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The 3rd IEEE Young Professionals (YP) Future Leaders Summit 2025 was held successfully on 22nd November, 2025, bringing together of fetched aspiring engineers, academics as well as industry leaders in an effort to explore what it entails to excel in a swiftly evolving digital world. Hosted in **hybrid mode** at UniKL MIIT's Bestari Hall and streamed via Zoom and YouTube Live, the summit carried the inspiring theme: **"Innovate, Adapt & Thrive in the Digital Era."** The event was attended by the FSKTM Universiti Malaya (UM) team, headed by PhD Scholar Abdul Wahid Soomro.

The event began with registration and a networking lunch, creating a lively atmosphere where participants from various Malaysian universities and industries connected. The official opening started at 2:00 PM with an announcement and Du'a recitation, followed by an impactful Opening Speech by Ir. Dr. Bernard Lim Kee Weng, Chair of the IEEE Malaysia Section. His message highlighted the importance of empowering young professionals to lead through innovation, ethics, and collaboration.

Mr. Abdul Wahid Soomro received the consolation gift on behalf of FSKTM UM.

A warm **Welcoming Address** was delivered by **Dr. Shafiza Mohd Shariff**, Deputy Dean (Academic & Technology), UniKL MIIT, who encouraged participants to embrace interdisciplinary learning as a cornerstone of Industry 4.0 readiness. Shortly after, **Ts. Dr. Noor Ropidah Bujal**, Chair of IEEE YP Malaysia, shared encouraging remarks on the growing role of YP communities in shaping Malaysia's technological future.

The Team and organizing Committee of the event in a group photo.

The summit also featured several engaging **technical and leadership sessions**, starting with *"Bridging the Gap – From Research to Industry Success"* by **Ts. Dr. Kanendra Naidu (UiTM)**. His session emphasized transforming academic ideas into viable industrial solutions as essential skill set for today's engineers.

The participants attending the event IEEE Young Leaders Future Leaders Summit

A second keynote titled *"From Lab to Market – Turning Research into Real-World Solutions"* was delivered by **Ts. Dr. Nurkhairiah Muhammad**, Senior Advisor at ExxonMobil Malaysia. Her experience-rich insights shed light on navigating commercialisation pathways, stakeholder engagement, and the value of interdisciplinary collaboration.

The summit continued with a thought-provoking session by **Ts. Dr. Ahmad Fateh Mohamad Nor (UTHM)** on *"Thriving in Tech – Balancing Career Ambitions and Well-being."* This session resonated strongly with participants, especially regarding sustainable career growth, mental well-being, and continuous professional development.

Interactive quizzes and networking breaks kept participants energetic throughout the day. The **IEEE Membership Drive**, led by **Nur Atharah Kamarzaman**, provided attendees with an opportunity to understand membership benefits and expand their global professional network.

The event concluded with a **Prize Giving Ceremony**, followed by closing remarks from **Ts. Dr. Irma Syarlina Che Ilias**, Program Chair. A final group photo captured the spirit of unity, collaboration, and achievement.

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