transformation through Technological Innovation." Keynote speakers from Taiwan, India, Indonesia, and Australia shared their insights.

The conference included five tracks covering a wide range of topics, with nearly 200 scholars presenting their papers both physically and virtually. The scholars shared their findings, enriching intellectual discussions and exploring potential academic and research collaboration.



Interactive Workshops

In addition to the main conference sessions, several hands-on workshops were conducted, allowing participants to gain practical skills in brain analytics, computational intelligence and empirical evidence. Notable workshops included "Introduction to QEEG and Neurofeedback", which explored the intersection of neuroscience and artificial intelligence, "A Beginner's Guide to LLMs with Python", focusing on the latest advancements in natural language processing, and "Systematic Literature Review (SLR) and Writing in Top Journal", which provided practical insights on conducting comprehensive literature reviews in research. Trainers included experienced practitioners and researchers from KICT, IUM who shared their expertise, ensuring that attendees left with respective knowledge and skills. The participants included both IUM members and external attendees.



Postgraduate Colloquium

The postgraduate colloquium provided a platform for postgraduate students to present their research and receive valuable feedback from experts in the field.

This session not only enhanced the academic experience of the students but also encouraged networking and collaboration among emerging scholars from institutions in Malaysia and Indonesia. A total of 13 participants from KICT, IUM, and external universities took part in this session.



Student Exchange Program

One of the standout features of the conference was the activity of a student exchange program. This initiative aims to strengthen ties between the universities and provide students with opportunities to experience different academic and cultural environments. Students engaged in cultural exchanges, attended lectures, and participated in collaborative projects, enriching their educational journeys.

Eleven students from IIUM participated in this program, while 15 students from various universities in Indonesia also took part, including Universitas Raharja (UR), Universitas Catur Insan Cendekia (UCIC), and Universitas Ichsan Satya (UIS).

Gala Dinner and Cultural Exchange

The conference concluded with a gala dinner that celebrated the successful collaboration between the two universities with theme – “Where Tradition Meets Elegance”. This elegant event provided a formal setting for networking and also featured cultural performances. Attendees enjoyed a delightful evening with traditional and modern music. In addition to the entertainment, the dinner included a prizing ceremony for the Best Dressed, recognizing participants for their creativity and style. The dinner was a memorable occasion, where participants had the opportunity to reflect on the conference’s success while building lasting connections. Additionally, the event featured a special award ceremony recognizing outstanding contributions to the conference.

Tour of Local Attractions

As a grand event to the conference, a guided tour of local attractions was organized, allowing participants to explore the vibrant history and culture of Malaysia. The tour included visits to iconic sites such as Batu Caves and Genting Highlands, offering a unique blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage.

This excursion provided an opportunity for informal discussions and further strengthened the relationships formed during the conference. A total of 60 participants took part in the tour, enjoying both the scenic views and the chance to connect outside the formal conference setting.

The collaborative international conference between KICT and the Indonesian university was a success, creating an impactful platform for knowledge exchange, cultural appreciation, and academic and research collaboration. As both institutions look towards the future, they are committed to continuing this partnership, fostering innovation, and advancing research in the ICT domain. The conference not only enriched the academic landscape but also strengthened the bonds between Malaysia and Indonesia, creating the foundation for future collaborations in research and education.