

POSTGRADUATE OPTIONS

Papers reflect quality of AeU programmes

ASIA e University recently held its Postgraduate Research Conference 2015 as an initiative to enhance the quality of the university's doctoral programmes via a platform for researchers to discuss and share their knowledge, experience and findings.

The conference aimed to promote research culture among the students and alumni. It was hosted by the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) at the AeU main campus with the support of United Panel-System Sdn Bhd.

The day-long conference was attended by 90 local and foreign participants, including the alumni.

The majority of the 21 paper presenters were Malaysians, but there were also presenters from Sweden, Britain and Pakistan.

One of AeU's distinguished alumnus who presented his paper was Tan Sri Dr Syed Hamid Albar, who graduated with a PhD in business administration.

His research was entitled "The influence of national interest in foreign policy outcomes in Malaysia during the Mahathir era (1981-2003)".

He is currently the Land Public Trans-

port Commission (SPAD) chairman.

Another presenter, BASF Asia-Pacific service management director Durairaj Veeraiyah, who is a PhD (Business Administration) candidate, presented his paper on "How supply chain management contributes to company performance".

British national and PhD (Arts) candidate Marian Elizabeth Arumugam presented her paper entitled "Student negative self-talk: An evaluation of the relationship with perceived parenting styles, parental investment student adjustment and mental health".

An AeU alumnus from Pakistan, Dr Fatima Rehan Dar, who has a PhD in education, presented her research paper entitled "Empathetic and pro-social awareness in primary school students: A case study of Beaconhouse school system".

A PhD (Information & Communication Technology) candidate from Sweden, Tirri Seppo Ilari, presented his paper on "Mathematical abstraction theory, the fundamentals for knowledge representation and self-evolving autonomous problem solving systems".

SGS dean Professor Dr Siow Heng Loke thanked the participants and said this year's conference was unique because of its breadth of interest and its global reach.

"The research papers presented reflected the high quality of AeU's postgraduate programmes, research supervisors, student diversity and study experiences," he said.

AeU is a collaborative multinational university established under the auspices of the 33 Asia Cooperation Dialogue Countries (ACD). All academic programmes are internationally benchmarked, approved by the Education Ministry and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency. AeU has garnered several awards, such as the Brand Laureate Awards 2010 for "Best Brand in Education — e-Education", and the Asia-Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2010 under the "Most Promising Entrepreneur" category. In 2012, the University was announced as "the best ACD Project" during the ACD Meeting in Kuwait.

AeU has spread its wings far and wide to ACD countries and beyond to



Asia e University PhD (Arts) candidate Marian Elizabeth, from the United Kingdom, is one of the presenters at the university's Postgraduate Research Conference 2015.

non-ACD countries, like Denmark, Hong Kong, Iraq, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden, Somalia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Apart from its main campus, AeU has established a strong network of learning centres nationwide.

These learning centres are strategically located in major cities and

towns, and rural areas throughout Malaysia.

There are three intakes every year which are on January, May and September. Registration for postgraduate (by research) programmes is open throughout the year.

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