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Executive Editor Note

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) continues to forge a purposeful path as a strategic player in Malaysia's higher education transformation. The launch of the Malaysia Higher Education Plan (2026-2035) marks a new milestone for UMT. In an increasingly complex and competitive global landscape, universities must go beyond traditional metrics and redefine themselves as institutions that shape society, produce impactful research, and develop well-rounded graduates. UMT embraces this responsibility with a clear mission and strong character.

Our commitment is rooted in forming meaningful partnerships, enhancing academic excellence, and broadening our global presence through genuine collaborations. As higher education experiences rapid changes driven by digitalization, sustainability demands, and societal expectations, UMT remains committed to aligning its strategies with national goals while maintaining its marine-based identity and specialized expertise. All these efforts are consistently reflected in our Newsletter.

Equally important is our belief that a university campus must be more than just a place of academic pursuit. It must be a vibrant cultural ecosystem. The recent celebration of campus arts and cultural innovation demonstrates UMT's commitment to fostering creativity, preserving heritage, and promoting unity within our diverse community. Culture and creativity are not just extras; they are vital in developing resilient, empathetic, and future-ready graduates, regardless of our focus on marine and aquatic resources.

As we move forward, UMT's journey is guided by strategic clarity, a collaborative spirit, and a steadfast focus on impact. Together, we are not just reacting to change; we are shaping it.

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UMT Committed to Being Strategic Player in Malaysia's Higher Education Transformation

By Zukiferee Ibrahim, Corporate Communication Office

With the recent launch of the **Malaysia Higher Education Plan 2026–2035**, **Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)** will play a strategic role in driving Malaysia's higher education transformation, said Vice-Chancellor Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Mohd Zamri Ibrahim.

The newly unveiled Plan is not merely a policy document, Prof. Zamri said, but a national vision that reflects Malaysia's determination to build its future through knowledge, talent, and innovation, while positioning the country as a competitive force in the global knowledge economy.

"The Plan demands a bold and coordinated transformation of our higher education ecosystem," he said. "UMT embraces this Plan not as an observer, but as a strategic player committed to its successful implementation."

As a university specializing in marine, maritime, and aquatic resources, UMT is aligning its academic and research ecosystem to contribute directly to national priorities, particularly the Malaysian Blue Economy Agenda. UMT will focus on three strategic transformation leaps outlined in the Plan, Prof. Zamri said.

On Leap 2 (Purpose-Driven High-Performance Talent), he said UMT views high-performance talent as a strategic national asset. Significant gaps exist in the marine and maritime sectors, which continue to depend on low-skilled labour, foreign expertise, and fragmented technological solutions, despite the global blue economy being valued at more than USD1.5 trillion annually and projected to double by 2030.

"UMT is committed to producing graduates who are not only employable, but capable of leading marine industries, ocean technologies, smart fisheries, marine biotechnology, and ocean-based renewable energy," he said.

Addressing Leap 8 (Flexible Education and Lifelong Learning), the Vice-Chancellor said UMT is strengthening its position as a national provider of flexible education through its UMTlife, a centre that integrates micro-credentials, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), Open and Distance Learning (ODL), APEL pathways, and industry-based learning.



"This is about building a lifelong learning ecosystem that enables Malaysians to continuously upgrade their skills in response to technological and industrial change, while extending UMT's reach beyond Terengganu into the digital and global learning space," he said.

On Leap 9 (Sustainability and Planetary Health), he said sustainability and planetary health form the core of UMT's institutional identity. Through the Institute of Oceanography and Environment (INOS), the Institute of Tropical Aquaculture, and the Institute of Climate Change and Marine Biodiversity (ICAMB), UMT has established a strong national presence in climate change research, ocean health, marine biodiversity, and food security.

"From turtle conservation and coral reef restoration to sustainable fisheries and the blue economy, UMT's work goes beyond research; we protect and restore our natural ecosystems for future generations," he said.

Prof. Zamri expressed confidence that the Plan will be a catalyst in positioning Malaysia as a globally competitive higher education provider.

"UMT stands ready as a strategic partner in shaping the nation's maritime strength, sustainability agenda, and blue economy leadership," he said.

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Official Visit of Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Pattani Campus to Universiti Malaysia Terengganu: Towards Sustainable Research Collaboration

By Syarifah Noormaisarah Tuan Besar, International Centre

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) successfully hosted an official delegation from Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Pattani Campus, Thailand, on 20 January 2026.

The visit marked a significant step forward in strengthening academic collaboration and enhancing strategic international partnerships between PSU and Universiti Malaysia Terengganu.

The PSU delegation was led by Asst. Prof. Dr. Warapark Maitreephun, Assistant President for Research and Social Mission, Pattani Campus, accompanied by members of the editorial team of the *Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities Research in Asia (JSHRA)*, as well as representatives from the research and international affairs offices.

Upon arrival, the delegation was officially received by Prof. Ts. Dr. Kesaven A/L Bhubalan, Director of the International Centre, UMT, who welcomed the representatives from PSU Pattani Campus and reaffirmed UMT's commitment to strengthening international academic partnerships.

The afternoon session commenced with a courtesy meeting with UMT Top Management, followed by a focused discussion session involving the University's Editorial Board and International Team.

The session also featured a sharing presentation on UMT's *Journal of Sustainability Science and Management (JSSM)* delivered by Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Ma Nyuk Ling, Deputy Chief Director of the JSSM Editorial Board. The presentation highlighted the journal's editorial framework, publication standards, indexing achievements, and strategies for enhancing international visibility. The sharing session provided valuable insights and served as a reference point for benchmarking and future collaboration between the editorial teams of both universities.



Key matters deliberated during the meeting included:

- Strengthening the quality and international visibility of academic journals
- Benchmarking editorial practices and publication standards
- Exploring joint initiatives to enhance journal indexing and impact
- Expanding student exchange and academic mobility programmes
- Identifying potential collaborative research opportunities

The discussions were constructive and forward-looking, with both institutions expressing strong interest in developing structured collaboration mechanisms, particularly in journal development and scholarly publishing standards.

During the session, the Head of Delegation, Asst. Prof. Dr. Warapark Maitreephun, conveyed his sincere appreciation to UMT for the warm hospitality and openness towards strengthening collaboration with PSU Pattani Campus.

He expressed his confidence that the partnership between both institutions would continue to grow, particularly in the areas of academic publishing and student mobility. He also conveyed his pride in the achievements and positive performance demonstrated by UMT students who participated in mobility programmes at PSU Pattani Campus, describing them as exemplary ambassadors of their university.

The visit provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and strategic dialogue. Both universities acknowledged the importance of regional collaboration in elevating academic excellence and enhancing global engagement.

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu extends its sincere appreciation to the delegation from Prince of Songkla University, Pattani Campus, and looks forward to continued collaboration that will generate meaningful impact for both institutions.

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UMT, UDINUS Enhance Institutional Partnership

By Dr Nurul Ashraf Razali & Dr Dina Azleema Mohamed Nor, Faculty of Ocean Engineering Technology

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) is set to expand its global academic footprint following a recent visit by a delegation from Universitas Dian Nuswantoro (UDINUS), Indonesia.

The visit is expected to catalyse new research collaborations, broaden student mobility opportunities, and strengthen student-centred initiatives with long-term impact on teaching, learning, and wellbeing.

The event marked an important step forward in UMT's internationalisation agenda. Discussions took place between the visiting delegation, consisting of Dr. Ika Pantiawati, Widya Ratna Wulan, Tiara Fani, and Syifa Sofia Wibowo, and UMT Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ir. Ts. Dr. Mohd Zamri Ibrahim, focusing on future-oriented cooperation in joint research, academic exchanges and collaborative programmes designed to benefit both institutions and their students.

Beyond high-level talks, the visit translated into meaningful on-the-ground engagement through a programme held at the UMT Convention Centre. The UMT-UDINUS International Youth Health Collaboration 2026 programme emphasised youth empowerment via telemedicine-driven health prevention strategies. The session also addressed anti-vaping awareness and the promotion of active, healthy lifestyles, aligning with UMT's vision of producing graduates who are not only academically competent but also socially and health conscious.

A total of 40 students from the Bachelor of Technology (Environmental) and Bachelor of Technology (Renewable Energy) programmes actively participated in the programme. Through cross-border knowledge exchange, intercultural dialogue and collaborative discussions, students explored contemporary health challenges affecting university communities while gaining exposure to international perspectives and practices.

The programme was implemented through close collaboration between UDINUS, UMT's Faculty of Technology, Engineering and Computer Technology (FTKK), and UMT's student-led EnTech Club. It was conducted under the guidance of EnTech Club Advisor Dr. Dina Azleema Mohamed Nor and International Mobility Coordinator Dr. Nurul Ashraf Razali, reflecting strong academic leadership and coordination at the institutional level.



The visit represents a significant milestone in the evolving partnership between UMT and UDINUS. It highlights UMT's commitment to global engagement, academic excellence, and the holistic development of its students.

The collaboration successfully strengthened bilateral ties, engaged students in hands-on health initiatives, promoted awareness of telemedicine and active lifestyles, and fostered meaningful cross-cultural learning.

By linking strategic academic discussions with impactful student engagement, the collaboration is expected to generate sustained benefits in research, mobility, and holistic student development.

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UMT, INHART IIUM to Advance Collaboration in Halal Fisheries-Based Food Research

By Rozita Alias@Abdul Latiff, Faculty of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences

The Faculty of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences (FSPA), Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), and the International Institute for Halal Research and Training (INHART) of International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) have exchanged a Letter of Intent (LoI) as an initial step towards strengthening strategic collaboration in the development and production of halal fisheries-based food products in Malaysia.

The LoI reflects a shared commitment by both institutions to establish a more structured, high-impact collaboration in research, innovation, and technology development related to the halal fisheries food sector. The initiative is expected to support Malaysia's aspiration to position itself as a global halal hub through science-driven and market-relevant innovation.

The collaboration will focus on key areas including fisheries science, food processing, halal assurance, standards compliance, product innovation, and market requirements, in line with the increasingly competitive global halal industry. By combining UMT's expertise in fisheries and marine sciences with INHART (IIUM)'s strengths as an internationally recognised halal research reference centre, the partnership is expected to produce high-quality, safe, innovative, and competitive halal fisheries-based food products for both domestic and international markets.

The exchange of the LoI took place during a courtesy visit at the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UMT, and serves as a foundation for further discussions towards the formalisation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UMT and INHART (IIUM) in the future.

According to Professor Dr. Najiah binti Musa, Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences, the LoI reflects FSPA UMT's commitment to expanding its strategic network



with specialised halal research institutions. She added that UMT remains dedicated to leading high-impact research that not only enhances academic excellence but also delivers tangible benefits to industry and society.

Meanwhile, Professor Dr. Irwandi Jaswir of INHART (IIUM) expressed the institute's readiness to support the collaboration through joint research initiatives, advisory services, standards development, and halal-related knowledge transfer, in line with INHART's role in strengthening the halal ecosystem through scientific and innovative approaches.

The UMT delegation was led by Professor Dr. Najiah binti Musa and accompanied by Professor Dr. Ahmed Jalal Khan Chowdhury, Visiting Professor at FSPA. INHART (IIUM) was represented by Professor Dr. Irwandi Jaswir and Associate Professor Dr. Noor Faizul Hadry Nordin, both of whom are experienced figures in halal research and product development.

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UMT Researcher Receives Best Presenter Award at International Biodiversity Conference

By Amirul Salam Hasan, Corporate Communication Office

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) continues to enhance its international research profile when one of its researchers, Associate Professor Dr. Wan Mohd Afiq Wan Mohd Khalik, was honoured with the Best Presenter Award at the International Conference on Biodiversity, Science and Technology 2026, recently held at Mahasarakham University, Thailand.

At the conference, Associate Professor Dr. Wan Mohd Afiq presented his research on the development of a micro-analytical method for detecting antidepressant residues in water, aimed at strengthening the monitoring of pharmaceutical pollution in aquatic environments. The research was conducted under the Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS) with support from the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (MOHE).

Commenting on the achievement, he noted that the recognition reflects the increasing international attention given to sustainability-focused research and highlights the quality of research produced by UMT.

"This award recognises the research efforts undertaken, as well as the continuous support provided by UMT and the Ministry of Higher Education in advancing high-impact research," he said.

The conference, now in its third edition, was organised by the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Technology of Mahasarakham University and attracted the participation of 150 presenters from various countries, including Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Japan.

The conference covered a broad range of disciplines, including biodiversity, chemistry and advanced materials, biology, climate change, agriculture and food, applied sciences, as well as data and modelling for sustainability. Participation in such platforms further reinforces UMT's position as an active and reputable research institution on the global stage.



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UMT Leads the Way in Empowering Student Voices Through National Podcast Initiative

By Muhammad Hisyamuddin Szali, Student & Alumni Affairs

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) took the lead in strengthening student media and digital communication at the **JIWA SISWA Podcast Management Workshop**, held from January 15–17, 2026, at Scout Inn Resort. As the main academic and strategic anchor, UMT facilitated this collaborative initiative with the Malaysian University Debating Council (MADUM) and Yayasan Perkaasa Siswa (YPS) to establish a national brand for student-led podcasts across Higher Education Institutions (IPT).

The workshop, supported by sponsorship from YPS and MADUM, aimed to boost students' digital competence and storytelling abilities. Through UMT's guidance, participants gained practical skills in podcast production, moderation, and technical operations while learning how to communicate ethically and effectively. Plans are also underway to integrate the Job On Campus (JOC) Scheme, ensuring student teams are professionally recognized and compensated for their contributions.

Professor Dr. Mohd Izani Mohd Zain, UMT Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), who is also Chairman of MADUM, highlighted the university's role in shaping the next generation of student communicators during the closing ceremony. He encouraged participants to continuously apply the skills acquired at their campuses and emphasized that effective podcasts must deliver messages that are *"padat, jelas dan memberi impak positif"* (compact, clear, and carry a positive impact), reflecting the spirit of *"Jiwa Siswa, Jiwa Merdeka."*

Students like Nuramiraasha Rashdan from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSII) shared how UMT's support and the workshop environment inspired them to take on the role of campus communication agents. They gained confidence to create content that bridges communities while remaining authentic and impactful.

By leading this initiative, UMT not only strengthens student media literacy but also sets the stage for sustainable,



professional, and ethically responsible podcast production nationwide. The university's involvement ensures that the **JIWA SISWA** brand will continue to empower students, enabling them to lead meaningful digital conversations and amplify Malaysian youth voices on both national and community platforms.

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UMT Champions Campus Arts and Cultural Innovation at Festival Ombak 2025

By Dr. Noorfathehah Abdullah Sani, Cultural and Arts Centre

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) successfully showcased its leadership in nurturing student talent and advancing the campus cultural ecosystem through Festival Ombak 2025. The event served as a dynamic platform for students to develop leadership, creative, and event management skills while promoting Malaysia's arts and cultural heritage. Organized by UMT's HEPA Centre for Culture and Arts in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia (MOTAC) under the Cultural Sector Support Grant (GSSK), the festival demonstrated UMT's commitment to integrating education, creativity, and national industry priorities.

The festival was fully driven by UMT's Angkatan Anak Seni (AKASIA), the network of cultural clubs under HEPA, giving students hands-on experience in leading large-scale events. "OMBAK," an acronym for *Olahan Moden Budaya & Alam Kearifan* (Modern Interpretation of Culture & Environmental Wisdom), captures the festival's vision of blending tradition, environmental awareness, and contemporary artistic expression, a signature initiative that reflects UMT's innovative approach to student development.

Festival highlights included talkshow sessions with prominent Malaysian creative industry figures such as Wanie Kayrie, Dr. Soo Wincci, and Ardel Arianna, offering insights on career growth, industry challenges, and talent cultivation. Performances by invited artist Afieq Shazwan attracted both the campus community and local residents, creating an inclusive celebration of arts and culture.

Beyond performances, the festival featured student-led art showcases, cultural exhibitions, and competitions, positioning students as the primary drivers of the event. This hands-on approach not only provided practical experience but also fostered a holistic understanding of arts management and cultural heritage preservation. This underscored UMT's role in shaping capable, creative, and responsible graduates.



According to the organizers, Festival Ombak 2025 exemplifies UMT's strategic commitment to producing students who are confident, innovative, and competitive, aligning with national creative industry priorities. MOTAC's support through GSSK reflects both the government's confidence in UMT's leadership and the university's role as a national hub for student-driven cultural initiatives.

With its innovative programming and strong focus on student empowerment, UMT envisions Festival Ombak continuing as a high-impact annual event that celebrates arts and culture while serving as a premier training ground for leadership, creativity, and professional development in event and arts management.

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UMT Students Shine at Vice-Chancellor's Cup 2025 Debate, Showcasing Leadership and Critical Thinking

By Amirul Salam Hasan, Corporate Communication Office

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) once again demonstrated its commitment to nurturing confident, capable, and socially conscious students at the recent 2025 Vice-Chancellor's Cup Debate (DPNC).

The prestigious competition brought together 20 Malay-language teams from across faculties, challenging participants to present persuasive arguments, think critically, and solve complex problems under pressure.

The STEM A team from UMT's Centre for STEM Foundation Studies (PASTEM) emerged as champions with the motion, *"This House Believes the Blue Economy is the Solution to Malaysia's Socioeconomic Disparities"*, winning the trophy and a cash prize. The team stood out for their well-structured arguments, composure, and innovative ideas, even against more experienced undergraduate teams and the runners-up.

19-year-old Norshahirah Hisham, representing STEM A, said the experience was invaluable. "The trophy and cash prize are exciting, but the real value lies in the opportunity to develop problem-solving skills and confidence through rigorous debate," she shared. She added that competing against senior students pushed the team to grow both intellectually and personally.

The achievement underscores UMT's ability to prepare students to compete confidently on national stages. It also highlights the university's commitment to fostering critical thinking, effective communication, and ethical reasoning from the foundation level.

The 2025 DPNC also featured an English-language debate category, with 10 teams and a total of 120 participants, further reflecting UMT's role in promoting intellectual engagement and cross-campus collaboration.

Professor Dr. Mohd Izani Mohd Zain, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) and Chairman of Malaysian University Debating Council (MADUM), praised the students' performance. "Debating at this level cultivates courage, communication skills, and awareness of pressing issues. By choosing the Blue Economy as the motion, we aim to link students' academic growth with national priorities,



sustainability, and community development. UMT is committed to shaping students who can think across disciplines and make informed decisions balancing economic and environmental needs," he said.

Through initiatives like the DPNC, UMT continues to strengthen its reputation as a university that empowers students to excel academically, lead responsibly, and contribute meaningfully to society.

Researcher Spotlight

From Marine Microbes to Global Solutions: Engineering a Circular Blue Economy

The silent crisis of plastic pollution in our oceans poses an insurmountable challenge of the modern industrial age, yet solutions lie within the very waters we seek to protect. Prof. Ts. Dr. Kesaven a/l Bhubalan, a marine biotechnologist, is spearheading a shift in material science and environmental conservation. Focusing on bacteria-derived biomaterials, bioprocesses, and biodegradation, his work bridges laboratory innovation and the need for a circular bioeconomy. His research spans marine biotechnology, circular bioeconomy, and environmental policy.

At the core of this work is the biotransformation of agro-industrial by-products into high-value biomaterials using marine bacteria, converting industrial residues into sustainable marine materials. His research addresses the global microplastic crisis through patented biodegradable PHA microbeads for hygiene products and studies marine microplastics as vectors of ocean pollutants.

Central to this innovation is polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) and the biosurfactant rhamnolipid. Prof. Kesaven has contributed key insights into the development, application, and life-cycle analysis of these materials, ensuring sustainability from production to disposal. He developed biodegradable PHA microbeads as eco-friendly alternatives to petrochemical exfoliants in hygiene products and earned a patent, marking progress in mitigating microplastic pollution.

Beyond material development, the research examines interactions between bioplastics and marine ecosystems. As microplastics from non-biodegradable sources increase, biodegradable alternatives become essential. He investigates the vector potential of microparticles, revealing how they transport pollutants to marine organisms and pose risks to human health. This led to a collaboration with the Institute of Marine Biology at the National Taiwan Ocean University, producing a review titled *"Marine microplastics as vectors of major ocean pollutants and its hazards to the marine ecosystem and humans,"* which became the most cited and downloaded article in *Progress in Earth and Planetary Science*.



The global scope of this work requires strong leadership. Prof. Kesaven leads a capacity-building project across Asia and Europe supported by an RM4.8 million Erasmus+ grant. The project focuses on protecting marine life from climate change and plastic debris while aligning higher education in Malaysia and Indonesia with green-transition labour needs. Through this, research is translated into human capital for the sustainable blue economy.



Industry collaboration remains central, with partners including Petronas and MAPA-Spontex SAS. Projects range from antifouling compounds for marine coatings to PHA fillers in glove manufacturing. His expertise has also supported national agencies studying palm oil biodegradability in marine conditions, leading to a presentation at the MPOB International Palm Oil Congress and Exhibition.

Prof. Kesaven also contributes to research integrity and outreach. Since 2016, he has served as a lead instructor for the Malaysian Educational Module on Responsible Conduct of Research across ASEAN. He continues to publish, engage communities, and promote awareness of plastic pollution and the blue economy.

He currently serves as Director of UMT's International Centre, providing strategic leadership in global engagement, partnerships, mobility programmes, and internationalisation initiatives.



Alumni Spotlight

From the Ground Up: An Alumni Leader Strengthening Malaysia's Emergency Response

By Norul Hanizan Hazin, Alumni Centre

In public safety, where preparedness, precision, and sustained leadership are paramount, TPjB Datuk Ts. Nazili Haji Mahmood shines as a leader who rose through the ranks. In service since 1997, he is currently Director of Development, Engineering, and Logistics Division at the Headquarters of the Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia (JBPM) and is Deputy Commissioner of Fire.

His career reflects a blend of operational experience, strategic management, and innovation, qualities that strengthen Malaysia's emergency response and public safety ecosystem. Datuk Ts. Nazili's journey is anchored in a strong academic background. He holds a Diploma in Agricultural Science (1992) and a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries (Marine) (1996) from Universiti Putra Malaysia Terengganu Branch (UPMT), now Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT). He completed a Master's Degree in Human Resource Development (2015) from Universiti Putra Malaysia. This combination of applied science and human capital development has shaped his leadership style, balancing technical competence, organisational efficiency, and personnel welfare.

Appointed Fire Officer Cadet in 1997, Datuk Ts. Nazili has served across every functional area within JBPM, including training, operations, and senior management. Key appointments include:

1. Commandant, Fire and Rescue Academy Malaysia, Kuala Kubu Bharu
2. Deputy Director of Fire, Pahang State
3. Director of Fire, Melaka State
4. Director of Fire, Kelantan State
5. Director, Air Operations Division, JBPM Headquarters

These experiences laid a foundation for his current role, overseeing national development planning, engineering systems and logistics readiness for the department.

Widely recognised for professional excellence, Datuk Ts. Nazili has completed specialised trainings and international certifications, including Fire Investigation Techniques in



Japan, Advanced Fire Investigation in the United States, and Structural Fire Fighting and Fire Safety Systems courses in Australia and the United Kingdom. He has also completed advanced leadership programmes, including the Advanced Leadership and Management Programme (ALMP).



He has led major national and international emergency operations. Notably, he served as Operations Commander for the Search and Rescue Mission following the landslide in Guinsaugon, Leyte, Philippines. Domestically, he has coordinated responses to floods, forest fires, transportation accidents and humanitarian logistics operations.

On the innovation front, he helped establish JBPM's first Drone Unit, enhancing aerial surveillance and search-and-rescue capabilities. He also strengthened the Regional Air Base framework, improving inter-agency coordination nationwide. Beyond operations, Datuk Ts. Nazili actively contributes to organisational and community development, holding

leadership roles in welfare, sports and cultural associations within JBPM, including MASKAB and the Fire and Rescue Cooperative of Malaysia.

His contributions have been recognised through Excellent Service Awards, federal and state honours, and his promotion to Deputy Commissioner of Fire in May 2025. More than titles, his legacy lies in exemplary leadership forged through experience, disciplined service and commitment to national safety, inspiring alumni and students alike that true leadership is built through perseverance, adaptability and service to society.



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