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EVENTS by ACTiVE Researchers

Research Workshop

A research workshop for a collaborative project between FPTV and Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI) has been conducted at KSL Hotel, on the 31st October 2016. The workshop was attended by the research team from UPI, led by Assoc. Prof. Dr Agus Setiawan, whereas Prof Jailani, Assoc. Prof Dr Mimi, Dr Lai, Dr Kahirol and Dr Nor Lisa represented FPTV.



The 5th WoCTVET

The 5^{th} WoCTVET 2016 was successfully held on the $1^{st}-2^{nd}$ November 2016 at KSL Hotel, Johor Bahru. More than 200 national and international participants attended the conference. A total of 57 research papers have been presented at the conference.



International Research Project

An international research project has been successfully secured by Prof Dr Jailani Md Yunos. The project explores the field of vocational pedagogy and it will be jointly conducted by researchers of Universitas Negeri Padang and FPTV, UTHM. A kick-off workshop has been held at Hotel Nagoya Plasa, Batam, on $29-31^{\rm st}$ Dec 2016.



Kick Off Meeting for MoHE Consultation Project

A kick-off meeting for the consultation project has been held on the 15th of Dec 2016. The on-going project is granted by the MoHE and it aims to determine the definition of TVET and employability within the sphere of higher education.



RESEARCH by ACTiVE Researchers

Malaysian Stakeholders' Perception on the TVET Brand

The research on employers' and educators' perspectives regarding the role of vocational education in economic development is fairly scarce especially within Malaysia context. Therefore, a study, funded by UTHM under MDR grant, has been conducted by Dr Marlina Mohamad to investigate the perceptions of Malaysian stakeholders including parents, teachers and policy-makers regarding the TVET brand in the economic development of the country. The idea is to understand a broad-based understanding of what constitute of a TVET brand is required in order to convey the importance of TVET message to targeted audience.

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The Workplace Learning and Performance Competencies Model: Malaysian HRD Practitioners Perspectives

Dr Kahirol Mohd Salleh's research aimed to identify the perception of Human Resource Development (HRD) practitioners' of the competencies required by HR practitioners in organizations. The research project was financially supported by MoHE under RAGS. This study was based on the competency model for Malaysian HRD practitioners and 89 HR practitioners from various organizations were involved in the web-based survey. The findings indicated that HRD practitioners realize the importance and significance of competency in order to ensure positive future of their organizations.

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Critical Thinking Curriculum Model for TVE Programs: Moving Toward 21st Century Education

A research, led by Dr Nor Lisa Sulaiman, was conducted to investigate the extent to which community college lecturers incorporate critical thinking in teaching Technical and Vocational Education (TVE) programs. In specific, the most frequently used and effective strategies; and the relationships and differences among frequency of use, perception of effectiveness, and knowledge of critical thinking teaching strategies have been explored in the study. The findings indicated that among the 58 critical thinking strategies, open-ended questioning was rated as the most frequently used strategy and small group discussions were perceived as most effective by community colleges lecturers.

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