AeU holds 'It's Time to Reconnect' event

AN alumni high tea reunion event theme, 'It's Time to Reconnect' was arranged by AeU on April 9 at Royale Bintang Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The event was attended by Professor Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed, President and Chief Executive Officer of AeU and Professor Prof Dr Hairudin Harun, deputy President. Others who attended are Deans, Directors and Senate Members. Prof Dato Ansary says, "alumni are the heartbeat of AeU'. Our Alumni Is our strength as the alumni will play a critical role in advancing the university's vision and mission."

"In this globalised digital online age, learning is now ubiquitous, beyond classroom walls, anywhere, anytime and any size which come in the form of Nano Open Online Courses (NOOC). Learning is now more engaging and more mentoring.

"It is important that alumni reconnect and engage with AeU as they are the most priceless resources and ambassadors for the university. AeU will organise events for our alumni to be held in Sabah and Sarawak in the near future," he added.

Among the distinguished doctoral alumni who attended the event is Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Syed Hamid Albar who graduated from AeU with a Doctor of Philosophy (Business Administration) degree in 2014. He served in the private and public service for over 40 years, and served as a Cabinet Minister under two Prime Ministers, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed and Tun Abdullah Badawi for a period of almost 20 years. He is currently Chairman of the Land Public Transport Commission of Malaysia.

"I believe the PhD degree has given me a better intellectual insight and is an achievement he did not expect at the age of 70," he said.

Anexemplary alumnus, Dr Tan TeikKheong is the first Industrial Doctorate graduate in AeU and is conferred the title of 'Senior Corporate Fellow' for his outstanding achievements.

He is an International Prestigious Award Winner among many foreign contestants at the London Hedge Fund Competition In 2014. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Oceana Ventures, Chairman of IEEE Next Generation Wireless and Vice Chairman if Wi-Fi Alliance 802, 11n Marketing. He is an educator, founder of several start-ups mentor, and technopreneur in the digital economy. Dr Tan says "AeU has given me the highest return on my investment."

"I have built relationships and friendships with the academic and operational staffs of AeU, and have my very supportive supervisors and external examiners to thank for."

"I've also expanded on the range of portfolios from my earlier focus of just engineering services and products. Now I was able to include other services and products to those who are not familiar with 'Data Science' or 'Fintech' to create the best of both worlds in finance and technology. As I love to teach, I have also enhanced my teaching and mentoring career."

A minister from the Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe in Malaysia, Mr Mafio Matthew Mlambo, an alumnuswho attended the event, obtained hisMBA degreefrom AeUin 2015.

He enrolled in AeU in 2011 based on his son's research and recommendation when his son was doing his undergraduate degree in Malaysia.

Mr Mlambotestifies "I was very happy to have made the right decision in choosing AeU. I have greatly benefited from AeU's unique flexible learning modewithout theneed to sacrifice my employment and family quality time" "With my strong recommendations, one of my staff had enrolled in AeU's MBA programme including a friend who works in Zambia Embassy had also enrolled in PhD (Education) with AeU."

Another alumnus who is beamong the first batch of MBA graduates in 2011 is Mahadevan Rajam. As a strong believer in lifelong learning the MBA knowledge he gained has expanded his career after having worked as a mechanical engineer for 26 years. He is currently the managing director of Global Concerts (M) Sdn. Bhd.

"I became better in marketing and AeU MBA has helped me to become an entrepreneur at age 49. Its been 6 years now and my businesses include public relations, engineering consultancy and renewable energy."

"I have a fantastic learning experience with AeU especially the flexible learningmode enabled me to spend time with my family and kids, the library facilities were excellent and lecturers were good.""I plan to further my studies in PhD with AeU soon", he said.

AeU is a collaborative multinational university established in 2007 under the auspices of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries Besides its presence in ACD member countries: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UAE, Vietnam, AeU has spread its wings to 17 non-member countries: Denmark, Hong Kong, Iraq, Kenya, Libya, Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden, Somalia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Today, AeUhas a diverse and robust international community of more than 22,000 students from 65 countries in total, out of which 1,000 are fellow doctoral students from 46 countries. AeU's7,000 alumni comprised of both local and foreign nationalities of different cultures and races. They are the citizens of the world and are making a difference around the globe.

AeU rewards loyalty by offering returning alumni a 10 per cent loyalty discount on postgraduate study, library membership and alumni business directory.

The directory is to help support AeU alumni who are business owners to help develop AeU alumni which is available for alumni and the general public to view. To be part of AeU's global community, all alumni are encourage to update the changes of their profiles and contacts, if any to the Student Affairs and Alumni department via email: saa@aeu.edu.my or tel: +603-27850032.

For those who are interested in AeU flexible programmes you can apply online now for May intakes, at www.aeu.edu.my. However, intakes of all postgraduate research programmes are open throughout the year. For enquiries, call Tel: 1300 300 238.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Syed Hamid (centre), Mafio Matthew Mlambo (left) and Prof Dr Hairudin Harun,Reconnect at AeU's Alumni Hi Tea event.

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