

# MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

AMTEC formerly known as Membrane Research Unit (MRU), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), is a research center for advanced membrane technology and emerging membrane applications. Recently AMTEC has been awarded as the Higher Institution Centre of Excellence (HICoE) of Malaysia. The mission and vision of AMTEC is to be a leader in membrane technology and applications especially in the Asia Pacific region and globally through innovation and creative technologies. The centre produces postgraduate students in addition to training engineers, scientists and technicians from Malaysia and abroad in membrane technology to enhance the nation human capital and productivity. AMTEC incorporates a business venture laboratory that is involved in the design, fabrication and commercialization of customized membrane module and membrane system for local and overseas applications. AMTEC is a platform for multidisciplinary research and development in the areas of science, engineering, industrial design, and commercialization in UTM and the Asia region. Therefore we welcome your support and involvement in the area of membrane technology research and please let us know how we can assist your endeavors in search of excellence as an undergraduate student, a PhD/Master

research of excellence as an undergraduate student, a PhD/Masteresearch student, a visiting scholar, an industrial organisation and a

community group.

We are pleased to have you as a visitor to our centre. For further information please feel free to contact us.

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# RESEARCH AREAS

The research program in AMTEC is multidisciplinary in nature whereby the framework for research concentrates on the following fields:

Advanced Membrane Technology Research Centre (AMTEC), previously known as Membrane Research Unit (MRU) was established in 1990 in Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Campus (UTMKL). Upon the organisation restructuring, the research unit has been moved to UTM Skudai in 2002. In 2008, AMTEC has been upgraded as one of the centres of excellence (CoE) in UTM. AMTEC is known as a regional and international referral centre for advanced membrane technology and applications. The vision of AMTEC is to become a hub of membrane-based technology for nation human capital development and wealth creation and its mission is to establish as a world-renown centre of excellence in research development and commercialization. The centre is established to generate new and exciting research projects, to provide a centre for research activities related to membrane-based technology, to build research networks with research universities and industries in Malaysia and worldwide, to provide opportunities for research collaboration and facilities for visiting researchers, and to train new students generations of postgraduate in field membrane-based technology.

In November 2015, AMTEC has been officially recognized as the Higher Institution Centres of Excellence (HICoE) in the niche of Water Reclamation by the Ministry of Higher Education. With the acknowledgement as HICoE, extensive network and partnership with various institutions and agencies locally and internationally are established to contribute towards water reclamation development. AMTEC represents vehicles for researchers and postgraduate students to undertake multidisciplinary research that are internationally recognized and meeting global standard in the area of membrane technology for water reclamation. All members in AMTEC have initiated and lead several joint research projects with local and international universities and industries. The knowledge and findings from these collaboration research projects have contributed to the research findings that benefit to humankind and environment.

As part of the recognition to the efforts and outputs in research, development and innovation activities, several inventions of AMTEC members have been awarded in local and international level. In addition, AMTEC members have actively involved in translational research that has a positive impact to the community. This is to ensure that the outcome of the research can be a solution to the national and global issues. AMTEC is also one of the collaborative partners for the organization of the International Conference on Membrane Science & Technology (MST) which is held biannually. This event highlights the advances and new findings in membrane science & technology and their impacts on technology development, especially in South East Asia Region.

- Fundamentals and study of membrane separation processes.
- Development of high performance membranes for gas & liquid separation.
- Fabrication of polymeric membrane for gas separation and water treatment applications.
- Fabrication of inorganic membrane (carbon and ceramic) for gas separation and water treatment applications.
- Development of membrane contactors for gas-liquid separation.
- Synthesis and production of carbon nanotubes.
- Development of proton exchange membrane for fuel cell application.
- Development of polymeric solar cell.
- Development of nanofiber membrane via electrospinning for water treatment, gas storage, and fuel cell applications.

# MISSION TO ESTABLISH AMTEC AS A WORLD-RENOWN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN R&D&C

VISION
TO BE A HUB OF
MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGY
FOR NATION



#### **AMTEC HISTORY**

## 2015

AMTEC has been awarded as national centre of excellence (HICoE).



### 2002

Prof. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail had been entrusted to lead MRU-based in Skudai, Johor. Prof Ahmad Fauzi held the position as the Head of MRU until 2008.





### 2018

Appointment of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan Othman as the second Director of AMTEC.

#### 2009

MRU has been upgraded to Advanced Membrane Technology Research Centre (AMTEC). Prof. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail was the First Director of AMTEC.





### 1990

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Prof. Hamdani Saidi was the founder of Membrane Research Unit (MRU). He was the first Head of MRU, which was based in UTMKL.

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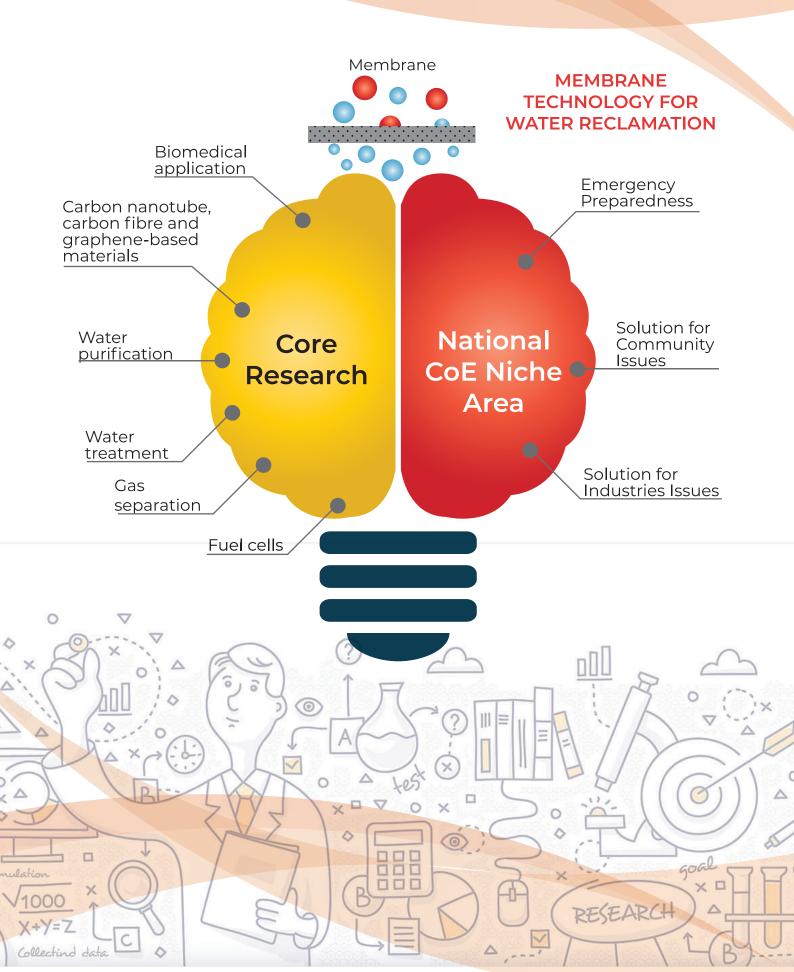
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- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Juhana Jaafar: Silver Award, 29th International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition (ITEX 2018)
- Dr. Farhana Aziz: Bronze Award, 29th International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition (ITEX 2018)
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- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan Othman: AMSII New Member Special Award, The Il<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Aseanian Membrane Society, Brisbane, Australia

#### 2017

- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: Outstanding Inventor Award, The Invention and Innovation Award, Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE 2017)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan: Malaysia Representative for 2017 Asia-Pacific Economy Corporation (APEC)
- Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education (ASPIRE Prize)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan: Asian Invention Excellence Award, 28th International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition (ITEX 2017), K-Membrane: Smart Membrane For Oily-Wastewater Treatment.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Juhana Jaafar: Guest Scholar of Meiji University International Exchange Programs Fund 2017 Short
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- Dr. Wan Norhayati Wan Salleh: Recipient of AUN/SEED-Net Short-term Research in Japan
- Dr. Farhana Aziz: Recipient of AUN/SEED-Net Short-term Research in Japan
- Dr. Norhaniza Yusof: Recipient of SAKURA Exchange Program in Science, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan, October 2017
- Dr. Hasrinah Hasbullah: Invited to attend Global Chemists' Code of Ethics Science and Technology Leadership Institute Workshop in Melbourne Australia
- Dr. Mohd Zamri Yusop: Granted Private Research Grant CREST worth RM 780k for 3 years
- Dr. Mohd Zamri Yusop: Recipient of AUN/SEED-Net Short-term Visit Program in Asean

#### 2016

- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: Malaysia's Rising Star Award
- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: Most Cited Researchers Chemical Engineering
- AMTEC: Best Academia-Industry Collaboration
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan : Kurita Water and Environment Foundation Research Grant Award
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Dzarfan: International Grant Award Nippon Sheet Glass Foundation for Materials Science and Engineering
- Dr. Naznin Sultana: Elsevier Reviewer's award
- Dr. Lau Woei Jye: Recipient of UI-RESOLV
- Dr. Juhana Jaafar: Recipient of AUN/SEED-Net Short-term Research in Japan
- Dr. Goh Pei Sean: INATEX Chancellor Award

#### 2015

- AMTEC has been officially recognized as the Higher Institution Centres of Excellence (HiCoE) in the niche of Water Reclamation by the Ministry of Higher Education.
- Signing Memorandum of Agreement with PHILOS CO. LTD., KOREA
- Signing Memorandum of Agreement with Aliran Air Resources Sdn Bhd
- Signing Memorandum of Agreement with Foresight Industries Sdn Bhd

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- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: Merdeka Award
- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: IChemE (Malaysia) Innovator of the year 2014
- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: Chemical Engineering Journal Top Cited Papers for 2011 and 2012 from Elsevier, a world-leading provider of Information solutions
- Dr. Lau Woei Jye: Endeavour Fellowship from Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia

#### 2013

- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: Anugerah Akademik Negara 2013
- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: National Intellectual Property Award (Patent Category)
- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail :Science & Technology Award from Malaysia Toray Science Foundation
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- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: Gold Medal Award in 23rd International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition
- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail: Top Research Scientists Malaysia' (TRSM)
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#### **RESEARCH INNOVATIONS/PRODUCTS**

#### 1. UTM MEMBRANE

Clean and safe water supply is identified as one of the most essential basic needs particularly during the occurrence of disasters. The integrated mobile reverse osmosis (RO) water purification system (UTM Membrane) is developed by AMTEC, UTM. Water resources that are used for the treatment of process water is obtained from river water and tube well. The UTM Membrane is intended to provide quality water support to small units where the distribution of water is not feasible during the occurrence of natural disaster. The system provides clean water support without committing large water production assets from the logistics support structure. The system tailors water production capacity to fulfil the demands of independent Special Operations Forces, detachments and units typically engaged in remote site missions. The research team monitors the quality of water supplied from the RO portable water treatment systems in several phases to ensure the constant supply of clean and safe water to the end users.



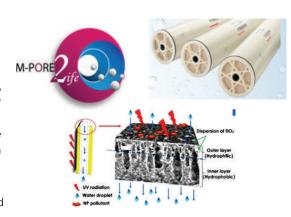
# 2.Hybrid Photocatalytic Dual Layer Membranes For Destruction Of Persistent Organic Pollutants

M-PORE2ife is a dual layer hollow fiber membranes which fabricated via a single step co-extrusion technique with immobilized titanium dioxide (TiO2) nanoparticles that embedded in their outer layer for hybrid photocatalytic application.

- M-PORE2ife membrane that capable to act for dual function, which is the outer layer for photocatalytic process and the inner layer for separation process.
- M-PORE2ife membrane is an innovative and cost effective solution for destruction of persistent organic pollutants in wastewater.

Simpler fabrication using single step co-extrusion process. No need coating process like other multilayer membrane.

- Consists of two layer with good adhesion
- Thin photocatalytic layer (up to 50µm) onto thick separation layer (about 200µm)
- High loading of photocatalyst (up to 70wt%) for better degradation properties.
- Symmetric structure with long finger-like voids from inner and outer layer
- M-PORE2ife membrane shows superior photocatalytic performance of nonylphenol (one of POPs compound) compared to single layer hollow fibre membranes due to the better dispersion of TiO2 nanoparticles on the outer membrane surface.











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#### 3. SPEEK NF-DMFC Portable Power Generator

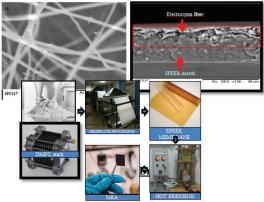
Direct methanol fuel cell (DMFC) portable power generator is a new type of electrical generator which utilised fuel cell technology to develop a clean and green energy. DMFC is an energy conversion device that transform energy from chemical reaction of methanol fuel (cheap price RM1.16/litre and high energy density 3,800 kcal/L) directly to electrical energy using electrochemical principle.

At the heart of the fuel cell system, the in-house sulfonated polyethertherketone (SPEEK)-based electrolyte membrane that was produced via novel formulation that consists of clay (Cloisite) in nanofiber form is used instead of commercial Nafion® membrane. The novelty of this innovation relies on the membrane's morphological structure in which the fabricated Cloisite clay nanofibers using electrospinning technique were uniformly distributed in the SPEEK polymer matrix.

This unique morphology has contributed to an exfoliated dispersion structure of inorganic in organic material that is very desirable structure to obtain high performance for a proton exchange membrane. The SPEEK-Cloisite nanofiber based membrane with 70% cheaper and 80% higher in performance than the commercial Nafion117®. Owing to the significant features of the SPEEK-Cloisite nanofiber electrolyte membrane that has high fuel barrier properties, the SPEEK NF-DMFC power generator exhibited higher energy conversion efficiency, less waste heat, consume less fuel and emit much lesser CO2 gas by-product. Due to its simplicity and small footprint system, SPEEK NF-DMFC power generator is a moving forward technology with high-performance, compact and portable energy generator.

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#### 4. Adsorptive Ultrafiltration Mixed Matrix Membrane For Heavy Metals Removal (Aduf Membrane)

This product called AdUF membrane is a • Dual functions adsorptive mixed matrix novel adsorptive membrane with unique dual features of simultaneous separation and adsorption which is produced via a simple physical mixing and phase inversion process. It comprised of a very promising additive (hydrous ferric oxide) responsible for improved heavy metals removal (performance) and reduces fouling (loss) that cannot be removed with the common UF membranes. In addition, the incorporation of the nanomaterial resulted to a porous membrane with superior hydrophilicity that improves the flux and adsorptive features of the UF membranes. The ultimate objectives of this product are to provide alternative and feasible method that can treat water laden with heavy metals in single step operation and to ease the fabrication technique with low cost materials

- membrane for simultaneous heavy metal removal and purified water production
- Fabricated via a simple phase inversion process
- Effectively treat various contaminants including heavy metal ions in a single-step procedure
- Robust, stable and sustainable nanocomposite membranes that can deal with wide range of wastewater at minimal

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- •Silver Medal MTE 2018 and Silver Medal ITEX 2018
- Gold Medal Award in International Invention Innovation and Design Johor 2017
- First Runner Up in Materials Lecture Competition 2017
- Silver Medal Award in INATEX 2016

#### 5. Nano-Enabled Membrane for CO, Capture

There has been an increasing research and industry interest in carbon capture through membranes technology, mainly driven by the need for simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy application. This invention involves CO2 capture with a focus on the developments and breakthroughs in membrane material design and separation process engineering. The innovation of this product involves the design of membranes with desirable permeance and selectivity while having chemically and physically stable structures. This goal is achieved through the introduction of the start-of-the-art carbon based nanomaterials into the conventionally used polymer membrane. This membrane is endowed with excellent separation properties and durability for the development of membrane capture processes with optimal configurations to achieve the separation targets (e.g., CO2 removal rate and product purity) at minimum capital and operational expenditures (CAPEX and OPEX). Some of the interesting features of this product are:

- Carbon nanotubes-enabled membrane with facilitated transport feature
- Tunable nanomaterial properties
- · High selectivity and permeability
- Chemically stable
- Low fouling and maintenance
- Cost effective



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Gold Award and Vice Chancellor Award in INATEX 2016
Silver Award in ITEX 2017





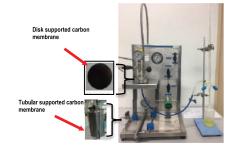
#### 6. Supported Carbon Membrane For Co, Capture

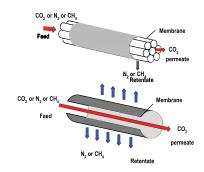
- Supported carbon membrane that capable to fabricate via a single step coating-carbonization cycle which can reduce production time and cost
- Can be easily fine tune by controlling the carbonization conditions
- Offer excellent thermal resistance and chemical stability
- Offer longer lifetime compare to unsupported carbon membrane
- Can be fabricated in the form of disk-supported or tubular-supported and up-scaled according to the industry needs

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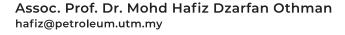




#### 7. K-Membrane: Smart Membrane for Oily Wastewater Treatment

This product described the innovation of novel low cost, green ceramic hollow fibre membrane derived from Malaysian kaolin material and prepared via phase inversion and sintering technique for oily wastewater treatment, known as "K-Membrane". Ceramic suspension was prepared by mixing Malaysian kaolin powder as main material, NMP as solvent, Arlacel P135 as dispersant, PESf as binder and PEG 30000 as pore agent. As a result, robust, cheap, and superior membrane characteristic with estimated cost of only \$77/m2 which is 549% lower than alumina membrane (\$500/m²) and almost similar with commercial polymeric membrane (\$50-\$70/m²) has been produced. The excellent performance of K-Membrane with 320 L/m<sup>2</sup> h flux and 99.99% rejection of TOC and turbidity, comparable with commercial polymeric membrane (57.3 L/m<sup>2</sup> h flux, 99.99% rejection). It should be noted here that K-Membrane possessed outstanding chemical and thermal resistant, thereby, had a lifetime of more than 5 years.

- High performance of inexpensive super-hydrophilic kaolin membrane separation for oily-wastewater separation application.
- Enhanced structure prepared via in house phase inversion and sintering system.





Gold Medal in MTE 2017
Asian Invention Excellence Award in ITEX 2017
Gold Medal in ITEX 2017
Best Oral Presenter in ICMTA India 2017
Second runner up for Material Lecture
Competition (2017)
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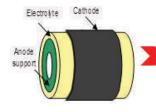


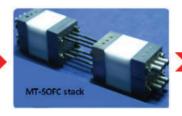




#### 8. Single-step Fabricated Mt-sofc: Green Energy Converter

- Small size -> more compact.
- Novel single-step fabrication technique; combine 2 steps into 1.
- Higher volumetric output density (23.2 kWm-2 vs 8k Wm-2 by planar design.
- The global fuel cell market size is estimated to reach \$5.20 billion, by 2019.
- Asia-Pacific is estimated to be the largest revenue-generating region for SOFC.
- It is targeted that at least 350 MW of Malaysia's energy demand is supplied by alternative energy sources.
- Development of novel electrolyte/anode dual-layer hollow fiber for micro-tubular solid oxide fuel cells
- (SOFCs) via a promising single-step co-extrusion/co-sintering technique.







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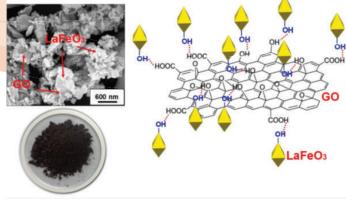
Best of the Best Award, INATEX 2017 Gold Medal in INATEX 2016





#### 9. Smart Integrated Photocatalyst Adsorbents for Degradation of Emerging Contaminants

Significant fractions of emerging contaminants may have adverse effects to human health and harmful to the aquatic environment where they may cause ecological risk such as interferences with endocrine system of higher organisms. The conventional water treatment technologies available nowadays such as adsorption or coagulation do not completely eliminate or destroy the pollutants. The objective of this innovation is to develop an advanced technology for the removal of emerging contaminants namely hybrid integrated photocatalyst adsorbents (ICPA). Such hybrid system are based on advanced oxidation processes (AOPs) and surface adsorption that will



oxidize and mineralize almost any organic molecule, yielding CO2 and inorganic ions as the final products and providing high surface area for reaction. Lanthanum orthoferrite (LaFeO3) is a p-type semiconductor with narrow band gaps of 2.65 eV and one of the most common perovskite type oxides and often applied as photocatalyst slurry for water treatment. However, the LaFeO3 nanoparticles are easily agglomerated due to high surface energy, which leads to serious decrease of the performance. Immobilization of the photocatalyst on the surface of an appropriate adsorbent is one of the effective ways to overcome the agglomeration problem and increases the pollutants adsorption. Adsorbent supports the photocatalyst as well as concentrates the pollutants around it to increase the contact surface of the photogenerated reactive species. In this work, graphene oxide (GO) as the adsorbents were integrated with a photocatalyst, LaFeO3, designated as integrated photocatalyst adsorbents (IPCA). Graphene oxide, with its unique structure of one-atom thick planar sheets of sp2-bonded carbon atoms closely packed in a honeycomb crystal lattice, has attracted a great deal of scientific attentions because of its outstanding mechanical, electrical, thermal, surface, and optical properties. LaFeO3/GO IPCA was prepared through the synthesis of LaFeO3 using the sol gel method and later GO is added using solution processing. Then, the synthesized LaFeO3/GO IPCA showed an excellent performance in degrading the emerging contaminants.

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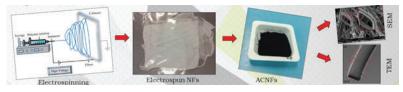


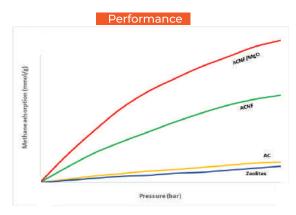


#### 10. Smart Activated Carbon Nanofibers for Methane Adsorption

- Smart ACNFs is a modification of existing activated carbon (AC) and carbon nanofibers (CNFs) with structural improvement by adding magnesium oxide (MgO).
- The unique and simple electrospinning approach and physical activation resulting ACNFs with larger SSA and higher adsorption, making it comparable with the complicated chemical activation method.
- •This product also a cost-effective adsorbent as it can be mass-produced by simple electrospinning and physical activation.
- ACNFs in ANG tank can store over six times the amount of NG at 350 psi and 20% more NG at 3500 psi than in a conventional CNG tank.
- It also possible to use low pressure tanks that are lighter and can be conformed to fit in various areas of empty space in a vehicle

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- Special Best Invention Award INATEX 2017
- Gold Medal Award INATEX 2017
- Bronze Medal Award Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE 2018)





#### **FACILITIES**

#### AMTEC Main Building (N29A)







#### **AMTEC N09**





#### Membrane Fabrication Equipments



Hollow Fiber Membrane Fabrication Machine



Electrospinning for Nanofiber Fabrication



Flat Sheet Membrane Casting Machine



Ceramic Membrane Sintering System



Pyrolysis System



Membrane Coating and Drying System

#### **Analytical Instruments**



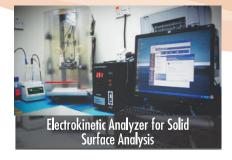


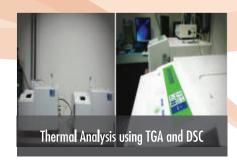


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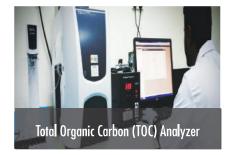
#### **Analytical Instruments**













#### Membrane Testing Facilities



Membrane Filtration System



Forward Osmosis Permeation System



Membrane Dialysis System



Submerge Photocatalytic Membrane



**Gas Permeation Test** 



Membrane Contactor System



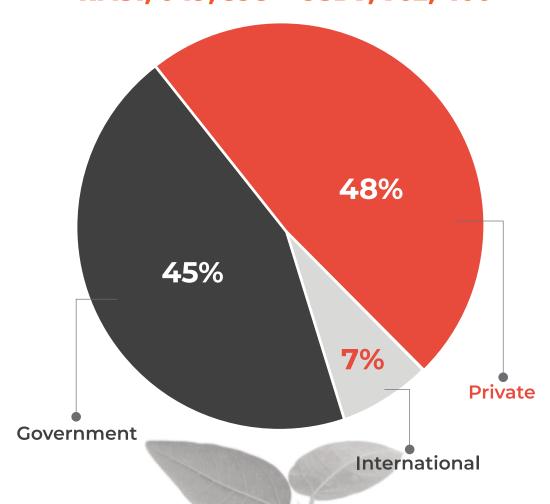
Industrial Lab Scale Hybrid MF + UF + RO Membrane Testing system



Industrial Lab Scale Hybrid MBR & RO Membrane Testing System

#### RESEARCH FUNDING

Total grant secured between 2008-2017 RM31, 049, 598 ~ USD7, 762, 400



#### Grant awarded by year

YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
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# ROADMAP

# 2013-2014

# SHORT TERM (1-2 years)

# Being recognise as HICoE

- separation, water and wastewater treatments Contract strategies fundamental and applied researches of robust membrane for gas Upgrading AMTEC lab in N09 and energy applications.
- Research output:
- H-indec > 5 /staff
- Total citation > 50/year
  - 2 books published
- 3 innovation awards/year
- Human capital resources :
- I deputy director
- 2 attactment studnets
- 2 post-docs
- Academic staff with PhD
- I visiting researcher
- PG student enrolment: 30 / year

MID TERM (3-5 years)

2015-2017

# LONG TERM (5-10 years)

- High-end instrument for R&D characterization Establisment of N09 as advanced renewable energy lab
  - Upgrading AMTEC as high-end lab
- gas, water and energy for indsutrial applications Commercializing of membrane systems for
  - Stratefic niche area collaboration with industries linternational research grants/year
- Consultancy project with industry
- RM50k/year income from sevices and industries and training
  - ISO standard certificate for all equipment
- Research output;
- Total citation > 100 / year
- 5 publication in high impact journal (IF>10)

  - H-index > 10 / staff
- 2 books by international publisher
  - . 3 patents / year
- Human capital resources :
- 3 visiting researchers
- 5 post-docs
- 5 post graduate students/staff
- 4 editor in journal
- PG student graduated: 10 / years

# 2018-2022

- Organized high impact international conference /2
- Attain Journal of Applied Membrance Sience as Scopus indexed/high impact factor journal.
  - Securing rmM/year national research grants
- Securing RMIM/year income from R&D&C
- Generat RM500K/year income from consultancies Upgrading the AMTEC main building
  - Well-structured organization :
- 10 research officers
- 1 assistance registran
- 5 administration staffs 1 engineer
- Establishing a long term collaboration with prestigious institutions
- Research output;
- I publication in prestigious journals(IF>20)
  - 20 international/national patents granted
- 10 publications in high impact journal (IF>10)
- Human capital resources:
  - 4 visiting researchers
- 3 research prestigious fellowships
  - 3 Professors
- 6 Associate Professors
- 5 Staff with PEng/CEng

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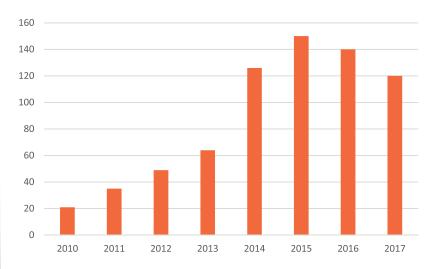
# IMPACT/OUTPUT AMTEC

## IMPACT TO PEERS/ACADEMIA

## **Publication Output**

	Overall
Publication in Scopus-indexed journal*	718
Cumulative citation in publications*	15,978
Number of research books	7
Patents granted	5
Patents filed	20

\*Data based on Scopus



Number of publication in Scopus-indexed journal by AMTEC members

#### **IMPACT TO GOVERNMENT**

## Talent Generation (2010-2017)

#### Postgraduate Graduated

Level	Total (2010-2017)
PhD Graduated	45
Master (by research) Graduated	40





## **IMPACT/OUTPUT AMTEC**

## IMPACT TO COMMUNITY

#### Flood Relief at Kelantan









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#### Flood Relief at Pekan, Pahang









• Media Highlight On Flood Relief at Pekan, Pahang











#### RO System At Kg. Sinarut, Ranau, Sabah





• Media Highlight On Ranau Project



• Media Highlight On Haemodialysis Project



Seawater Desalination plant in Kampung Senok, Bachok, Kelantan



 Media Highlight On Seawater Desalination plant in Kampung Senok, Bachok, Kelantan

## Loji nyahgaram akhiri beban 3,000 penduduk Kampung Pantai Senok

BACHOK 3 Feb. Pembinaan sebuah loji nyahgaram air laut di Kampung Pantai Senok. Tawang di sini memberi kelegaan kepada lebih 3,000 penduduk yang dibebani masalah medapatban bekaban masalah mendapatban bekaban mendapatban bekaban mendapatban bekaban polek Penyelidikan Translasional Loji Nyahgaram Air Laut berkenaan dipelopori sekumputan 16 penyelidika tempatan dari Universiti Teknologi Malaysia nuti Perendidikan Tinggi, Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh berkat dan dibayasi Sepenuhnya oleh pendidikan Tinggi, Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh berkat dan dibayasi sepenuhnya oleh ana Penyelidikan Translasional (TRGS) di bawah Program Penyelidikan Strategik KPT Jaminan Air Kebangsaan.

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#### IMPACT TO INDUSTRY

#### **Research & Consultancy**

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#### **Consultancy Projects**

#### PETRONAS RESEARCH SDN. BHD. (PRSB)

- Utilization of Excess Production of CO2 in West Malaysia Operation.
- Fuel Cell Development and Application
- Development of Membrane for High CO2 Gas Field Separation

#### SIME DARBY RESEARCH SDN. BHD.

• Development of Membrane and Membrane System for Single-Step Process for Degumming and De acidification of Crude Palm Oil

# 02

#### Industrial Grant Scheme (IGS)

#### ECOCOOL TECHNOLOGY SDN.BHD.

- R&D to Produce Commercially Viable and Truly Green Hydrocarbon Refrigerants as Substitutes to CFCs and Other Synthetic
- Refrigerants for the Air Conditioning 8
   Refrigeration Industries.

#### RANCANG INNOVATIVE SDN.BHD.

 Research and Development of Ultrahigh Purity Chemical Dispense System

# Cradle Research & Development Fund (CRDF)

#### MEMSYS SDN.BHD.

 Development of A Pilot Plant Scale Membrane Separation System for Water Desalination.

# Contract Research

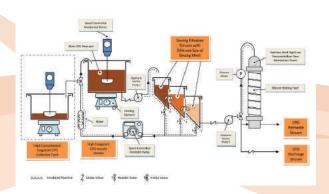
- Kajian dan Analisis kualiti Air di Loji Rawatan Air sekitar Daerah Batu Pahat dan Kluang. Grant approved by State of Johor
- Smart Optical Fibre Sensing System for Tracking Migration of Oil Flow, Petroleum Research Fund

#### JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT-PETRONAS



#### **CONSULTATION SERVICE-SIME DARBY**

#### **CPO Filtration System Process Diagram**







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# List of International Institutions Collaborators

- 1. University of Ottawa Canada, Canada
- 2. Imperial College London, UK
- 3. Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia
- 4. Universite Montpellier, France
- 5. University Prince of Songkhla, Thailand
- 6. Meiji University, Japan
- 7. Universiti Diponegoro, Indonesia
- 8. Nagoya Institute of Technology, Japan
- 9. University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK
- 10. Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia
- 11. Kobe University, Japan
- 12. Prime Biologics Ltd, Singapore

# List of Local Institutions Collaborators

- 1. Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)
- 2. SIRIM (AMREC)
- 3. Malaysia Nuclear Agency
- 4.Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institution (MARDI)
- 5. Local Public Universities UKM, USM, UM, UMP, UMT, UTHM, UiTM
- 6. Local Private Universities UTP, UTAR



6 JAN 2017 MOU between Aliran Ihsan Resources Berhad and AMTEC, UTM



3 Days Membrane Technology Practical Training on Water & Wastewater Separation Technology on 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for UPM Staff & Post Graduate Students



**16 - 25 OCT 2017**SAKURA Exchange Program in Science at Meiji University





SAKURA Exchange Program in Science at Kobe University



Program World River Day At Kuala Lumpur, 24 Sept 2017





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and Senior Vice President





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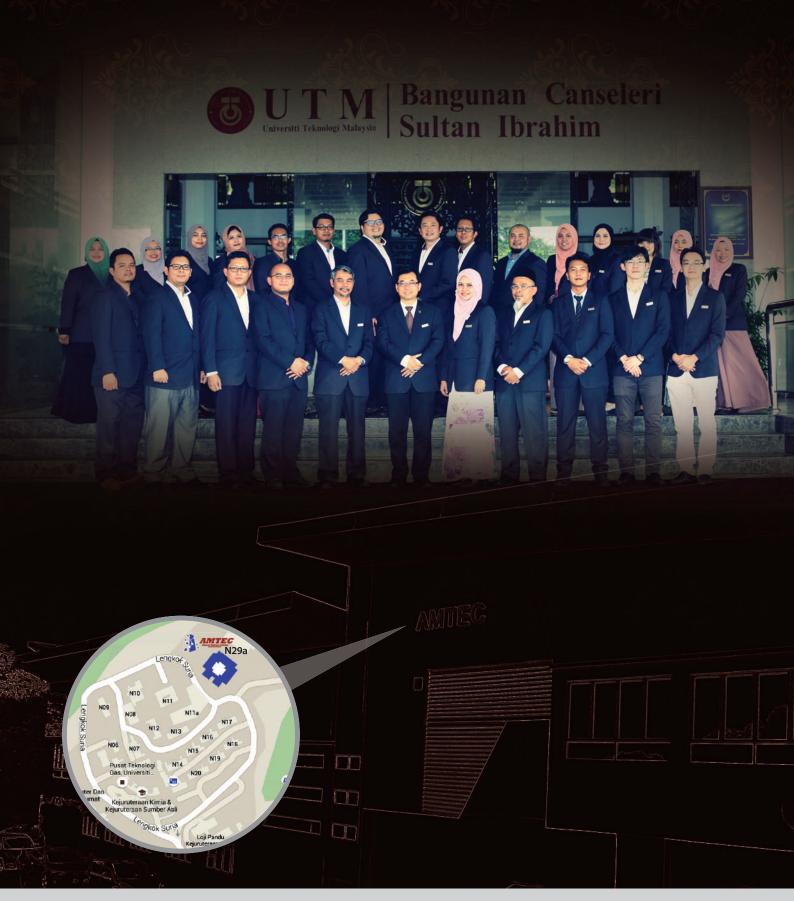














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