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## **FKASA holds 3rd National Conference on Wind & Earthquake Engineering**

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The Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources (FKASA), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) continues its legacy of being the pioneer in the East Coast of Malaysia by organizing the third annual

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National Conference on Wind & Earthquake Engineering (NCWE) at Impiana KLCC Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on July 12, 2019.

Following the success of its earlier two annual conferences in 2017 and 2018, this year's NCWE saw FKASA collaborating with an international counterpart from Beijing Jiaotong University of China to hold an additional mini seminar entitled "International Seminar of Sustainable Construction Engineering (ISSCE)".

According to the Organizing Chairman, Dr. Mohamad Idris Ali, the previous two NCWEs were coordinated with the School of Civil Engineering from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), while this year's, FKASA was proud to team up with a university from Indonesia, Universitas Syiah Kuala (UNSYIAH).

"Co-organizing the third NCWE with three universities certainly add more value and reflective of the symbiosis cooperation among the three tertiary education providers from the three countries," said Dr. Mohamad Idris.

"More than 75 working papers were sent to the annual conference from researchers all over the world. This number has given the right momentum for NCWE to attract even more participants in the coming years," he proudly added.

Dr. Mohamad Idris, who is also the Dean of FKASA, said the 2019 NCWE also welcomed presenters from South Korea, Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates, to name a few.

"It's a great start for us since we have upgraded the gathering from simply a colloquium into an international conference status.

"And we hope other renowned presenters will attend future conferences," he said, emphasizing that the main highlight of the two-day conference has always been the keynote speakers sharing their knowledge and expertise.

Themed "Built to Last", the third annual NCWE saw keynote speakers Professor Dr. Yukio Tamura and Professor Dr. Shuyang Cao sharing their expertise on wind engineering; Dr. Ade Faisal on earthquake disaster; and Associate Professor Dr. Guoqing Jing on his innovation relating to railway engineering.

"All four speakers are well known for their tremendous contributions, in terms of knowledge and research outputs," said the organizing chairman.

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