



# *Cherita Alumni*

Dewan Latehan RIDA 1956-1964  
Sharing Legacies



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At Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), every milestone reflects a story of connection, transformation, and ambition that has shaped the lives of its alumni. In this collection, we share personal narratives or

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from individuals who have been part of the university's journey from its early days as Dewan Latehan RIDA to its present. These stories reveal the spirit of resilience and success that has defined UiTM's rich history. Their narratives celebrate the friendships, identities, and dreams forged over sixty years, reflecting the challenges and triumphs that shaped not just their lives, but the future they envisioned for their families and country. The bond these alumni share is a testament to the university's enduring legacy. As we look to the future, their 'Cherita' serves as an inspiration for the next generation to dream boldly and forge their own paths. Together, let's honour our past while lighting the way towards a brighter future.



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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Good Day.

This book is more than a collection of stories or “cherita”, it is a celebration of the extraordinary legacy built by the early generations of our alumni. Looking back on the cherita of those who once roamed this university’s hallowed halls in its early days as Dewan Latehan RIDA (DLR), I am filled with pride and admiration for the lives they’ve led and the impact they’ve created. Our earliest graduates were indeed pioneers. They left this institution in its infancy, carrying not only the knowledge and skills they acquired here but also the weight of a bold vision: to transform their lives and the world around them. The challenges they faced were daunting, yet they met them with resilience and purpose, paving the way for the generations who followed.

Through the pages of this book, we see the values that unite our alumni across time; integrity, humility, and an unwavering drive to make a difference. From the classrooms to boardrooms, from career firsts to quiet acts of service, their influence is felt far and wide.

What is most remarkable is not only their success but their character. **Many have chosen to lead without fanfare, letting their actions speak louder than accolades. They remind us that greatness lies not in seeking the limelight but in striving for meaningful impact.**

To our DLR alumni whose stories grace these pages: Thank You for being the stewards of our legacy at UiTM. Your journeys inspire not just pride but hope for what is possible. You are living proof of the power of education, ambition, and community, and we are honoured to call you our own.



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