

CHAPTER 8 : ALUMNI

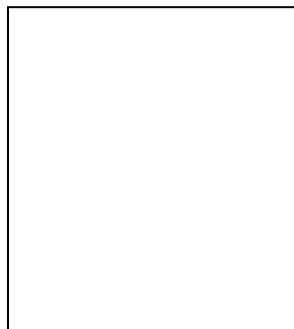
On 1st April 1996, Alumni Relations Unit was established by the Office of Students Affairs, UTM. Since then they have been aggressively contacting our graduates to join the UTM Alumni Society. Recently, in October 1999, the unit hosted about 400 ex-graduates at the 1999 Annual Alumni Dinner at Pan Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The 'Tokoh Alumni 1999'(Distinguished Alumni, 1999) was awarded to Tan Sri Dato' Ir. (Dr.) Wan Abdul Rahman bin Haji Wan Ya'acob, the 1963 graduate of Civil Engineering Diploma of Technical College, Kuala Lumpur. He was appointed as Director of Public Works Department, Malaysia in 1990. He received an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom in 1994 for his active contribution and participation in the professional societies for three decades. He was seconded from Public Works Department to UTM in 1973 and was one of the main contributors in developing the curriculum and syllabus of the Bachelor of Civil Engineering of the Faculty of Civil Engineering.

Other notable alumni of the faculty is Tan Sri Dato' Ir. Jamilus Hussein, the Managing Director of Kuala Lumpur International Airport Berhad (KLIAB). He received the Diploma in Civil Engineering from UTM (then Technical College, Kuala

Lumpur - TCKL) in 1967. He graduated from University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom in 1973 and appointed as District Engineer, Public Works Department of Kedah. In 1974 he joined Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (then Institut Teknologi Kebangsaan). He pursued his post graduate studies and obtained his M.Sc from the State University of New York at Buffalo (SUNY), USA in 1978. He was the Director of Public Works Department for the states of Terengganu and Pahang in 1985 and 1987, respectively. Before being appointed to the present position in KLIAB he was the Director of Road Division, Public Works Department Head Quarters, Kuala Lumpur.

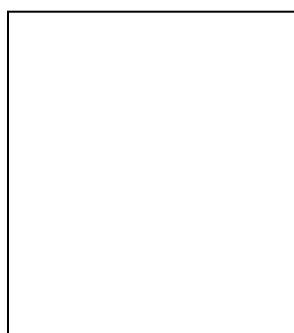


The Vice Chancellor of UTM, Dato', Dr. Ahmad Zaharudin presenting a souvenir to the 'Tokoh ALUMNI 1999', Tan Sri Dato' Ir. Dr. Wan Abd. Rahman

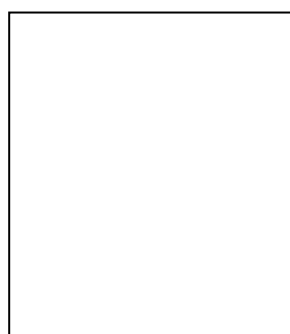


Tan Sri Dato'
Ir Dr. Wan
Abdul
Rahman Hj.
Wan Ya'acob

120,000 acres in 1950's. In 1975, he led the Malaysian Delegation to the Ninth Congress of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage held in Moscow, Russia. He is the Consultant to the World Bank on irrigation and drainage projects since 1977.



Tan Sri Dato'
Ir. Jamilus
Hussein



Tan Sri Ir.
John G.
Daniel

In conjunction with the 22nd UTM Convocation in 1998, Tan Sri Ir. John G. Daniel, Chairman of Minconsult Sdn. Bhd., was awarded the Honorary Doctorate in Civil Engineering. He was the Director General of the Drainage and Irrigation Department, Malaysia from 1972 to 1976. He received the Diploma in Civil Engineering from the Technical College in 1940 before being appointed as the Technical Assistant at the Drainage and Irrigation Department of Selangor. Since then his career flourished and he was involved in various major works of drainage, irrigation, and flood controls throughout Malaysia such as the planning and the construction of the drainage and irrigation projects in Kubang Pasu area of

The statistics of graduates of Faculty of Civil Engineering from 1972 to 1999 is as shown in Figure 8.1. From 1972 to 1999, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia has produced a total of 2509 and 5139 civil engineering degree and diploma graduates, respectively. The numbers of graduates of Master of Engineering/Science and Doctor of Philosophy (1984-1999) of the faculty is shown in CHAPTER 2. The percentages of graduates of the local and the international students for the M.Eng/M.Sc and Ph.D programmes since 1995 is illustrated in FIGURES 8.2 AND 8.3. The graduates of Faculty of Civil Engineering of UTM are working in various public, private or corporate sectors such Public Works Department (PWD), Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID), State

Water Supply Department, North-South Expressway Management (PLUS), Indah Water Konsortium (IWK), state/town municipals, National Petroleum (PETRONAS), consultants, developers and contractors.

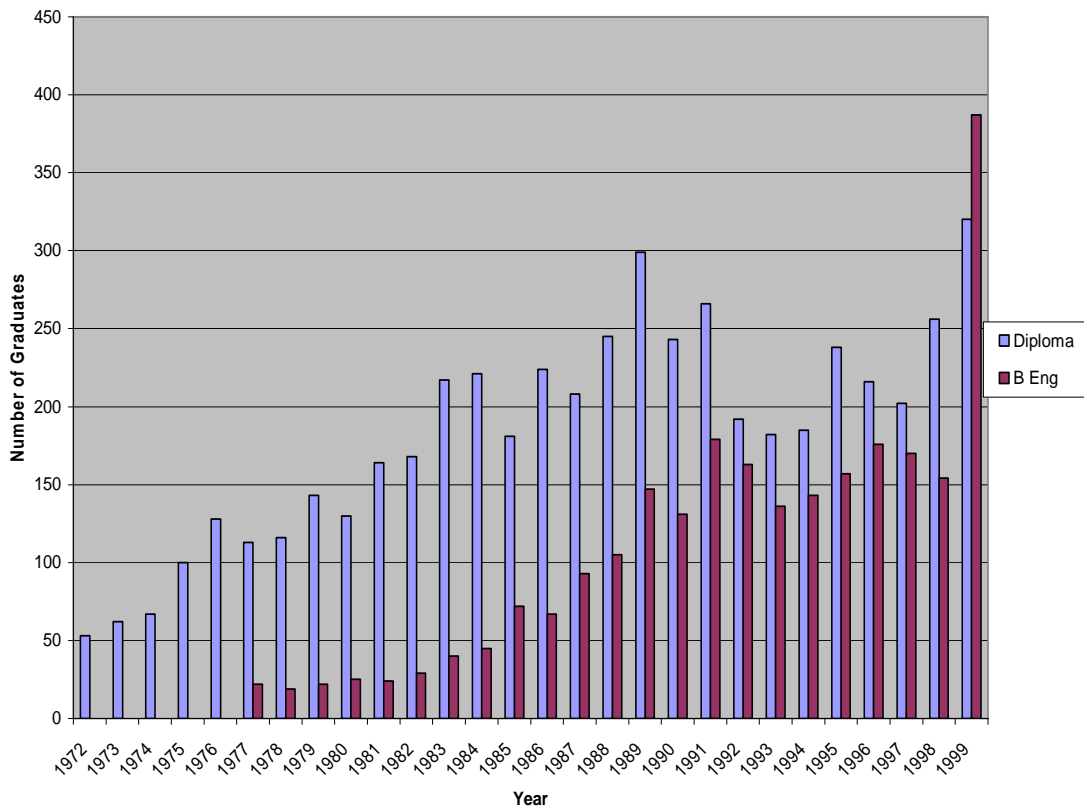


FIGURE 8.1 : Number of Graduates From 1972 - 1999

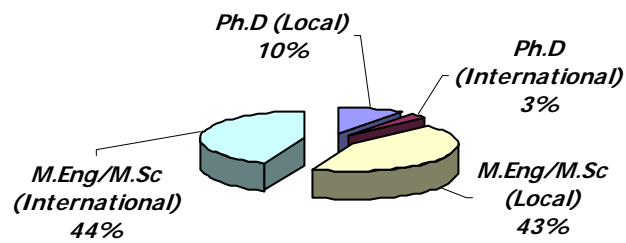


FIGURE 8.2 : The percentages of the local and the international students' M.Eng/M.Sc and Ph.D graduates of the faculty since 1995

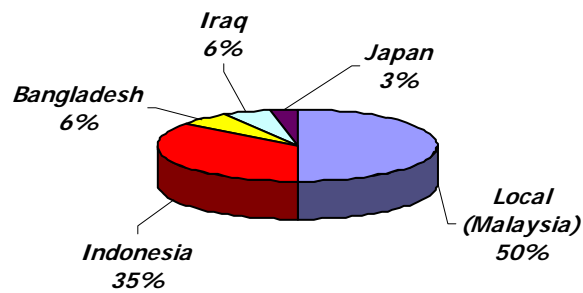


FIGURE 8.3 : The M.Eng/M.Sc. graduates of the faculty by countries since 1995