

ACTIVITY	COME. Summer School 2022
ORGANIZER	Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS & Universiti Kuala Lumpur
VENUE	Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS & Universiti Kuala Lumpur
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International Open Summer School on Coastal and Marine Sustainability, commenced from 15th to 28th August of 2022. It was organized under the Erasmus+ CBHE projects MARE of the European Union. This camp was participated by several institutions globally from University of Bremen, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Estonian University of Life Sciences, Institute for Marine Biological Resources and Biotechnology of the Italian National Research Council, University of Catania, Estonian University of Life Science, College of Environmental and Resources and last but not least Universiti Kuala Lumpur. For this camp, two prestigious universities in Perak became host, which are Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS and Universiti Kuala Lumpur Institute of Marine Engineering Technology.

Motivation

My motivation for participating in the International Open Summer School on Coastal and Marine Sustainability, organized under the Erasmus+ CBHE projects MARE are;

1. Global Network

Engaging in this program allowed me to connect with individuals from diverse cultures and backgrounds, fostering a rich global network. Interacting with like-minded participants from around the world enriched my perspective and opinions and expanded my horizons in terms on how the

2. Cultural Exchange

The opportunity to meet amazing individuals from various countries provided a unique chance to engage in cultural exchange. Learning about different traditions, viewpoints, and ways of life was an enriching experience that broadened my understanding of the world.

3. Knowledge Sharing

Interacting with participants from different parts of the world meant sharing knowledge and insights from a variety of academic and experiential backgrounds. This exchange of ideas and expertise greatly enriched the learning environment and inspired innovative thinking.

4. Collaborative Learning

Collaborating with individuals from diverse academic disciplines and cultures enriched the learning process. Through discussions, group projects, and shared experiences, we collectively explored coastal and marine sustainability challenges from various angles, leading to well-rounded solutions.

5. Lifelong Friendships

Meeting and connecting with amazing individuals from around the world resulted in the formation of lifelong friendships. Sharing this transformative experience created strong bonds that extend beyond the program and contribute to a global support network.

Things learned during the International Summer Camp Program.

1. The Effect of Land Reclamation in Coastal Area

One of the eye-opening lessons was the impact of land reclamation on coastal ecosystems. Learning about the extensive consequences on marine life, shoreline erosion, and the delicate balance of ecosystems emphasized the importance of responsible land use and sustainable development practices.

2. The Importance of Delta Region Towards Our Environment

The program highlighted the critical role that delta regions play in maintaining environmental equilibrium. Understanding the intricate dynamics between freshwater influx, sediment deposition, and diverse habitats underscored the significance of safeguarding these areas for the overall health of our planet.

3. Navigating the Balance Between Development and Preservation

Learning how to navigate the complex interplay between development and ecosystem preservation was a key takeaway. The program equipped us with strategies to identify sustainable practices that mitigate negative impacts on fragile coastal and delta environments while still allowing for responsible development.

4. Multilingual and Cross-Cultural Teamwork

Working within a diverse group that encompassed various languages and cultural backgrounds was a valuable lesson in itself. The experience of collaborating on projects despite these differences reinforced the idea that effective communication, active listening, and cultural sensitivity are essential skills when working towards common goals in a global context.

Photo and memories:



All participants for ERASMUS+CBHE Projects MARE” Marine Coastal And Delta Sustainability For Southeast Asia”.



Welcoming session in UniKL MIMET.



Visit to Tanjung Tualang Tin Dredge No. 5 in Batu Gajah, Perak.



Taking students from University of Bremen for a stroll in Ipoh City and letting them try Malaysian Cuisine.



Participant from UniKL MIMET, (From left: Abdul Rauf, Nurul Huda, and Muhammad Amir) went for a tour to a reclaimed land in Pulau Pinang.



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Conclusion

In conclusion, I am deeply grateful to all parties that let me join this wonderful and insightful program. It was truly a once in a lifetime program that I would like to join in the future. I highly recommend other students to participate in this kind of program, as it helps us develop as maritime students and strengthen our soft and hard skill.