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**REPORT ON PROGRAMME**

**"UniMAP GLOBAL OUTREACH (UniGo) 2.0",**

**UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PERLIS (UniMAP),**

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## **Introduction**

UniMAP GLOBAL OUTREACH (UniGo) 2.0 is a volunteerism and mobility program organized by Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Perlis, Malaysia. The camp focuses on the use of volunteerism for saving future generations through environmental conservation and its awareness. It was a great opportunity for Malaysian students to learn new skills, network with other students, and explore the cultural and historical sites of Songkhla & Phatthalung. The programme were held from February 28th to March 6th, 2023 was attended by participants from the Faculty of Ocean Engineering Technology and Informatics (FTKKI), Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia; Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, Malaysia; Universitas Sriwijaya, Indonesia; Universitas Negeri Malang, Indonesia and Thaksin University, Thailand.

## **Background of Universiti Malaysia Perlis**

Universiti Malaysia Perlis, also known as UniMAP due to its abbreviation, is a public institution of higher education in Malaysia that can be found in the state of Perlis. The name Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan Utara Malaysia was formerly used for this institution (Northern Malaysia University College of Engineering, abbreviated as KUKUM). On July 25, 2001, it was officially inaugurated as the 17th Public Institute of Higher Learning in the country of Malaysia. YBhg. Datuk Prof. Emeritus Dr. Kamarudin Hussin served as the institution's first Vice-Chancellor. YBhg. Lt Kol Prof. Ts. Dr. Zaliman Sauli is currently serving as the institution's Vice-Chancellor. KUKUM officially became a full-fledged university on February 7, 2007, and adopted its current name at that time as well. Its logo, which has been used since 2003, was redesigned to serve as the University's logo.

## **Location**

UniMAP is located in Perlis. Perlis, the smallest state in Malaysia, is located on Peninsular Malaysia's northern west coast. It has borders with the Thai provinces of Satun and Songkhla to the north and the Malaysian state of Kedah to the south. This quaint tiny state has a population of about 253,000 people, the bulk of whom are Malays, Chinese, and Indians.

Kangar is the administrative centre of Perlis, while Arau is the royal seat. Padang Besar, one of Malaysia's entry points to Thailand, is around 30 minutes' drive from Kangar. The port and ferry terminal in the small coastal community of Kuala Perlis connect the state with the popular tourist island of Langkawi. The picturesque island of Penang is about a 2.5-hour trip to the south, while the city of Kuala Lumpur is roughly a 6-hour drive (or 40-minute flight).

Due to its tranquil allure, rustic charm, and rich vegetation, Perlis is a perfect location for students who are pursuing their education. The residents of Perlis are recognised for their simplicity and friendliness. The relaxed atmosphere of the state contrasts starkly with the bustling campus life of UniMAP, creating a unique environment suitable to exploration, adventure, and growth.

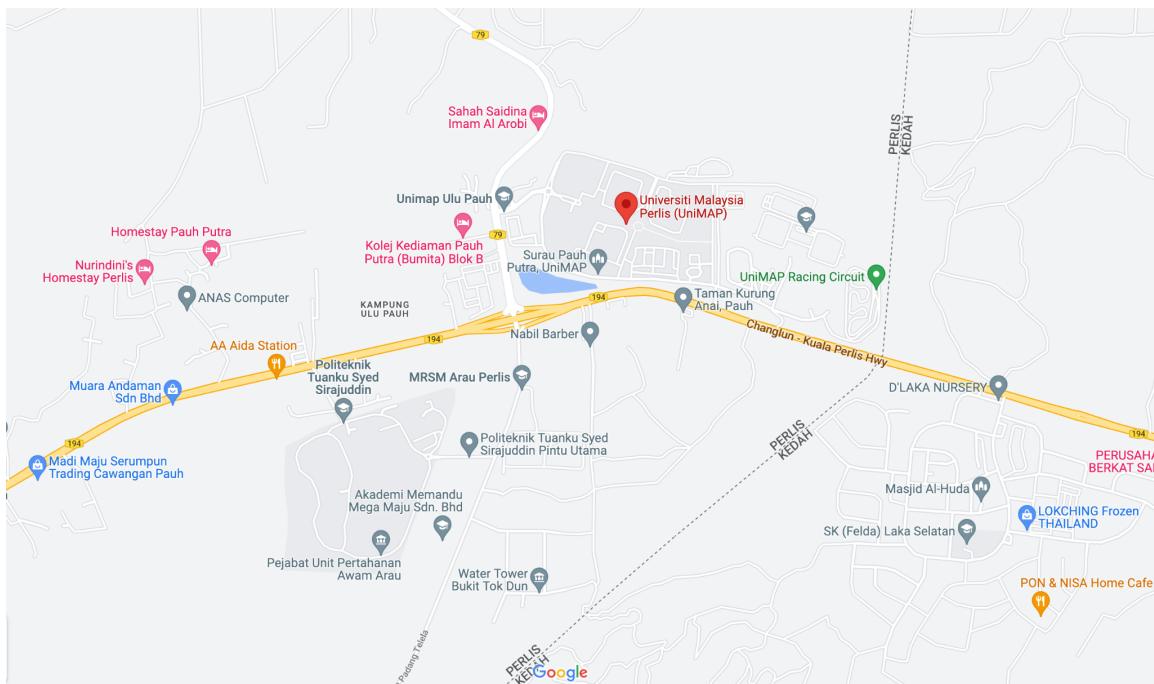


Figure 1: Google Map on Universiti Malaysia Perlis, 02600 Arau, Perlis

## **Activities**

### **Day 1 – 28th February 2023**

On the first day of the event, participants from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) departed from UMT and arrived at Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP).



Figure 3: Group photo of participants at Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT).

### **Day 2 – 1st March 2023**

On the second day of the event, the programme began with the registration and welcoming ceremony. The participants arrived at PFI2, UniMAP by van and completed the registration process before the welcoming ceremony. The arrival of all UniGo participants at UniMAP was welcomed by the UniMAP student representative Council and Mr. Mohamad Hafiz Bin Mohamad Shokri, director of UniGO. Then, during the welcoming ceremony we were given lunch at the PFI2.



Figure 4 : Photo during lunch at PFI2

After lunch, participants were instructed to go to Canselori building by bus that was provided by UniMAP for the opening ceremony conducted by Prof Dr. Mohd Foad Sakdan, Deputy vice-chancellor of UniMAP and briefing session that was conducted by Mr. Mohamad Hafiz Bin Mohamad Shokri.



Figure 5: Group photo in front of UniMAP Canselori building



Figure 6 : Opening ceremony conducted by Prof Dr. Mohd Foad Sakdan.



Figure 7 : Briefing session conducted by Prof Dr. Mohd Foad Sakdan.

After the opening ceremony and briefing session, there was one field trip to HPA Industries Sdn Bhd. Hpa Industries Sdn Bhd manufactures, distributes, and exports herbal consumer and health goods. An extremely ambitious individual, Tn Hj Ismail Ahmad, founded the company in 1995. Herbal treatments, toiletries, and dietary supplements are among the products sold.



Figure 8: Group photo with Tn Hj Ismail Ahmad, founder of HPA Industries

After the industrial tour, we went back to UniMAP and had our dinner before the Volunteer-talk seminar. Figure 9 shows the Volunteer-talk seminar that was conducted by a moderator from UniMap and 4 panels to share their volunteering experience to others.



Figure 9: the Volunteer-talk seminar

### **Day 3- 2nd March 2023**

On the third day, in the morning after breakfast, we had volunteer activity at Persisiran Pantai Kuala Perlis in collaboration with Trash hero. Trash Hero is an international volunteer movement directed, supported, and managed by Trash Hero World. The participants collected the trash along the Persisiran Pantai Kuala Perlis. The purpose of this activity is to preserve and protect our environment for generations to come.



Figure 10: Group photo with all participants at Persisiran Pantai Kuala Perlis

In the afternoon, we had a little tour to Gua Kelam, also known as Cave of Darkness at Kaki Bukit, Perlis. This cave features both stalagmites and stalactites for decoration. Gua Kelam's main attraction is the 8-foot-wide wooden suspension bridge carved by an Englishman in the 1930s to transport tin from the nearby mine.



Figure 11: Group photo at Gua Kelam Gallery with UniMAP Vice Chancellor

Last night at Perlis, we went to the Asputra Ikan Bakar restaurant in Kuala Perlis for our night feast as shown in the figure 12. There is fish available for supper, which makes for a fantastic dining experience in addition to the restaurant's superb meals.



Figure 12: Night Feast at Asputra Ikan Bakar restaurant

#### Day 4 – 3rd March 2023

On day 4, the day starts with a UniMAP campus tour after breakfast. During the tour we were divided into 2 groups to make sure the place during the tour is not too crowded. In the afternoon, we hit the road to Padang Besar train station to travel to Hat Yai Train Station, Thailand.

We reach at Hat Yai Train Station in the evening and from there we travel by Thaksin University bus to Thaksin University Phatthalung Campus, Thailand. There was a welcome ceremony with a little speech by the Deputy vice-chancellor of Thaksin University from when we arrived at Thaksin University Phatthalung Campus. We were treated with traditional Thai dishes and local traditional performances.



Figure 13: During the speech of Deputy vice-chancellor of Thaksin University



Figure 14: Group of Thaksin's student performing in local traditional dance

## Day 5 – 4th March 2023

For the 2nd day in Thailand, in the morning we traveled to Thale Noi lake. The Thale Noi lake was located at Phanang Tung, Khuan Khanun District, Phatthalung 93150, Thailand. There, we cruised across the Thale Noi lake that was full of water lilies and met a herd of water buffalo.



Figure 15: Group photo at jetty of Thale Noi lake.

After the lake tour, we went to a cafe to have our lunch that was located at Ban Na, Srinagarindra District, Phatthalung 93000, Thailand. It is a rainforest themed cafe and it has many art sculptures for their customers who love art. Then, we continued our journey to the one of the handicraft center in the Srinagarindra District to learn about Thailand's traditional batik process and how to make batik with their block from natural resources.



Figure 16: Group photo at the handicraft center.

Afterwards, we went to the Khao Khram Waterfall. Khao Khram Waterfall is also located in the Srinagarindra District. It was a fish sanctuary place where fishing and catching fish is forbidden. Then, we went back to the Thaksin University Phatthalung Campus to have dinner. After dinner there was a last night party, where we played some games and did some activities. Everybody seems to enjoy it and we have a lot fun activities going on that night.



Figure 17: Photo of Khao Kram Waterfall

## Day 6 – 5th March 2023

On the morning of 5 March 2023, the last day we were in Thailand, the participants went to Thaksin University Songkhla campus by their university bus. There we did some tours that were guided by their student representative council. After lunch hour, there were closing ceremony and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Corporate Relations of Thaksin University gave certificates to the participants.

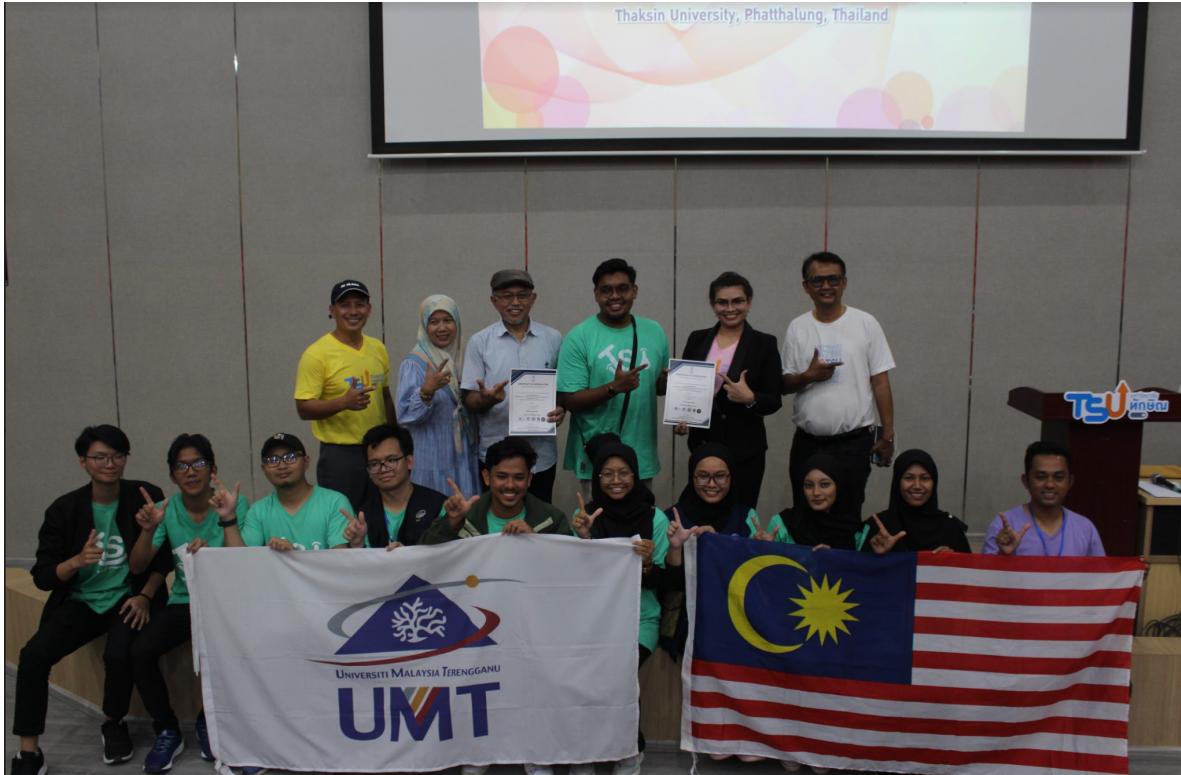


Figure 12: Group photo during the closing ceremony

In the evening before we went back to Malaysia, we had a little detour to the Khlong Hae Floating Market at Hat Yai, Thailand. There I bought some souvenirs and a very delicious coconut ice cream. After that, we continued our journey to Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMap) and crossed the Malaysia-Thailand border at Padang Besar Border, Perlis. Everything went well there and reached UniMap campus safely at midnight.

## Day 7 – 6th March 2022

The next morning, we went back to Universiti Malaysia Terengganu by van. The journey took almost 8 hours and we safely arrived at Universiti Malaysia Terengganu in the evening.

## **After the camp**

In order for the student to receive one hour of credit transfer, it was required of them to write a report and either provide slides or a video to present.

## **Conclusion**

The UniGO 2.0 was a successful event that provided students with a one-of-a-kind opportunity to develop new skills, personal growth, and interpersonal relationships. The programme was well-organized and featured a variety of activities that catered to participants of varying skill levels and interests. The accommodations and facilities were adequate and provided students with a comfortable and secure atmosphere. Participants asked questions and shared their experiences during the lectures, which were participatory and interesting. The participants were able to experience traditional Thai cuisine and engage with the local community. Overall, the summer camp UniGO 2.0 was a great success and a testament to the commitment of UniGO to encourage youth to participate in volunteerism.

## **Appendix A**

batik block (Handicraft Center at Srinagarindra, Thailand)





## Appendix B

Coconut Ice cream at Khlong Hae Floating Market, Hat Yai, Thailand

