The Centre for Research & Development is already fully operationalised at Taylor's new Lakeside Campus. Where are we based exactly? Well, we are situated at Block C, Level 2, directly opposite the main library entrance. So, do come, visit us and check out the facilities that we can offer.

The Centre has a multimedia lab with 12-computers. Some of the research applications that will be made available include SPSS ver. 16, SAS, NVivo, EndNote, e-View, AMOS and MS-Project 2007. The Centre will host a mini Resource Centre which will exhibit all of Taylor's Press and staff publications. The Centre will also house all research materials, annual reports, statistics, conference proceedings, and other research related resources. All these resources can be referred and made copies if required. Self-service photocopying services are provided. Laser colour jet printers are provided for staff requiring to print proposals that are to be submitted for research grants. Three 4-pax discussion rooms and one 10-pax meeting room is available for staff who require rooms for research discussions and consultations.

In addition, for 2010, three visiting research fellows/advisors have been appointed to further assist young researchers in the "art of researching". They include Assoc. Prof. Dr. Murali Sambasivam (UPM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Karuthan Chinna (UITM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Izani Ibrahim (UKM) and Dr. Lean Mei Lee (UM). Ms Sumangala Pillai of Taylor's Press will also be on hand for all staff who need help in the "art of writing to publish".

Funding is available for staff requiring assistance to present their conference paper locally or internationally. And for those wanting to carry out short term research, seed-funding amounting to RM10,000 is available.

So, there you go. The software and the hardware are there to steer your research interest to greater heights.

Happy researching.
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