Producing well-rounded government leaders

UNIVERSITI Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK) achieved another milestone on 10 Aug with the official launching of its Razak School of Government (RSOG) academic programmes, officiated by Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah, Deputy Minister II, Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE).

The official launching marks the inaugural intake for RSOG’s pioneering academic programmes, namely Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences, Bachelor of Arts (Leadership) (Hons), Bachelor of Arts (Government & Public Policy) (Hons), and Bachelor of Economics (Hons).

“RSOG’s programmes will assist the government in producing more well-trained human resources who have the leadership skills, dynamism, and ethical management in driving the development process towards a high income country. The studies undertaken by the students will enable them to contribute economically and socially, develop international trade, and manage the national economy because they are equipped with the multidimensional facets of a knowledge economy, which is also realistic in nature and allows them to work the issues in an accurate and comprehensive manner,” says Professor Datuk Dr Zabid Abdul Rashid, President and Vice Chancellor of UNIRAZAK.

In essence, this is a landmark event because RSOG is the first university faculty in Malaysia to offer programmes that specifically target and address those wishing to pursue a career in government service. Up to now the closest that the programmes in Malaysia have offered have been limited to public administration.

As we know, the role and scope of the modern government servant goes far beyond public administration and there are many areas that the aspiring civil servant has to be familiar with in order to become successful – the wide variety of tasks and challenges encountered in a career in the public sector demand high proficiency in many key areas and skills. RSOG’s programmes are planned and designed with these requirements in mind.

Some of the areas and topics addressed by RSOG’s programmes include innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership, political science, sociology, statistics, strategic planning, organisational management, crisis management, economics, accounting, business communication, psychology and many others.

In order to teach and train the next generation of government leaders, thinkers, and policy-makers, RSOG’s comprehensive programmes have been rigorously designed to bring the standard of the Malaysian government to the next level.

“The fact is that the people need a better government. This requires professionals who understand how the system works, who can then improve it and thereby enhance the economy and society. 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. Our quality of life cannot be measured merely by the amount of money that we have in our bank accounts. We must develop a holistic, sustainable model for the continued growth and prosperity of our country,” says Associate Professor Datuk Mohd Ibrahim Abu Bakar, Dean of RSOG.

Although designed for a career in government, the wide variety of skills and knowledge taught in RSOG’s academic programmes means that RSOG graduates are not limited to the public sector and will have many other career opportunities as well.

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