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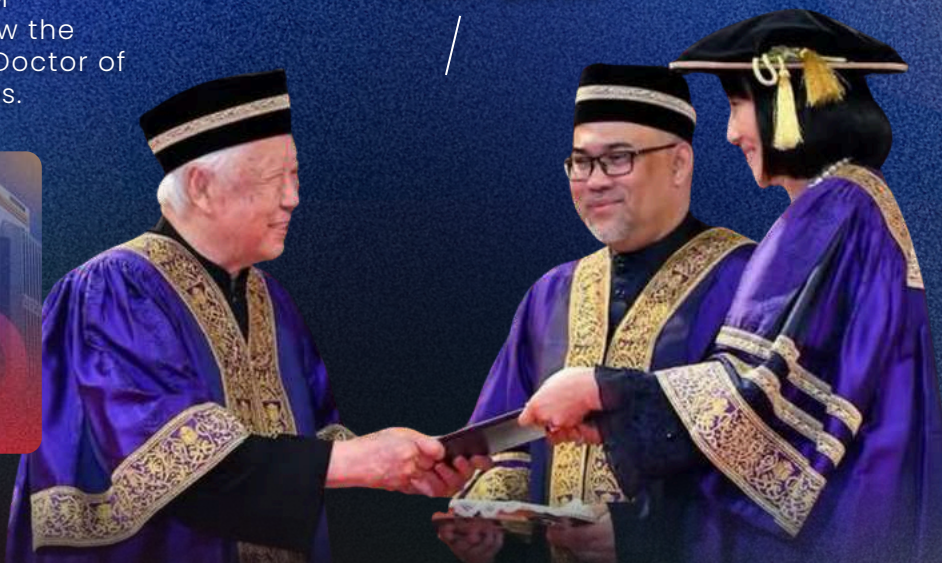
The Editorial Feature

Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) has conferred the title of **Professor Emeritus to The Father of Malaysian Architecture, Hijjas Kasturi**, at the 101st UiTM Convocation Ceremony held at the Dewan Agung Tuanku Canselor, Shah Alam Campus, on 7th May 2025. The prestigious recognition was presented by UiTM Pro-Chancellor, Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar.

This honour acknowledges Hijjas's immense contributions as the founder of the School of Applied Arts at the Institut Teknologi MARA (now UiTM) in 1967, which laid the foundation for the establishment of the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying (FSPU) and the Faculty of Art & Design (FSSR).

The first session of the 101st UiTM Convocation Ceremony also saw the graduation of 164 recipients of Doctor of Philosophy and Master's degrees.

Father of Malaysian Architecture, **Hijjas Kasturi** receives the title of **Emeritus Professor** from **UiTM**





COURTESY VISIT TO THE OFFICE OF ADJUNCT PROFESSOR IDr Mohd Faisal Ghazali

Petaling Jaya, 16 May 2025 – The Faculty of Built Environment (FAB) UiTM Shah Alam continues to move forward with the appointment of IDr Mohd Faisal Ghazali as Adjunct Professor, held at Arcradius Sdn Bhd, Phileo Damansara, Petaling Jaya. The appointment letter was presented by YBrs. Prof. Ts Dr. Hajah Emma Marinie Ahmad Zawawi, Dean of the Faculty of Built Environment, and witnessed by Dr. Tun Mohd Irfan Mohd Suria Affandi, En. Hamidon Abdullah, and Nurul Nabilah Aris-White.

IDr Mohd Faisal, an alumnus of UiTM, is highly respected in the interior architecture industry. Well-known in the corporate sector, he is the founder of the Malaysian Society of Interior Designers (MSID), a member of the Asia Pacific Space Designers Association (APSDA) and the International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers (IFI). He currently serves as one of the advisors to the Malaysian Institute of Interior Designers (MIID).

Since joining the interior design industry in 1985, he has contributed to major design projects including banks, corporate offices, hotels, and institutional buildings such as Master Carriage Group, KLCC, Directional (Malaysia), the Securities Commission, Maybank Finance Berhad, Telekom Malaysia, Petronas, and several corporate entities in Malaysia. His expertise lies in conceptual design, project management and supervision competencies that remain highly in demand within Malaysia's thriving interior architecture industry.



His appointment as an Adjunct Professor aligns with UiTM's aspiration to become a Globally Renowned University. He represents an exemplary UiTM alumnus and a reference point in the field of interior architecture. His expertise will play a crucial role in guiding, educating, and benchmarking future directions for the next generation. This appointment marks an important step towards shaping future professionalism and strengthening the development of the Faculty of Built Environment.



Several prospective areas of collaboration were discussed, including Industrial knowledge-sharing with subject matter experts, Guest lectures and masterclass teaching engagements Research collaboration centred on concrete and cement technologies and also Student industrial training and placement opportunities for FAB students

EXPLORING STRATEGIC COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES WITH CDL ACADEMY, YTL CEMENT

On 17 June 2025, a delegation from the Faculty of Built Environment (FAB), UiTM Shah Alam, made a courtesy visit to CDL Academy, a subsidiary of YTL Cement known for its active role in talent development and industry-based training in the construction sector. The meeting was held at Wisma YTL Cement, Petaling Jaya, Selangor. The FAB delegation was led by Professor Ts. Dr. Emma Marinie Ahmad Zawawi, Dean of FAB, accompanied by Professor Sr Dr. Zulkiflee Abd Latif, Deputy Dean (Research & Industrial Networking), along with academic representatives Sr Dr. Anis Sazira Bakri (Quantity Surveying) and Ts. Dr. Nurul Asra Abd Rahman (Construction). The visit took place at the invitation of Dato' Sr Mohd Zaid bin Zakaria, Chairman of CDL Academy and Adjunct Professor at FAB. Also present were CDL Academy team members including engineers and researchers.



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