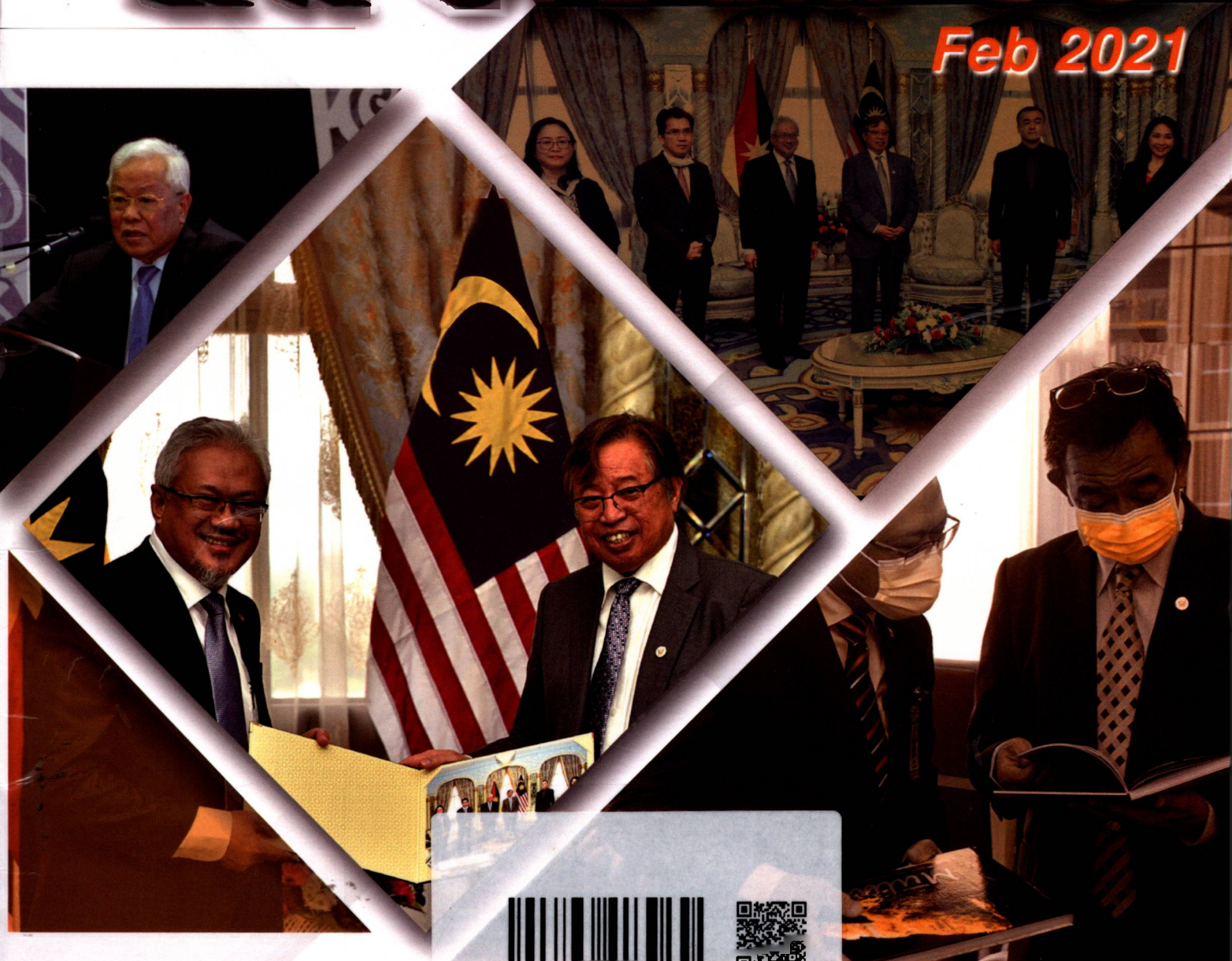


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# ICBR 2020

## 1st International Belt and Road Conference

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UiTM Sarawak, together with Beijing Wuzi University and Asia China Education and Culture (ACEC) Association joined forces to organise the first International Belt and Road Conference (ICBR) on 14th and 15th January 2020. ICBR2020 was supported by Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Sarawak (MTAC), Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Research Sarawak (MESTR), Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) as well as the Consulate-General of The People's Republic of China in Kuching. Prior to that, UiTM Cawangan Sarawak has signed a Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with five (5) public universities in China in September 2019. During this trip to China, the idea of organizing the ICBR 2020 was mooted by Rector, Professor Dato Dr. Jamil Haji Hamali. Dr Ellen Chung was assigned as the Conference Chair to organise the conference.

The theme for the conference was "Towards Educational Cooperation and Regional Development". The conference served as a platform to share and create network between business owners, academics, administrators, policy makers, stakeholders from government institutions, and students from institutions of higher learning. ICBR2020 was officiated by Deputy Chief Minister, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Dr James Jemut Masing, who represented Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg. Also present were Education, Science and Technological Research Minister, Datuk Seri Michael Manyin Jawong, Consul-General of the People's Republic of China in Kuching, Cheng Guangzhong, Sarawak Energy group chief executive officer, Datuk Sharbini Suhaili, and ACEC Association Executive Director, Yang Chengcheng.

The two-day Conference saw an attendance of close to 200 participants from about eight countries, including China, Brunei, Singapore, the Philippines, and Thailand.

Ten keynote speeches were delivered at ICBR 2020 by four Malaysian speakers and six international speakers on the first day of the Conference. The Malaysian speakers were Rector, Professor Dato Dr



After the Opening Ceremony



Member of the Forum Discussion 1: From left Professor Dr. Firdaus, Yang Chengcheng, Datuk Sebastian Ting, Datuk Abdul Karim Tun Haji Openg, Professor Dato Dr Jamil, and Professor Han Xin.

Jamil Haji Hamali; Datuk Abang Haji Abdul Karim Tun Abang Haji Openg, President of Sarawak Chamber of Commerce; Dr Charlie Yeo, Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Biodiversity Centre; and Ts. Dr. Peter Morin Nissom, General Manager, Sarawak Research and Development Council. The international speakers were Professor He Mingke, Vice President of Beijing Wuzi University; Mr. Cheng Guangzhong, Consul General of the People's Republic of China; Professor Yu Yongqiang, Vice President of Anhui Medical University; Professor Chui Zhijian, Director of MBA Center University of Science and Technology of China; and Dr. Han Bin, Singapore Chairman of ACEC Association. There were also two forum discussions, each moderated by Deputy Rector, Professor Dr. Firdaus Abdullah and Professor Dr. Voon Bo Hoo, respectively.

On Day 2 of the conference, there were round-table discussions where delegates discussed potential collaborations and cooperation. Medicinal Research & Biodiversity discussion was chaired by Professor Dr Khong Heng Yen, while International Education Collaborations discussion was chaired by Associate Professor Dr Corina Joseph.

Overall, ICBR2020 was a successful conference despite the very limited time frame given to put together this international event.





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