UniRazak offers 3 new programmes at School of Govt

ESTABLISHED in November 2008, UniRazak’s Razak School of Government currently offers three programmes — Foundation for Humanities & Social Sciences, Bachelor of Arts (Government & Public Policy) (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts (Leadership) (Hons).

Another programme, Bachelor of Economics (Hons) has already received approval from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency and will be available soon.

This is just the tip of the iceberg as RSOG plans to add not just more programmes, but workshops, seminars, and public discourses as well.

“The genesis for RSOG came when we realised that the education on public administration is not really established in Malaysia, as it is in Western countries. “Our approach is to go beyond public administration, because government is more complex than that. It involves many aspects, such as government policy, developing the country’s mechanics of government and political institutions, innovation and planning in the government administration.

“We need to develop our future government — we need to make it more efficient, more competitive, and produce cheaper products but of the highest quality,” said its Dean, Associate Prof Datuk Mohd Ibrahim Abu Bakar.

What sort of products does a government manufacture?

A traditional government provides amenities such as basic infrastructure, roads, hospitals, police and others while a modern government goes beyond this and produces various policies and regulations that are conducive for the nation’s economic and social growth.

It provides the correct environment that promotes and encourages the development of the nation’s strengths, and seeks to minimise the nation’s weaknesses. It helps industry thrive, helps the people to prosper, and most importantly, does so with the idea of sustainability firmly in mind — that the new policies and regulations must lead to continuous, not short-term, growth and prosperity.

RSOG’s programme will expose its students to the major subjects that are useful for life in a modern government — subjects and courses that help them to produce ideas, be innovative, manage crisis, communicate well, plan accordingly, and be adaptable.

It will also teach critical thinking, economics, leadership and management.

“We are also very confident that we will get support from the government for our students to participate in government seminars and workshops and public administration conferences.

“We also plan for our students to have briefings with various government ministries and departments in which they can ask questions, obtain more knowledge on how government works and build contacts.”

“UniRazak’s RSOG students will be exposed to research areas in the development of government policy, be able to improve parts of the system that are obsolete, and build a government that is connected to the people and the industry.

“Our graduates will help promote a sound, ethical government that will build and promote responsible citizenship, and a society and industry that cares about more than just money and also contributes to society and the environment.”

RSOG deputy dean Prof Dr Syed Omar Syed Agil said: “The initial response to our programmes has been excellent, as we have received over 100 applications.

“Our team has personally called every applicant, and I’ve spoken to over half of them personally, so we can better explain our programmes and ensure that this is really what they aspire to do.

“We are looking to produce the highest quality of graduates. Having said that, all are welcome to apply, as we deeply believe in education for all who wish to study.

“Your past performance is not necessarily the best indicator for your future results, so no matter what you have achieved in the past, you are free to apply to RSOG as we only set minimum requirements for entry.

“We will strive to transform you to be the best as a student and become an asset to the public sector after graduation. That is our job.”

For more information on Universiti Tun Abdul Razak’s Razak School of Government programmes, visit http://rsog.unirazak.edu.my, contact +603 7627 7000 or email marketing@unirazak.edu.my or md@unirazak.edu.my
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