



Mohd Nizam (left) receives the official record-entry certificate from the MBOR representative.

UniKL MIIT enters records book with 'Fastest AR Mural' feat

KUALA LUMPUR: Universiti Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Institute of Information Technology (UniKL MIIT) has etched its name into the Malaysian Book of Records (MBOR) with the completion of the 'Fastest Augmented Reality (AR) Mural'.

This achievement was accomplished within a remarkable 48-hour window, with the wall artwork being completed in just 19 hours and 54 minutes – far ahead of schedule.

The project, themed 'Fastest Augmented Reality' was a collaborative effort involving UniKL MIIT students, staff and alumni, as well as the pupils of SK Jalan Gurney.

Prof Mohd Nizam Husen, dean of UniKL MIIT, remarked: "The AR Fun Mural project was designed to enrich the learning environment by incorporating interactive technology into murals.

"The aim of this initiative is to spark greater interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) among school-children.

"By integrating AR into murals, we are enhancing their learning experience, while responding to the government's initiative to promote STEM education.

Mohd Nizam also highlighted

that the partnership between institutions of higher learning (IPLTs) and schools bolsters the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) programmes, particularly for students from underprivileged backgrounds.

The project received support from the Mara federal Territories Office and the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC).

"This programme aims to equip students with the essential skills required for a technology-driven economy.

"The AR Mural not only introduces students to modern technologies, but also familiarises them with the processes behind these innovations."

Seventy UniKL MIIT students from the Bachelor of Multimedia Technology (Computer Animation) and Diploma in Animation programmes, along with 32 Level 2 pupils from SK Jalan Gurney, took part in the project.

The Level 2 pupils were specifically chosen because of their ability to explore and develop their interests before entering secondary school.

The mural, based on the theme of 'Co-existence', features two key elements: outer space and nature, symbolising the integration of robots into daily

life.

AR technology allows viewers to experience the mural interactively through Instagram filters, with an accompanying app soon to be launched on Google Play Store and Apple Store.

Adding on, Mohd Nizam emphasised the project's role in transferring knowledge from university students to school-children, blending traditional art with cutting-edge AR technology to create visually stunning and interactive experiences.

"Our goal is to lead in information technology, while empowering TVET. We hope this project would mark the beginning of many initiatives set to advance education through technology, particularly AI (artificial intelligence)."

He also spoke about plans to explore collaborations with international partners and industries to further expand the institution's digital education efforts.

At the recent official closing ceremony for the AR Mural project at Dewan Bunga Raya of SK Jalan Gurney 2 was declared by Universiti Kuala Lumpur chairman Datuk Seri Sh. Mohamed Puzi Sh. Ali, where the MBOR certificate was presented to Mohd Nizam.