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**PERSATUAN ALUMNI MAKTAB KIRKBY MALAYSIA (PAMKM)
HALF A CENTURY OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS
THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL ASPIRATION**

A Summary of Events and Activities Accomplished – Recorded Since 2005

It gives the Executive Committee very great pleasure to acknowledge the accomplishments of a group of responsible, visionary and dedicated fellow Kirkbyites. Since the inception of Persatuan Alumni Maktab Kirkby Malaysia (PAMKM) Protem Committee in 2005 a number of its objectives has been accomplished. Included among them are the following:

1. The official opening of Dewan Maktab Kirkby at Maktab Perguruan Tuanku Bainun at Mengkuang, Bukit Mertajam, Penang on 28th April, 2005, officiated by D.Y.M.M. Raja Permaisuri Perak, Tuanku Bainun.
2. Launching of Kirkby Gallery by Raja Permaisuri Perak, Tuanku Bainun at the National Education Museum of Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) at Tanjung Malim on 8th August, 2007.
3. Hosting of the International Education Conference at INTAN, officiated by Y.B. Dato Seri Hishamuddin Tun Hussein, the then Minister of Education Malaysia on 28th August, 2008.
4. Hosting of the Grand Reunion Dinner at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), graced by D.Y.M.M. Raja Permaisuri Perak, Tuanku Bainun on 29th August, 2008. The then British High Commissioner to Malaysia and the then the Director of the British Council were in attendance.
5. Launching of the Malay version of "Warisan Kirkby" book and Kirkby College Exhibition at INTAN by Y.B. Dato' Seri Shafie Afdal, the then Minister of Information, Communication & Culture on 28th August, 2008. The Teacher Education Division of Ministry of Education Malaysia purchased 100 copies of the book.

6. In 2008, the protem committee of PAMKM submitted a comprehensive proposal to the Government of Malaysia through three relevant ministries to establish a national muzium of education. In late 2010, the former Secretary-General of Education, Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Zulkarnain bin Awang, who was instrumental in forwarding our proposal to the government, informed us that year that the Cabinet had approved it – another objective of PAMKM realised.
7. The Official Launch of the Persatuan Alumni Maktab Kirkby Malaysia (PAMKM) by the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister, Y.A.B. Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin at INTAN on 08th June, 2009. As usual, INTAN provided us with an excellent service.
8. PAMKM leadership was represented at the Silver Jubilee celebration of the British Council operation in Malaysia held on 19 March, 2010 at KLCC.
9. Launching of the book, entitled "Did It Really Happen" written by Dr. Shaari Isa, Deputy President of PAMKM, by D.Y.M.M. Raja Permaisuri Perak, Tuanku Bainun at Impiana Hotel KLCC, Kuala Lumpur on 21st November, 2010. The book is available for sale at RM29.90 each.
10. An informal tour of "*down memory lane*" was made to visit Kampong Kirkby by 5 members of PAMKM in May, 2011, led by Puan Leela Unithan, The leadership of the Liverpool University and Liverpool John Moore University gave the visiting team a hilarious, magnificent and memorable welcome. A book on this visit to Kirkby was published, initiated by Puan Leela Unithan and her enterprising team. It was presented personally by Puan Leela to the visiting Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, Sir Howard Newby at the local alumni dinner reception on 21 September, 2013 at the Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur.
11. A joint-venture production of a 42-minute documentary film on Kirkby College, with PAMKM and Filem Negara Malaysia on 23 June, 2011. The film is currently available on sale at RM50 each. The Teacher Education Division of Ministry of Education purchased 100 copies of the film. It may be appropriate for the organising committee of future Kirkby Reunions or at PAMKM exco meetings such as the one to be held at Alor Setar, Kedah on 05 October, 2013 to show this documentary film to the participants.
12. On 08 March, 2012 PAMKM held an introductory and exploratory meeting with representatives of the Liverpool University Alumni Association, Malaysia's Chapter at Kirkby International College, Cyberjaya. . It was a fruitful meeting.

13. Production of periodic association newsletter PANDUAN. The editorial committee encourages every willing and able Kirkbyite to contribute articles especially relative to current issues on education nationally, regionally and internationally. It can serve as a sound platform or forum for members and PAMKM to demonstrate their sustainable interest in their passion for education.
14. Recently, various dialog sessions are being held under the Ministry's Transformation of Education Programme to encourage citizens of our country to come forward and contribute towards the improvement of our national system of education. PAMKM have participated in these dialogue sessions held until the end of July, 2012.
15. PAMKM was represented at a lecture given by Prof. Hoey of The Liverpool University held on 26 April, 2012 at University Malaya. Liverpool University has an on-going joint academic and professional programmes with University Malaya.
16. The establishment of a brand new teacher education college, KIRKBY INTERNATIONAL
(a) COLLEGE, located in Cyberjaya in 2011. Ministry of Higher Education approved its registration to commemorate the name, spirit and intent that The Malayan Teachers College, Kirkby, Liverpool, England was originally established. Subsequently, in April, Ministry of Education Malaysia assigned 1,200 trained non-graduate teachers to undergo a 4-year teaching of English undergraduate course, among others, on distant learning mode. In September, 2011, 120 SPM holders untrained student teachers were assigned to the college to pursue a 5-year undergraduate Early Childhood Education programme. Besides, Mandarin and Tamil courses are also offered. The college is headed by its Chief Executive Officer, Puan Bismillah Abdul Kader. Y. Bhg, Tan Sri Dr. Yahaya Ibrahim was given the task and honour to be its first chairman of the college Board of Governors.

(b) The college was officially declared open by Y.A.B. Tan Sri Muhyiddin b Haji Mohd Yassin on Monday, 30 April, 2012. It was overwhelmingly patronised as a great, educational historic occasion. Kirkbyites, in particular, have every reason to be happy and proud to celebrate this joyous and historic occasion. At the ceremony, the PAMKM coffee-table book, entitled "Kirkby College – A Heritage" (revised edition) was launched. Currently the book is available for sale at RM150 each for members and RM200 each for non-members.

(c) One of the announcements made at the ceremony by our President was the joint offer by PAMKM and KIC to form a Teacher Education Library to be housed at KIC with immediate effect. Members are encouraged to contribute books and teaching-learning

materials. It is intended not only to serve the students and instructional staff of the college but also teachers in Cyberjaya and Putrajaya, as well as the general public in the neighbourhood. KIC will grow into an attractive educational hub.

17. On 31 September, 2011, a group of PAMKM members, some with their spouses made an informal, social visit to Brunei to renew the contact with Kirkbyites who have made Brunei their permanent home. The team arrived on 31 September, Malaysia's Day and they were warmly welcomed by H.E. Malaysia's Ambassador to Brunei and the Brunei Minister of Education and their staff. Our president, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Hj. Yahaya Ibrahim was with the team at the invitation of the Brunei government for him to make keynote addresses at a college graduation ceremony and at a gathering of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Religious Affairs staff. The visit was well featured in Brunei local press and on electronic media. A coffee-table book on the involvement of Kirkby College pioneering graduates in Brunei will be published soon. It was the initiative of our enterprising and dedicated fellow Kirkbyite, Tuan Hj. Zainal Abidin Mohamed, the current treasurer of PAMKM and the host of its Executive Committee Meeting to be held on 05 October, 2013 at Alor Setar, Kedah.
18. Kirkby College Malaysia Goodwill Gathering was held on 17 September, 2011, a high tea at Singgahsana Hotel, Petaling Jaya. It was a well-patronised and joyous occasion to celebrate the completion of the 42-minute documentary film on Kirkby College, Liverpool, England. The Director-General of Filem Negara Malaysia, Y.M. Raja Rozaimia Delniah Shah and the then Deputy Director-General of Education, Y. Bhg. Dato' Asariah Asaruddin were among the dignitaries who graced the occasion.
19. Our sunshine association was given the honour by the British Government when our president and his late wife were specially selected by the British High Commissioner to Malaysia to be presented to H.R.H. Prince William and his wife at his residence during the royal couple official visit to Malaysia on September 2012. It was indeed gratifying that H.R.H. showed special interest in Kirkby College at Liverpool especially when told that our president himself personally watched the coronation in London in June, 1953. H.R.H. was presented with a postcard of his grandmother on the coronation, a copy of Kirkby heritage book and the 42-minutes DVD.
20. KIRKBY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE would be looking forward to welcoming fellow Kirkbyities and Brinsfordians to serve as its instructional (with Masters degree) and administrative staff. It is to be an on-going exercise of staff engagement with immediate effect. With KIC rapid increase in student enrolment, the Executive Committee would like to see qualified Kirbyites and Brinsfordians respond to this challenging and mutually-beneficial call.

21. A working relationship was established with Brinsford College Alumni Association to explore the prospect of cooperatively providing the services required by both Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of Education in various subject areas. Those interested in translation work may submit their particulars to the PAMKM secretariat for necessary further action to the relevant parties concerned.
22. The membership of the local chapter of Liverpool University Alumni Association (ULAAM) is now open to Kirkbyites. Members of PAMKM are encouraged to join. The university Vice-Chancellor, Sir Howard Newby welcomed the newly-joined Kirkbyites to ULAAM at its local chapter alumni gathering on 21 September, 2013.
23. To obtain approval from Registrar of Societies Malaysia for the existing undergraduate students of KIC to be eligible to become PAMKM members upon graduation. The proposal will be forwarded to the Registrar of Societies Malaysia after the PAMKM next Annual General Meeting in December, 2013.
24. To further enhance PAMKM status to a stage when it will be recognised by various relevant educational and governmental bodies/agencies locally and overseas to represent Kirkby College-trained graduates for participation in various educational matters at local, regional and international levels. To achieve this noble objective, PAMKM would need Kirkby College graduates particularly of later batches to enrol as members to lead our association to be a sunshine, prestigious professional association.
25. PAMKM relentlessly strives to accomplish its remaining objectives in order to serve its members better. For this purpose, the Exco Committee would like to encourage as many Kirkbyites who are not yet members of PAMKM to do so now, especially at gatherings such as the next Kirkby Reunion planned to be held in 2014. Kirkby College, Liverpool, England celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2012 at its AGM held at Port Dickson 01 July, 2012.

Why not we all make the 2014 Kirkby Reunion our grandest greatest and most memorable event for all of us.

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