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Rector's Remark

Professor Dr. Firdaus Abdullah
Rector
UiTM Sarawak Branch

Warm greetings to all our readers,

As we turn the page to this new issue, I am pleased to welcome you not only to another chapter of our university's story, but also to a refreshed identity for our campus bulletin. What you now hold in your hands is Varsity Edge, a reimagined platform that serves as a meaningful evolution, yet continues the spirit of Infokampus (its former name). This bulletin offers a fresher, more grounded lens through which we view UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

In the previous issue, we reflected deeply on resilience, partnerships, and transformation lessons shaped by the pandemic years and guided by our aspirations towards 2030. This issue continues that journey. However, it does so with a renewed voice, one that speaks closer to the heart of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak and the campus community.

The decision to rebrand Infokampus was not taken lightly. For many years, Infokampus faithfully chronicled our milestones, achievements, and aspirations as a university. It served as an official and trusted platform documenting our institutional growth. Yet, as UiTM Cawangan Sarawak continues to evolve, so too must the way we tell our story.

Varsity Edge reflects a more personal, authentic, and inclusive narrative. It represents a renewed way of seeing, thinking, and engaging that goes beyond merely reporting achievements to sharing perspectives, from institutional announcements to human stories, and from top-down communication to a shared conversation. This new name embodies our identity that is grounded, inclusive, and community-oriented. It reminds us that UiTM Sarawak is not an isolated institution, but one that grows with and within its community. Through this lens, every lecturer, student, staff member, alumnus, and partner becomes part of the narrative.

While the name has changed, our values and direction remain firmly anchored. As highlighted in the previous issue, UiTM Sarawak continues to align itself with the national agenda under the Post-COVID Development Strategy 2030, as well as the global aspirations of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We remain steadfast in our mission to prepare graduates who are not only academically competent but also resilient, ethical, and socially responsible. The post-pandemic era has taught us that adaptability, collaboration, and empathy are no longer optional; they are essential attributes for future leaders.

Our efforts to strengthen teaching and learning, enhance digital capabilities, and expand industry and community partnerships continue to gain momentum. These initiatives are not standalone efforts; they are interconnected strategies designed to ensure that UiTM Sarawak remains relevant, competitive, and impactful in a rapidly changing world. In pursuing this, partnerships remain central to our growth. In line with SDG 17, UiTM Sarawak continues to foster strong collaborations with the Sarawak Government,

industries, community organisations, and international institutions. These partnerships have enabled us to contribute meaningfully to areas such as digital economy development, smart agriculture, community empowerment, and talent cultivation. More importantly, they have created pathways for our students and staff to engage beyond the classroom in applying knowledge, transferring skills, and co-creating solutions with real impact.

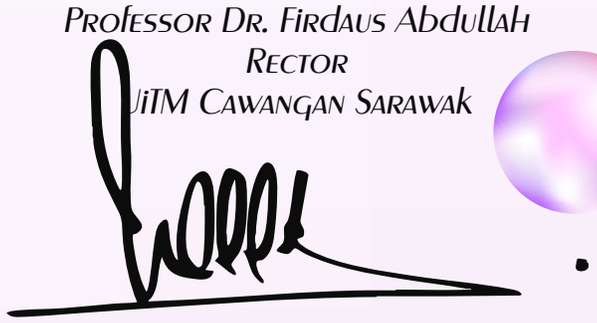
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and innovation. Our professional and support staff ensure that operations run smoothly, often behind the scenes. Our students bring energy, creativity, and purpose, thus challenging us to remain responsive and forward-looking. Our alumni and partners extend our impact beyond campus boundaries, carrying the UiTM Sarawak name with pride. Indeed, Varsity Edge provides space for these voices to be heard. It is a platform where achievements are celebrated, challenges are acknowledged, and lessons are shared openly.

As we step into 2026, we will further strengthen our strategic direction through ten new initiatives highlighted in the "Amant Rektor 2026" that will guide our collective efforts. We will intensify our commitment towards building a Green and Sustainable Campus while ensuring the mental health and overall well-being of our community remain a priority. We will develop a comprehensive social entrepreneurship ecosystem to empower innovation with impact, and continue to elevate excellence in sports, arts, and culture as part of holistic education. At the same time, we aim to expand international faculty engagement and nurture academic personalities who serve as media icons and thought leaders, strengthening our global visibility and distinction. Also, investments in sustainable infrastructure will support resilient and technology-integrated learning environments, alongside the establishment and reinforcement of Centres of Excellence focusing on future skills and strategic niche areas. Above all, we will continue embedding the principles of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices into our governance, curriculum, and operations to ensure that UiTM Sarawak grows responsibly and purposefully.

As UiTM Sarawak moves forward, Varsity Edge will serve as a mirror that reflects who we are, and a window that looks outward to who we aspire to become. The years ahead will continue to challenge us, but they will also offer opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and growth. With a clear strategic direction, strong partnerships, and a committed community, I am confident that UiTM Sarawak will continue to thrive as a university that is globally aware, locally rooted, and people-centred. Together, let us continue to move forward with purpose, guided by values, strengthened by partnerships, and inspired by the communities we serve.

Thank you and may our journey ahead be one of continued growth, unity, and positive impact.

warm regards,
Professor Dr. Firdaus Abdullah
Rector
UiTM Cawangan Sarawak





Message from Editor-in-Chief

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh and greetings.

Praise be to Allah SWT, by whose grace and mercy the official bulletin of UiTM Sarawak Branch is successfully published. The release of this edition marks a significant new chapter in the university's communication and information-sharing landscape with the rebranding of the bulletin from Info Kampus to Varsity Edge UiTM Sarawak Bulletin.

This rebranding represents more than a change in name and appearance; it reflects a renewed aspiration that is fresher, more dynamic, and inclusive. Varsity Edge is envisioned as a progressive platform to highlight academic achievements, research, innovation, student activities, as well as the contributions of the UiTM Sarawak Branch community to society and the nation. This initiative is also aligned with the university's aspiration to strengthen its institutional image as a centre of academic excellence that remains relevant to contemporary needs.

As the Editor-in-Chief, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the entire editorial team, contributors, and the UiTM Sarawak Branch community for their continuous support in making this publication a reality. It is our hope that Varsity Edge will serve as an effective communication medium, a source of inspiration, and a meaningful platform for knowledge sharing for all readers.

In closing, we sincerely hope that this bulletin will continue to remain relevant and gain a special place in the hearts of the university community and the public at large.

Thank you.

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UITMCS RECEIVES DOUBLE RECOGNITION AT BORNEO INSPIRES LEGACY AWARDS 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Heartiest congratulations to UiTMCS on the remarkable achievement of receiving two prestigious award recognitions at the inaugural Borneo Inspires Legacy Awards (BILA), organised by Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak) yesterday.

At this prestigious event, UiTMCS was honoured as the recipient of:

1. **Honorary Champion Award** for the 1st International Conference on Biotechnology, Smart Farming and Entrepreneurship for Food Security (BiosFE 2023), led by Associate Professor (Distinguished) Dr. Hasmah Mohidin; and
2. **Social Changemaker Award** for the International Council on Education Media Conference (ICEM 2023) under the Conferences & Exhibitions (C&E), Social Category, led by Associate Professor (Honorary) Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok.

The award presentation ceremony was officiated by YB Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Premier of Sarawak and Minister of International Trade, Industry, and Investment, who represented the Premier of Sarawak. Also present at the event were YB Dato Sri Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Minister of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak; YBhg. Dato Sri Dr. Wan Lizozman Wan Omar, Sarawak State Financial Secretary; YBhg. Datu Hii Chang Kee, Deputy State Secretary of Sarawak (Operations) and Acting Chairman of Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak), and YBhg. Tan Sri Mohamad Morshidi Abdul Ghani, Chairman of SDEC.

These awards serve as recognition of UiTMCS's contribution to hosting impactful events that drive Sarawak's development, aligning with the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). Beyond elevating UiTMCS's academic reputation on the international stage, this recognition reflects the unwavering commitment of the UiTMCS community to advancing the growth of both the state and the nation.

Moving forward, UiTMCS, through strategic collaborations with MoU/MoA partners, will continue the effort to champion and host high-impact events that strengthen Sarawak's position as the Legacy Capital or business events in Malaysia and Borneo, and as a premier destination of choice in the region.

Once again, congratulations to the entire UiTMCS family on this outstanding and inspiring achievement!



PROMOTING HEALTH AND LIFELONG LEARNING AT THE 20TH PUBLIC SERVICE PREMIER COUNCIL (MAPPA XX) 2025 RUN - SARAWAK EDITION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



On 6 July 2025, I took the opportunity to prioritise my health by participating in the 20th Public Service Premier Council (MAPPA XX) 2025 Run - Sarawak Edition. MAPPA XX 2025 is an annual programme organised by the Public Service Department (JPA) to raise awareness on healthy lifestyles, particularly among civil servants. Beyond health, the programme also serves as a platform to strengthen ties between public servants and the local community through recreational activities.

The MAPPA XX run featured three categories - 10 km, 5 km, and 3 km - and was flagged off by YB Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian, Deputy Premier of Sarawak. Also present were YB Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Abu Bakar bin Marzuki, State Secretary of Sarawak; YBhg. Dato Ahmad Nadzri Mohd Hassan, Federal Secretary of Sarawak; YBhg. Datuk Dr Mohd Zabri Yusoff, Director of the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN); YBhg. Datu Hii Chang Kee, Deputy State Secretary of Sarawak (Operations); and YBhg. Datuk Dr Mohd Bakhari Ismail, Deputy Director General of Public Services (Development).

At the same time, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) participated as an exhibitor to promote a wide range of full-time and part-time academic programmes offered under the Institute of Continuing Education and Professional Studies (iCEPS) and Postgraduate Programmes (Centre for Graduate Studies). The booth was led by Dr Azlina Bujang, Head of iCEPS Academic Centre, Dr Yong Sze Wei, Postgraduate Studies Coordinator, together with En. Ikhwan Naguib Jusoh and Pn. Noriham Bujang.

This involvement was not only promotional, but also reflected UiTMCS's commitment to lifelong learning, talent development, and academic excellence among civil servants, in support of Sarawak's development aspirations.

Special thanks to YB Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian, Deputy Premier of Sarawak, YB Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Abu Bakar bin Marzuki, State Secretary of Sarawak, and other distinguished guests for graciously visiting and engaging with the UiTMCS exhibition booth team.



BLOCKCHAIN BORNEO CONFERENCE 2025 HIGHLIGHTS DIGITAL INNOVATION FOR SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the privilege of attending the opening ceremony of the Blockchain Borneo Conference (BBC) 2025, held at the Borneo Cultures Museum, Kuching. The event was officiated by YB Datuk Amar Professor Dr. Sim Kui Hian, Deputy Premier of Sarawak, who also delivered a keynote address emphasising the importance of blockchain technology in advancing Sarawak's digital economy.

BBC 2025 is organised by the Kuching Blockchain Technology Association (KBTA) with the support of various agencies, including the Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA), Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak), Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation (SDEC), Tabung Gagasan Ekonomi Sarawak (TEGAS), Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC), Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC), and the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRDC). The conference serves as a vital platform to drive innovation and foster collaboration in blockchain technology within Sarawak.

In support of this initiative, UiTMCS sent more than 100 students from various academic disciplines to participate in the two-day conference.

During the same event, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony was also held between UiTMCS and Metadise Sdn. Bhd. (Metadise), witnessed by YB Datuk Amar Professor Dr. Sim Kui Hian. UiTMCS was represented by me, while Metadise was represented by Mr. Dylan Ang, Chief Operating Officer of Metadise.

Through this MoU, UiTMCS was entrusted and awarded a grant of RM19,500 from the Ministry of Youth and Sports (KBS) to organise the Rev It Up! e-Sports Carnival, which is expected to take place in December 2025 at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

The carnival will feature a variety of activities, including e-sports tournaments for Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB), PUBG, EAFC, and Sim Racing, as well as an e-sports workshop and technology and hobby exhibition. UiTMCS will also collaborate closely with Metadise in organising the Sim Racing and e-sports workshop components.

Looking ahead, UiTMCS plans to expand the Rev It Up! carnival to the national level, inviting top-ranked teams from the Malaysian e-sports scene to compete in the event.

To all e-sports enthusiasts, stay tuned for more updates on the Rev It Up! e-Sports Carnival!

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STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL TIES WITH SARAWAK STATE SECRETARIAT

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



A courtesy visit was held with the Right Honourable Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Abu Bakar bin Marzuki, the State Secretary of Sarawak, at the Office of the State Secretary of Sarawak, Level 20, Wisma Bapa Malaysia, Petra Jaya.

The visit provided an opportunity to strengthen institutional relations and explore strategic cooperation in support of Sarawak's state development agenda.

We extend our highest appreciation and sincere gratitude to YB Datuk Amar for graciously receiving this courtesy visit.

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#WismaBapaMalaysia #Sarawak #KerjasamaStrategik

UiTM SARAWAK RECEIVES SILVER AWARD AT AKPANS 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, Tabarakallah.

I had the honour of attending and representing UiTM Sarawak Branch to receive the Silver Award – Federal Statutory Body Category at the Sarawak State Public Service Quality Awards 2025 (AKPANS).

The award was presented by YB Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Abu Bakar bin Marzuki, Secretary of the Sarawak Government, during the Sarawak Public Service Appreciation Day 2025 at the Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching. The event followed the Sarawak Public Service Day 2025 celebration held at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching on 20 November 2025.

The moment was further shared with YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Mohd Khamil bin Jamil, Chairman of the UiTM Board of Directors, and YBhg. Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib @ Sahibuddin, FASc, Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA, upon their arrival at Kuching International Airport. Their visit was in conjunction with the 103rd UiTM Convocation Ceremony at UiTM Sarawak and a working visit to the Mukah Campus.

This award reflects the strong commitment and consistent efforts of all members of UiTM Sarawak. It is the result of teamwork, shared responsibility, and continuous improvement across the branch.

Heartfelt appreciation and thanks are extended to everyone at UiTM Sarawak for your dedication and hard work. May we continue to work together and strive for better outcomes in the years ahead.

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EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN PANTAI DAMAI

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



28 July 2025 (Monday) | Alhamdulillah, thank you to YB Datuk Dr Haji Abdul Rahman Haji Junaidi, Deputy Minister in the Premier of Sarawak's Department (Project Coordinator for Regional Development Agencies, DBKU and Islamic Affairs), for graciously receiving the UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) delegation during a courtesy visit to his official office at Menara LCDA, Kuching.

Accompanying me during this visit were Associate Professor ChM. Ts. Dr Mohamad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs; Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of Samarahan 2 Campus; and Mr Yaziz Kasim, Coordinator of the Corporate Communication Unit.

During the visit, I delivered a brief presentation to YB Datuk, who also serves as the State Assemblyman (ADUN) for N.4 Pantai Damai, on the academic programmes offered at UiTMCS. I also shared that UiTMCS has introduced the Dapur HEP and Food Bank initiative to support students, particularly those from B40 households, who require food assistance throughout their studies. This initiative has helped many students access basic food supplies and ease the burden of the rising cost of living.

In addition, I shared information on a series of international conferences that will be co-organised by UiTMCS until the end of the year. One of these is the 16th Borneo Islamic International Conference (KAIB XVI), which will be held at the State Islamic Institute (IAIN) Pontianak, Kalimantan, Indonesia, from 9 to 11 September 2025. On behalf of UiTMCS, I was also pleased to extend an invitation to YB Datuk to deliver the keynote address on the first day of KAIB XVI.

Other matters discussed included programmes to empower socio-economic development in communities, particularly through entrepreneurship initiatives in the Pantai Damai constituency. I expressed UiTMCS's readiness to support these efforts through expertise, research, innovation, and knowledge transfer for community development programmes under the ministry.

Accordingly, UiTMCS submitted several project, research, and proposal papers to YB Datuk for his consideration, as follows:

i. Entrepreneurship Development and Support Project for Sarawak's Micro and Small Enterprises (One Community, One Halal Kitchen).
ii. Proposal Paper for Funding Application for Halal Research Initiatives.
iii. Proposal for the Establishment of a Comprehensive Halal Laboratory in Sarawak.
iv. Proposal for Halal Training for Micro and Small Traders Across Sarawak.
v. Proposal for UiTM Sarawak Branch as a Strategic Partner of the Sarawak Islamic Council under JAIS to Provide Halal Training and Certification in Sarawak.
vi. Funding Application to Provide HALAL JAKIM Certification Consultancy Services for Small Traders in Sarawak.
vii. Collaborative Research Project between DBKU, UiTM Sarawak Branch, and STOMA Sdn. Bhd. to Improve Sungai Bintangor Water Quality through the Proposed Integrated Water Treatment System (JERNIH 1.0).
viii. Research and Community Project Proposal: "Revitalising Mosques through Community Farming in Kuching, Sarawak."

Wehope that this collaborative relationship will continue to grow, and that more impactful programmes can be organised together between UiTMCS and YB Datuk's office in the future.

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UiTMCS DELEGATION MEETS DEPUTY MINISTER FOR INTEGRITY & OMBUDSMAN TO DISCUSS COLLABORATION PROGRAMMES

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



This morning, I, together with the delegation from UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), had the privilege of paying a courtesy call on YB Dato' Murshid Diraja Dr Juanda Jaya, Deputy Minister in the Sarawak Premier's Department (Integrity & Ombudsman) and State Assemblyman for N.44 Jemoreng, at his official office in Bangunan Baitulmakmur II, Kuching.

Also present to welcome us were Mr Wan Mohamad bin Wan Drahman, Director of the Sarawak Integrity & Ombudsman Unit (UNIONS), Mr Wan Hipni bin Wan Mohamad, Senior Assistant Director of the Integrity & Governance Division, along with several members of the UNIONS management team.

I was accompanied during the visit by Associate Professor ChM. Ts. Dr Mohamad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector (Academic & International Affairs), Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of Samarahan 2 Campus, and Mr Yaziz Kasim, Coordinator of the Corporate Communications Unit.

During the courtesy call, I took the opportunity to express my gratitude to UNIONS for their collaboration and support of UiTM in conducting the Malaysian Integrity Index Study, which is currently underway. I am confident that the cooperation and assistance provided have contributed significantly to the successful implementation of this study.

I also shared with YB Dato' the outcomes of courtesy calls made by UiTMCS to the Premier of Sarawak, the State Secretary of Sarawak, and several ministers and deputy ministers, all of whom responded very positively and welcomed UiTMCS's collaboration with the Sarawak Government in advancing various sectors.

Other matters discussed during this visit included:

Proposed collaboration in the implementation of the Sarawak Integrity Index Study

i. Implementation of the Integrity Partner Programme at UiTMCS
ii. Proposed Micro-Credential Programme: Integrity Module Certification Course for Sarawak Civil Servants
iii. Ombudsman workshops for UiTMCS lecturers and students
iv. Collaboration in implementing community-level integrity programmes
v. Proposals to enhance a transparent and efficient procurement system
vi. Collaboration in organising Transparency International programmes
vii. CSR Programme: UiTMCS Academic Mission in Jemoreng Constituency
viii. Proposed STEM promotion programmes and the establishment of STEM Labs in primary and secondary schools within Jemoreng Constituency
ix. Proposed socio-economic empowerment programmes for the Jemoreng community through social entrepreneurship, halal industry, community farming, and eco-tourism

Alhamdulillah, in principle, YB Dato' agreed to and expressed support for the implementation of the proposed programmes and projects discussed during the visit.

Our deepest thanks go to YB Dato' for graciously taking the time to receive the UiTMCS delegation and for his strong support in fostering strategic cooperation with UiTMCS.

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YB DATUK JEFFERSON SUPPORTS UITMCS STUDENTS WITH RM20,000 FOR FOOD BANK INITIATIVE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



UiTM Sarawak Branch extends its deepest gratitude and highest appreciation to YB Datuk Jefferson Jamit Unyat, Deputy Minister in the Sarawak Premier's Department (Native Customs and Laws) and State Assemblyman for N.63 Bukit Goram, for his generous contribution of RM20,000 towards the Food Bank & Student Affairs Kitchen (HEP) initiative at UiTMCS.

This contribution will be fully utilised to support students, particularly those from underprivileged families, in coping with the rising cost of living.

It is hoped that such efforts will continue in the future to safeguard the welfare and well-being of UiTMCS students from the B40 group, enabling them to remain resilient in their pursuit of knowledge and ultimately transform the lives of their families.

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UiTMCS PRESENTS KEY RESEARCH INITIATIVES TO DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, on 2 August 2025, I had the opportunity to witness a research proposal presentation session by the lead researchers of UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), held at the office of YB Datuk Dr Jerip Susil, Deputy Minister of Transport Sarawak and State Assemblyman (ADUN) for N.19 Mambong, at Baitulmakmur Building.

This presentation session was a follow-up to the courtesy visit made to YB Datuk Dr Jerip earlier in March. Accompanying me at the session were Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network, as well as Mr Hadi Jumaat, Research Management Coordinator, alongside other lecturers involved in the research projects.

Three main projects were presented during the session. It began with Mr Clement anak Jimel, who presented the Bengoh Cultural Tourism proposal, focusing on the development of heritage- and history-based tourism centred on the Bidayuh community in the Bengoh area. This initiative aims to preserve traditional values and the identity of the local community while stimulating economic growth through community-based tourism.

Next was the presentation of a project titled Hill Paddy Project in Mambong (N.19) by Ts. Dr Siti Sahmsiah Sahmat. This project is a sustainable agriculture initiative aimed at empowering rural communities through a more structured and high-impact hill paddy cultivation system. It also carries significant potential to boost the agritourism sector by showcasing traditional farming activities as attractions for both domestic and international tourists.



Finally, Ts. Dr Nurzawani Md Sofwan presented the third proposal entitled Kuching Bus Emissions Abatement Retrofit Programme (K-BEAR), which emphasises the reduction of carbon emissions through the retrofitting of public bus engine systems towards a more environmentally friendly and energy-efficient mode of transportation.

We extend our sincere thanks to YB Datuk Dr Jerip for graciously receiving us and for listening to the presentations of these proposals and initiatives, which have the potential to contribute to the state's development, particularly in the areas of tourism, agriculture, and sustainable transport. May this presentation and knowledge-sharing session receive favourable consideration and pave the way for broader collaborative opportunities between UiTMCS and the Sarawak State Government, further strengthening the university's role as a catalyst for academic research, community development, and the advancement of strategic sectors in Sarawak

UITM'S COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING ENGLISH LITERACY AT SARAWAK ENGLISH LITERACY CONFERENCE (SELC) 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page





Alhamdulillah, I have the opportunity to attend the Closing Ceremony of the Sarawak English Literacy Conference (SELC) 2025, held from 17 to 18 September at Theatre Hotel and on 19 September at the Old Court House.

I was honoured to represent UiTM at the event, where we exchanged an MoU with Place Borneo Sdn. Bhd. and the Layar Education Development Committee (LEDC) for collaborative literacy initiatives. Additionally, we also exchanged an MoU with Jolly Learning Ltd., the developer of the Jolly Phonics programme, to support phonics-based instruction in schools in Sarawak. This symbolic exchange reflects our shared commitment to advancing literacy and education in Sarawak.

The event was honoured by the presence of YB Dato Gerald Rentap Jabu, the Deputy Minister for Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development in Sarawak, who is also the Patron of SELC 2025.

I was also interviewed by the media, where I shared UiTMCS's continuous efforts to support English literacy through research, community engagement, and collaboration with local and international partners. We firmly believe that literacy is the foundation for empowering our future generations and ensuring Sarawak's readiness for global challenges.

Congratulations to the lecturers of the Academy of Language Studies (APB) UiTM Sarawak for their dedication and commitment, making SELC 2025 a success. Your hard work has made a meaningful contribution to both the university and the wider community.

Congratulations as well to the organising committee, partners, and participants for the success of SELC 2025. May this initiative continue to inspire and strengthen our collective journey in building a literate, innovative, and future-ready society.

UiTM SARAWAK AND SARAWAK MINISTRY FORGE STRATEGIC TIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page





A high-level delegation from UiTM Sarawak, led by the Rector, recently paid a courtesy call to YB Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh, the Deputy Minister of Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment of Sarawak. The university leadership team, which comprised the Deputy Rectors, Associate Professor ChM. Ts. Dr. Mohamad Isa Mohamadin, Associate Professor Dr. Saimi Bujang, Professor Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, and Assistant Rector Associate Professor Dr. Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, engaged in productive dialogue regarding the alignment of academic expertise with state development goals. The visit underscored a shared commitment to enhancing human capital, expanding industry networks, and driving socio-economic progress within the state.

During the session, the university unveiled plans for World Clean Up Day, a high-impact programme set to involve the entire UiTM system, the Kuching South City Council, and various NGOs in a massive environmental conservation effort. Furthermore, UiTM Sarawak formally offered its technical and academic resources to assist the Ministry in its developmental mandates, specifically within the N.41 Kuala Rajang constituency. This offer reflects the university's proactive stance in utilising its research capabilities to support the Sarawak government's vision for a resilient and progressive state.

The meeting concluded with a gracious invitation from the Deputy Minister for the UiTM Sarawak community to visit Kuala Rajang to collaborate on on-ground sustainable development initiatives. This invitation marks a significant milestone in the university-industry partnership, bridging the gap between policy-making and academic application. By combining local leadership insights with the university's intellectual resources, this collaboration promises to give positive impacts for community well-being and the future of Sarawak's youth.

DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH THROUGH ACADEMIA–INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page





Alhamdulillah. On 17 September 2025, I had the great honour of attending the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Exchange Ceremony and the Launch of the Research and Industry Network (PJI) Directory at the PTAR Samarahan Campus. The event was particularly significant for UiTM as it was graced by the presence of YBhg. Prof. Emeritus Dato' Dr. Hassan Said, Pro-Chancellor of UiTM, together with Cik Junita Jamaludin, the Bursar of UiTM.

This meaningful initiative by UiTMCS marks an important step in fostering stronger collaborations between academia and industry. The establishment of centres of excellence in research, training, and innovation within the campus reflects UiTM's vision of building a vibrant Industrial Campus Ecosystem.

We witnessed the exchange of three significant MoUs between UiTM Sarawak and:

- Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC)
- SPL Food Industries Sdn. Bhd.
- Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd.

These collaborations will focus on sustainability, biotechnology, and innovation rooted in our local food heritage—key areas that will undoubtedly benefit students, researchers, and industry players alike.

The launch of the Research and Industry Network (PJI) Directory, alongside the upcoming ICAN, Research & Publication, and Innovation & IP Directories, will serve as platforms to showcase UiTMCS's outstanding achievements in research, innovation, and publications, which have earned recognition at both national and international levels.

I am confident that this initiative will further strengthen Sarawak's position as a hub of sustainable growth and innovation, in line with UiTM2030's aspiration to emerge as a globally renowned university.

Congratulations to UiTMCS on this visionary initiative!
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UiTM SARAWAK CROWNED 'MOST OUTSTANDING BRANCH' AT SCHOLARS RECOGNITION CEREMONY 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



UiTM Sarawak has solidified its position as a research powerhouse after being conferred the Most Outstanding UiTM Branch Award at the UiTM Scholars Recognition Ceremony 2025. Held recently at the Hotel Wyndham Acmar Klang, Selangor, the prestigious accolade was presented by the Vice-Chancellor, YBhg. Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib @ Sahibuddin and witnessed by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Ts. Dr. Norazah Abd Rahman. This major victory underscores the campus's commitment to academic excellence and high-impact innovation.

The evening also celebrated individual brilliance, with UiTM Sarawak researchers sweeping top honors across multiple categories. Professor Dr. Corina Ak Joseph and Associate Professor Ts. Dr Robin Chang Yee Hui were recognised for the Highest Q1 Journal Publications in Social Creativity & Innovation and Energy & Environment, respectively. Additionally, Associate Professor Dr. Chung Siew Mee received the award for Highest Citations in Logistics & Transportation, while Professor Ts. Dr. Khong Heng Yen accepted the MyCITE Award 2024 for the Journal of Smart Science and Technology (JSST).

This collective success serves as a testament to the unwavering dedication of the entire UiTM Sarawak community in elevating the university's academic reputation. The management extends its heartiest congratulations to all winners, viewing these accolades as a catalyst to further strengthen high-impact research and ensure the campus remains a distinguished hub of excellence in the years to come.



UiTM SARAWAK STRENGTHENING GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY THROUGH COME DISCOVER BUMI KENYALANG 2025 (CDBK2025)

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, on 28 August 2025, I had the honour of officiating the closing dinner of the Come Discover Bumi Kenyalang 2025 (CDBK2025) programme, held at Jubilee Hall, UiTM Sarawak Branch, Samarahan Campus. My sincere appreciation goes to the organiser, UiTM Global Sarawak, for the kind invitation, and congratulations on the successful hosting of this year's CDBK programme.

Now in its third edition, CDBK2025 welcomed 40 international participants, comprising students and accompanying officers, from the National University of Management, Cambodia; Guangxi Minzu Normal University, China; Quanzhou Technical & Vocational University, China; and Universitas Panca Bhakti (UPB), Pontianak, Indonesia.

I firmly believe that CDBK will continue to grow in significance—not merely as an academic platform, but as a meaningful bridge of friendship that transcends borders. The participants will return to their home countries as little ambassadors of Sarawak, carrying with them lasting friendships and memorable experiences gained throughout the programme. This initiative is more than a mobility programme; it is a bridge that connects cultures and communities.

At the same time, this programme reinforces UiTM Sarawak Branch's role as a global bridge, uniting students and academics from diverse nations through education, culture, and friendship.

Throughout the programme, participants were immersed in authentic Sarawakian cultural experiences, including Jom Klaka Bahasa Sarawak, Sarawak layer cake making, traditional games, outdoor challenges, cultural visits, and ethnic dance performances.

Moving forward, we will continue to expand our global network through strategic Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and Memoranda of Agreement (MoAs) with international universities, ensuring that UiTM Sarawak Branch students can stand confidently and competitively alongside their international peers.

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SPORTSMAN AND SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR: UiTM SARAWAK TRIUMPHS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, two staff members from UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) were honoured with the UiTM Sportsman and Sportswoman Awards at the UiTM Sports Awards Ceremony 2024, held at Dewan Agong Tuanku Canselor, UiTM Shah Alam, on 2 July 2025.

Both individuals won in the staff category, which was introduced for the first time in this awards ceremony. Dr. Malvern Abdullah, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Management and Business and an active bodybuilder, emerged as Sportsman of the Year after outperforming other nominees through his international medal achievements throughout 2024. Meanwhile, in the women's category, Pn. Nur Sazleena binti Muliyono, a clerk in the Administration Division and a darts athlete from UiTMCS, was crowned Sportswoman of the Year following several impressive accomplishments at international level.

The ceremony also saw three silat athletes and one female handball athlete receiving the Bronze Award in the Student Category for winning gold medals at the MASUM and SUKIPT 2024 championships. The students were Marcela Jabah anak Dagang (handball), Awangku Muhammad Nur Aiman bin Awang Tengah (silat), Nursyifa binti Ahmad Nordin (silat), and Aiman Syafiq bin Rashid (silat).



FROM SAPE TO SARAWAK LAKSA: UiTM SARAWAK PROUDLY BRINGS SARAWAK'S SPIRIT TO IRELAND

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, the delegation of UiTM Sarawak had the honour of participating in the "Taste of Malaysia Festival" at Asia Market, Merrywell Business Park, Dublin. This vibrant festival was organised by the Embassy of Malaysia in Dublin and supported by UiTM Sarawak, in conjunction with Malaysia's Independence Day celebration.

UiTM Sarawak made a remarkable impression at the festival with an array of cultural activities. The Cultural Unit team, led by Mr. Sharin Sulaiman, captivated audiences with traditional Melanau, Iban, and Malay joget dances, while Austin, a talented student delegate, mesmerised the crowd with soulful sape performances, drawing enthusiastic applause. Complementing the performances, an art exhibition curated by Mr. Clement Jimel, Christian, and Austin highlighted the creativity and talent of lecturers, staff, and students from the Faculty of Arts & Design.

Festival-goers also had the opportunity to enjoy traditional Malaysian games such as congkak and batu seremban, coordinated by Dr. Patricia Pawa Pitil, Aiman Jamil, and Rabiatul. Meanwhile, a live cooking demonstration by chefs from the Malaysian Embassy and UiTM Sarawak, including Ms. Ummi Aminah Zamhari, Nurfarisha, and Iman, delighted visitors with authentic Malaysian flavours.

One of the most memorable moments of the festival was a spontaneous "joget" session, where attendees, including locals, joined in the lively dance. The enchanting sape melodies and the irresistible Sarawak laksa quickly became highlights of the day, leaving lasting impressions of Malaysian culture and hospitality.

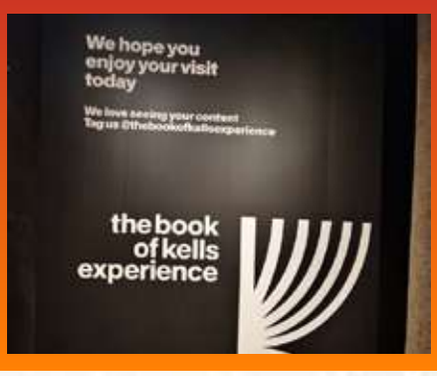
This event not only celebrated Malaysia's independence but also strengthened cultural ties between Malaysia and Ireland, offering the local community an unforgettable introduction to the rich and diverse heritage of Sarawak. The festival concluded at 2:30 p.m., marking a joyful celebration of unity, diversity, and tradition.

UiTM SARAWAK DELEGATION EXPLORES THE BOOK OF KELLS AT TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

As part of the UNITE25 programme in Dublin, the UiTM Sarawak delegation had the privilege of visiting the iconic Book of Kells Exhibition at Trinity College Dublin.

The visit provided a profound appreciation of Ireland's rich cultural and historical heritage, exemplified by the world-renowned medieval manuscripts carefully preserved at Trinity College. Witnessing these masterpieces firsthand served as a powerful reminder of how history, art, and scholarship converge to shape enduring centres of knowledge.



This enlightening experience highlighted the importance of education and cultural exchange in promoting mutual understanding and collaboration across borders. The insights gained during this visit will be shared with students and scholars in Sarawak, inspiring them to embrace global perspectives while remaining proudly grounded in their own cultural heritage.

#UNITE25 #UiTMSarawak #BookofKells #TrinityCollegeDublin #SarawakToTheWorld #InterculturalExchange

UiTM SARAWAK ADVANCES GLOBAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION IN DUBLIN THROUGH UNITE25-MAPPING SARAWAK TO THE WORLD INITIATIVE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



On 29 August 2025, the delegation from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak embarked on a meaningful academic journey in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, under the UNITE25 – Mapping Sarawak to the World initiative.

The day began with a courtesy visit to the Embassy of Malaysia in Dublin, where I, together with the UiTM Sarawak delegation, was warmly received by H.E. Wan Aznaimian Yusri Wan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador of Malaysia to Ireland. Our discussions focused on strengthening academic and research collaborations, developing student exchange opportunities, and promoting cultural initiatives with Irish institutions, particularly Trinity College Dublin (TCD), Ireland's highest-ranked university #75 QS World University Ranking.

Later, the delegation participated in an Engagement Session with Trinity College Dublin, jointly organised with the Trinity Centre for Asian Studies (TCAS). We were honoured to engage with Professor Carmel O'Sullivan, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Nathan Hill, Director of TCAS and Head of the School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences, and Heather Hodges, Global Mobility Manager.

Our dialogue explored promising areas of collaboration, including the establishment of UiTM Sarawak as a Regional Centre for Asian Studies, joint initiatives in AI, language research, and sustainability studies, frameworks for credit transfer and joint/dual degree programmes, as well as opportunities for visiting scholars, Erasmus-linked projects, and future MoU/MoA agreements.

The session concluded with an academic visit to the Book of Kells Exhibition, where our delegation gained a deeper appreciation of Ireland's cultural and historical legacy, further enriching the intercultural experience of UNITE25.

This engagement marks a significant step in enhancing UiTM Sarawak's global footprint, strengthening our academic partnerships, and fostering cultural exchange. I am confident that the collaborations initiated in Dublin will expand opportunities for our students and staff, while positioning Sarawak more prominently on the international academic stage.

STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION: UiTM RECTOR'S COUNCIL AT UITMCS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, today UiTMCS proudly hosted the UiTM Rector's Council Meeting, which I had the honour of chairing for the first time since my appointment as the Chairman of the UiTM Rector's Council (acting). This annual meeting serves as an official platform for deliberating on key matters encompassing administration, academics, development, and the university's overall strategic direction.

The session was conducted in a hybrid format, with in-person attendance from the Rectors of UiTM branches of Perak, Terengganu, Pahang, Penang, Selangor, Kelantan, and Negeri Sembilan, accompanied by three secretariat members to support the smooth facilitation of the discussions.

Key agenda items included aligning policies and programs across all branches, strengthening administrative and academic collaboration, and enhancing the management of UiTM's development initiatives.

The successful hosting of this meeting reflects UiTM's unwavering commitment to strengthening its leadership network and advancing the excellence of higher education in Malaysia. On behalf of the entire UiTM Sarawak community, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone involved in making this meeting a success.

UITM SARAWAK BRANCH STRENGTHENS INDUSTRY AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AT 11TH THEORY AND TECHNIQUE INTERNATIONAL AEROSOL CONFEENCE 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



4 August 2025 (Monday) | Alhamdulillah, yesterday morning, I had the opportunity to attend the opening ceremony of the 11th 2025 Theory and Technique International Aerosol Conference (2025 T&T IAC) held at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Bangi. The event was officiated by YBrs. Prof. ChM. Dr. Ishak Ahmad, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology, UKM.

Also in attendance were Prof. Dr. Mohd Latif Talib, Chair of the Conference; Dr. Norhazni Mat Sari, Deputy Director of Operations at the Department of Environment; Prof. Dr. Candice Lung, President of the Taiwan Association for Aerosol Research (TAAR); and Prof. Dr. Norfiza Mohd Mokhtar, Vice Chair (Research) of Management and Science University (MSU).

The conference, which runs from 3 to 5 August 2025, is jointly organised by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), UiTM Sarawak Branch, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UMP), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), and Management and Science University (MSU), in collaboration with the Taiwan Association for Aerosol Research (TAAR) and the Malaysian Association for Aerosol and Air Quality Research (MAAQR).

With the theme "Aerosol Science for Sustainability: Bridging Insights, Mitigation and Policy", the conference brings together around 200 participants comprising researchers and academics from various countries to discuss current issues in aerosol studies, atmospheric chemistry, air pollution, and global climate change.

At the same time, I took the opportunity to engage with and explore potential collaborations with several key industry players in air and aerosol instrumentation who were present as sponsors and exhibitors at the conference.

My heartfelt congratulations and appreciation go to the lecturers and researchers from UiTM Sarawak Branch - Pn. Hajah Hartini Haji Mahidin,



Dr. Nor Diana Abdul Halim, Ts. Dr Nurzawani Md Sofwan, Dr Nur Royhaila Mohamad, and ChM. Dr Azira binti Azahidi - for their active involvement not only as members of the organising committee but also as paper/poster presenters, participants and established collaboration with government agencies, universities, and industry players in the field of air and aerosol research.

hope that such active engagement with the industry will catalyze strengthening and sustaining UiTM Sarawak's international collaborations and networks.

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#universitikebangsaanmalaysia
#InternationalCollaboration

HALAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING 2025: BUILDING EXPERTS FOR GLOBAL INDUSTRY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, I had the privilege of attending the closing ceremony of the Road to Halal Professional: Competency & Internal Audit Traning this morning at the Sarawak Skills Development Centre in Kuching.

Present at the event were YBrs. Encik Hallman bin Sabri, Executive Director of the Sarawak Skills Development Centre and Chairman of the Federation of Malaysian Skills Development Centres (FMSDC); Pn. Sharifah Mastura binti Wan Razali, Principal Assistant Secretary (Industry Development Division) of the Ministry of International Trade, Industry and Investment Sarawak (MINTRED); YBhg. Profesor Dato Dr. Jamil bin Haji Hamali, Member of the Sarawak Islamic Council (MIS) representing the President of the Sarawak Islamic Council; Associate Prof. ChM. Ts. Dr. Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic & International Affairs, and Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network (PJI), along with the management team from Sarawak Skills.

The seven-day program, which took place from July 24 to August 1, 2025, brought together 15 participants from various agencies & institutions in the Philippines, led by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). They engaged in a comprehensive learning experience focused on halal certification, standards, and industry best practices. This was achieved through a combination of lectures, audit simulations, and site visits to halal-certified premises - Sara-Bif Butcher Shop & Western Grill, Durian Crepe Kuching, and Beishi Trading Co.

The program was organized by Sarawak Skills in collaboration with UiTM Sarawak through the Halal Services, Consultancy, Research & Development Group (HaSCaRD) and TESDA, with strong support from the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak (MEITD), the Ministry of International Trade, Industry, and Investment Sarawak (MINTRED), and PPES Ternak Sdn. Bhd. (Sara-Bif). Designed to provide both technical knowledge and practical exposure, the program aimed to equip participants with the essential tools for Halal Competency and Internal Halal Audit, in accordance with the rigorous standards set by JAKIM, Malaysia's halal certification authority.

During the event, I also had the opportunity to connect with several distinguished individuals from the Philippines, including Regional Director Tarhata S. Mapandi from TESDA Zamboanga and Dr. Anecia A. Alvarez, representing the Zamboanga City Private Technical Vocational Education and Training Institutions Association (ZIAP-TVET). It was inspiring to see such a diverse group come together with the shared goal of enhancing the global standing of the halal sector. I'm thrilled and look forward to deepening the collaborations to reinforce the commitment to halal excellence.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the participants for their active involvement and unwavering dedication throughout the program. My sincere gratitude also goes to the dedicated trainers, facilitators, and coordinators from UiTM Sarawak, Sarawak Skills, and TESDA, whose expertise and hard work contributed to the success of this initiative. Together, we are not only shaping professionals but also building a unified global halal community committed to excellence.

#HalalCompetency #halalindustry
#halalstandards #JAKIM #ASEAN
#BIMPEAGA #InternationalCollaboration





UiTMCS DEBATE TEAM EMERGES AS OVERALL CHAMPION AT VICE-CHANCELLOR'S DEBATE TROPHY 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Congratulations to the UiTMCS Debate Team for emerging as the overall champion of the UiTM Vice-Chancellor's Debate Trophy 2025, held from 17–20 August 2025 at UiTM Perak Branch. This marks the third time the UiTMCS Malay Debate Team, represented this year by members of the UiTM Sarawak Debate Club namely Jimsie Justin, Wesley Sipang, Nur Aleeyah, and Marissa, has won the overall championship, following their previous victories in 2010 and 2011.

Adding to the pride, Wesley Sipang was named Best Debater twice in the preliminary rounds, while Nur Aleeyah received the Best Debater award in the preliminary, quarter-final, and semi-final rounds.

It was not only the Malay Debate Team that shone; the English Debate Team also made a strong impression by advancing to the quarter-finals. Although they narrowly missed a place in the semi-finals, their performance contributed crucial points that helped the UiTMCS Debate Team secure the overall championship.

My heartfelt congratulations and appreciation go to all involved, especially Associate Prof. Dr. Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs (HEP), UiTMCS, for his unwavering support throughout the tournament. Special thanks also go to the coach and advisor of the UiTMCS Debate Club, En. Muhammad Syafie Hamdin, Assistant Registrar of the Co-Curriculum Unit, HEP, UiTMCS.

May the UiTMCS Debate Team continue to shine and achieve even greater glory on both the national and international debate stage, Insha-Allah.







BUILDING GLOBAL ISLAMIC ACADEMIC NETWORKS: THE LEGACY OF THE 16TH BORNEO INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (KAIB)

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, the Closing and Adjournment Ceremony of the 16th Borneo International Islamic Conference (KAIB) was held with great splendour at the Kubu Raya Regency Office, Pontianak City, Indonesia.

This distinguished event was graced by the presence of the Secretary of the Directorate General of Islamic Education, Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Prof. Dr. M. Arskal Salim, GP, M.Ag; the Governor of West Kalimantan, represented by the Provincial Inspector; leaders of the West Kalimantan Regional Leadership Communication Forum (Forkopimda); the Regent and Deputy Regent of Kubu Raya; as well as the Consul of Malaysia in Pontianak.

Adding further prestige to the occasion were the Rector of IAIN Pontianak, together with the leadership of KAIB collaborating institutions, including the Rector of UiTM Sabah Branch, representatives from Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan (Brunei Darussalam), Central Philippine University (Philippines), and the University of Hamburg (Germany).

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all parties for their commitment, dedication, and outstanding efforts in ensuring the success of both the preparations and the execution of the 16th KAIB.

Building upon this successful organisation, I also proposed several enhancements to further strengthen future KAIB convenings. These include:

- Organising additional programmes such as nasyid and qur'an recitation competitions,
- Encouraging active participation from the local community,
- Hosting industry- and youth-focused forums or symposiums, and
- Organising postgraduate colloquia.

In addition, I suggested that more academic and scholarly outputs be generated through KAIB, including book publications, journals, joint publications, research collaborations, matching grants, and the expansion of international participation through Scopus- and WoS-indexed journals.

Alhamdulillah, through mutual consensus among the Rectors and delegates of the 16th KAIB, it was agreed to establish the Permanent Secretariat of KAIB, represented by 11 founding institutions. This marks a significant milestone towards ensuring the continuity and effectiveness of KAIB in the years ahead.

In conclusion, with utmost humility, I call upon all of us to seize this platform to strengthen brotherhood, expand collaborative networks, and reinforce our shared commitment to da'wah and community development.

Insha-Allah, with the spirit of unity and solidarity, we will be able to face contemporary challenges with confidence and resilience.

UITM SARAWAK SHOWCASES CULTURE, CUISINE, AND COLLABORATION AT DUBLIN FESTIVAL

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page





Alhamdulillah, on 31st August 2025, we proudly continued our participation in the Taste of Malaysia Festival at Asia Market, Ballymount, Dublin, marking the vibrant second day of this cultural showcase. The occasion was made even more meaningful as it coincided with Malaysia's 68th National Day, uniting Malaysians abroad, the Irish community, and international visitors in a spirited display of unity and cultural exchange.

The celebration commenced with the national anthems of Malaysia and Ireland, followed by inspiring remarks from His Excellency Wan Aznaimian Yusri Wan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador of Malaysia to Ireland, and Councillor Patrick Kinsella, representing the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Distinguished guests included ambassadors from Italy, Russia, Pakistan, Vietnam, India, Sudan, and Morocco. A ceremonial toast further symbolised the enduring friendship and collaboration between Malaysia and Ireland.

The day's highlights featured an art exhibition by UiTM Sarawak lecturers, staff, and students, traditional Malaysian games, and a culinary showcase offering crowd favourites such as Sarawak laksa, kek lapis, kuih seri muka, roti canai, mee kari, and char kueh tiaw goreng udang. Cultural performances by UiTM students brought Sarawak's heritage to life, with Orang Ulu and Bidayuh dances, the soulful melodies of the sape, and a captivating Bidayuh costume showcase. One of the most unforgettable moments came during a lively performance of "Berkikis Bulu Betis," when both Malaysians and locals joined together on the dance floor, creating a joyful celebration of cultural harmony and shared identity.

I was also honoured to deliver a key interview with The Irish Insider, reflecting on the event's success, articulating its core objectives, and outlining a strategic roadmap for future annual events and expanded partnerships with global stakeholders. Through UNITE25, UiTM Sarawak remains committed to showcasing Sarawak's rich heritage, strengthening cultural diplomacy, and elevating Malaysia's identity on the international stage.

Selamat Hari Kebangsaan ke-68 to all Malaysians.
#UNITE25 #UiTMSarawak #TasteofMalaysiaFestival #SarawakToTheWorld
#InterculturalExchange Embassy of Malaysia Dublin, Ireland

STRENGTHENING GLOBAL COLLABORATION THROUGH STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah. UiTM Sarawak continues to strengthen its global collaboration in educational innovation through strategic engagements in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 22 October 2025.

In the morning, I was accompanied by Professor (Distinguished) Dr. Ling Siew Eng and Associate Professor (Honorary) Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok for a meeting with Area9 Lyceum, the world's first multidimensional adaptive learning platform. The meeting was attended by Mr. Jan Krogh Larsen, Chief Product Officer, and Mr. Nicolaj Grønning Hansen, together with Mr. Kurt Gammelgaard Nielsen, Chairman of EdTech Denmark.

The discussion focused on potential collaboration between UiTM Sarawak and Area9 to advance adaptive and personalized learning experiences. Area9, with over two decades of expertise in the field, offers innovative tools and services that integrate science, technology, and pedagogy to enhance learning outcomes - including the development of an adaptive e-book that bridges the gap between traditional textbooks and personalized learning.

Later in the afternoon, we visited Copenhagen University to meet with a start-up company on the application of ChatTutor, an advanced AI-powered assistant for teaching and learning. The meeting concluded with an agreement to carry out joint research and development in AI-enhanced education. Also present were Mr. Kurt Gammelgaard Nielsen, Chairman of EdTech Denmark and co-founder of ChatTutor, and Mr. Marius Cortsen, CEO and co-founder of ChatTutor.

Through these international engagements, UiTM Sarawak reaffirms its commitment to fostering global partnerships that drive innovation, enhance research capacity, and transform the future of education.

SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH UQUALIO

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah. UiTM Sarawak expand its global presence in education technology through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with uQualio, a leading global EdTech company headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The MoU signing ceremony took place at uQualio's main office in Copenhagen. I had the honour of signing the MoU on behalf of UiTM Sarawak, while Ms. Hatla Færch Johnsen, Chief Executive Officer of uQualio APS, represented the company. The event was graced by the Mayor of Veksø Municipality, Ms. Vicky Knudsen, and the 1st Deputy Mayor, Ms. Charlotte Haagendrup, who also serves as Chair of the Culture, Leisure and Business Committee, as well as the Children and Youth Committee.

Also in attendance were Prof. (Distinguished) Dr. Ling Siew Eng and Assoc. Prof. (Honorary) Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok, both of whom are actively involved in UiTM Sarawak's ERASMUS+ initiatives, particularly the Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) projects, as well as Mr. Christian Bjerre Nielsen, Chief Product Officer (CPO) and co-founder of uQualio.

This collaboration marks a transformative step forward in digital education, focusing on developing and empowering learning through AI-powered video training using uQualio's innovative microlearning platform. The all-in-one AI-driven system transforms videos into interactive learning modules, enhanced with autogenerated subtitles, engaging quizzes for improved retention, and multi-level certification via micro-credentials. As a key outcome of the UiTM Sarawak Erasmus Project, this initiative involved a partnership with the European Union to develop portable video conferencing toolkits and complementary online applications. These resources are dedicated to fostering the design of an engaging learning experience for higher education classrooms.

Beyond advancing digital learning technologies, the MoU also opens pathways for student and staff mobility, professional attachments, and internship opportunities with one of the world's most dynamic EdTech innovators. It additionally paves the way for future international research collaborations on AI learning platforms, including potential partnerships under Erasmus grant initiatives.

This strategic partnership stands as a remarkable milestone for UiTM Sarawak - reinforcing our commitment to global collaboration, driving digital innovation, and continuously enhancing the learning experience for both students and educators.

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UiTM SARAWAK SECURES SILVER AT AKPANS 2025, CONTINUING LEGACY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

UiTM Sarawak has added another accolade to its illustrious history by securing the Silver Award in the Federal Statutory Body Category at the Sarawak State Public Service Quality Awards (AKPANS) 2025. The award was presented during the Sarawak Public Service Day celebration held on 20 November 2025 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK). Participation in this prestigious competition serves as a critical benchmark for the university, reinforcing a culture of continuous improvement to ensure services remain efficient, high-quality, and aligned with the aspirations of the Sarawak government.

The management extends its deepest gratitude to the entire campus community, attributing this success to the unwavering commitment and collective teamwork of the staff. This Silver Award builds upon a proud legacy of excellence. UiTM Sarawak has previously been crowned Overall Champion in 2006 and 2010, and State Category Champion in 2016. Improving upon the Bronze Award received in 2024, this latest victory demonstrates the institution's upward trajectory and enduring pledge to maintain the highest standards of public service administration.





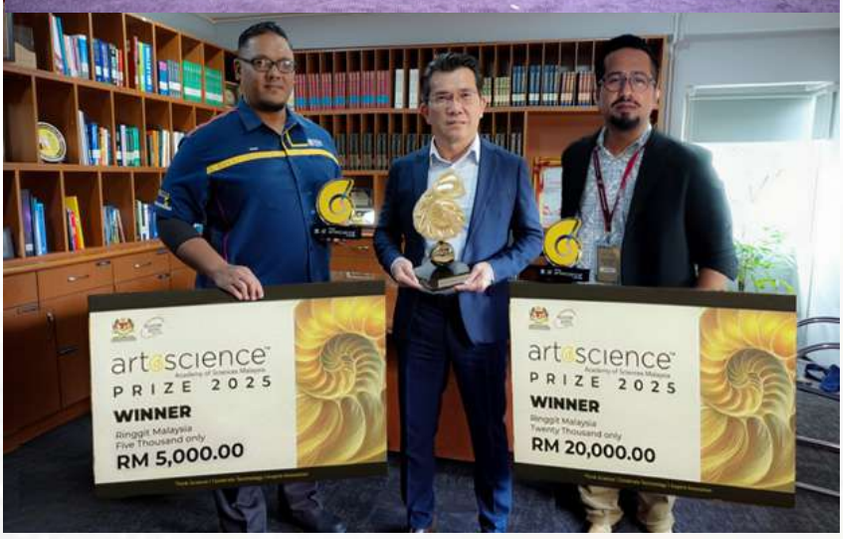
UiTM SARAWAK LECTURERS SWEEP AWARDS AT ASM ARTSCIENCE 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Two senior lecturers from the Faculty of Art and Design at UiTM Sarawak, Mohd Razif Mohd Rathi and Dr Muhammad Fauzan Abu Bakar, have achieved a remarkable double victory at the ASM ArtScience 2025 competition. Their masterpiece, The Unforgettable Tales, was crowned the Grand Prize winner and secured the People's Choice Award. The artwork offers a haunting visualisation of a dystopian marine world plagued by plastic pollution, skilfully blending traditional art and design with Artificial Intelligence (AI) elements to create a narrative that is both technologically innovative and deeply human.

The competition, themed 'Art Transformation: The Integration of AI and Sustainability', received 107 submissions, with only five finalists selected for exhibition at the National Science Centre. This achievement serves as a testament to the exceptional creativity within the UiTM Sarawak community, demonstrating the faculty's ability to meaningfully integrate complex disciplines. By harmonising art with science, the duo has not only brought honour to the university but also successfully utilised the platform to champion sustainability through creative excellence.







BRIDGING ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY: UiTM SARAWAK LEADS DISCOURSE AT EUMMAS A2S 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The Rector took centre stage as a featured panellist at the prestigious 2025 EUMMAS A2S Conference on Global Social and Technological Development and Sustainability. Held at the Wyndham Acmar Hotel in Klang, Selangor, the two-day event was a collaborative effort between the Faculty of Business and Management at UiTM Puncak Alam, the European Marketing and Management Association (EUMMAS), and UiTM Sarawak. The forum provided a high-level platform to discuss the future of education in a rapidly evolving global landscape.



The session featured a distinguished lineup of thought leaders, including Professor Dr Maria Pressentin, Board Member of EUMMAS, YBhg. Dato' Cheok Lay Leng, General Manager of Penang Hill Corporation, and En. Mohamad Reza Fikry Nor Rezan, CEO of Uniq Manufacturing Sdn. Bhd. Moderated by Ts. Dr Ahmad Rais Mohamad Mokhtar, Director of the EUMMAS Centre for the ASEAN region, the dialogue focused on how institutions can navigate the complexities of modern development.

During the forum, the Rector emphasised that the collaboration of all stakeholders is paramount in strengthening higher education. He articulated a vision of universities serving as a vital bridge between the public and private sectors, acting strategically as talent developers, ecosystem enablers, and champions of inclusivity.

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A key focal point of the discussion was the necessity for university curricula and co-curricular programmes to remain agile and aligned with the dynamic demands of industries. The Rector highlighted the challenge of preparing graduates who possess not only the requisite technical skills but also the ethical values required by modern employers. He advocated for a model where universities act as connectors and talent incubators, ensuring that innovation progresses not only technologically but also socially.

Addressing the digital frontier, the Rector also called for the implementation of robust governance guidelines and ethical frameworks within higher education. He stressed the importance of responding proactively to the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), ensuring its responsible use to prevent bias and safeguard fairness. This approach ensures that as universities embrace technological advancement, they remain grounded in ethical responsibility.



The conference attracted over 200 local and international participants and was graced by Professor Dr Mile Vasic, President of EUMMAS. The opening ceremony was officiated by YBhg. Tan Sri (Dr) Halim Mohammad, Executive Chairman of Halim Mazmin Group, who delivered an inspiring keynote address titled 'Driving Malaysia's Maritime and Aviation Industries Towards Sustainability and Technological Advancement', setting the tone for a high-impact event.



EMPOWERING BORNEO: UiTM SARAWAK LEADS THE CHARGE IN SUSTAINABLE AND DIGITAL INNOVATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



UiTM tiang harapan anak bangsa

Since its establishment in 1973, UiTM Sarawak has stood as a cornerstone of higher education in Borneo, playing a crucial role in the region's social, economic, and technological advancement. Today, the university offers approximately 70 academic programmes, ranging from pre-diploma levels to master's degrees. With a strategic emphasis on industry requirements and local community development, UiTM Sarawak is dedicated to nurturing human capital that is not only academically proficient but also ready to drive the state's progress.

In alignment with the Sarawak Digital Economy Masterplan, the university has meticulously curated its curriculum to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving future. Every academic programme now incorporates critical elements of information technology, artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and the Internet of Things (IoT). This integration ensures that whether a student is studying the arts or sciences, they are equipped with the digital literacy required to thrive in the modern economy.

Beyond the classroom, UiTM Sarawak is pioneering research in renewable energy, working closely with the Sarawak Government to explore hydrogen and algae as alternative energy sources. The university is also conducting research into carbon footprints and carbon credits, while simultaneously designating the campus as a primary research site for paddy cultivation. This agricultural initiative is designed to foster collaboration with local communities, empowering them to generate sustainable income through improved farming techniques.

The university's commitment to sustainability is evident in its transformation into a green and smart campus. Through the implementation of solar projects, waste-reduction initiatives, and smart systems, UiTM Sarawak is setting a benchmark for environmental responsibility. Uniquely, it is the only campus to receive the 'Blue Ribbon' recognition for being completely smoke-free, and the first to be certified by JAKIM as a Halal Zone, ensuring all on-campus food and beverages meet stringent halal standards.

UiTM Sarawak balances its technological aspirations with a deep sense of social responsibility. Initiatives such as the Food Bank, HEP Kitchen, and the Seri Kenyalang Fund highlight the university's inclusivity, ensuring that affordable fees and student welfare remain top priorities. Furthermore, by engaging with STEM communities and schools, and supporting social innovation in entrepreneurship and product commercialisation, the university actively bridges the gap between academia and the wider population.

Today, UiTM Sarawak produces approximately 3,000 graduates annually, maintaining a balanced 50:50 ratio between science and technology graduates and those in the humanities and social sciences. With a target of achieving a 90 per cent graduate employability rate, the university remains steadfast in its mission to produce well-rounded individuals, graduates who drive technology-driven economic development while preserving essential human values.

UITM SARAWAK DELEGATION UNDERTAKES INDUSTRIAL AND BIOTECHNOLOGY VISITS IN TAIWAN

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, the delegation of UiTM Sarawak, representatives from the Agriculture Research Centre Semongok and the Department of Agriculture Sarawak, and participants of the BioSFE 2025 Conference, had the privilege of undertaking a series of industrial and biotechnology visits in Chiayi, Taiwan.

These visits were coordinated by the Taiwan Health and Biotechnology Association with the objective of strengthening regional cooperation and promoting knowledge exchange in the areas of biotechnology, food innovation, and sustainable agriculture.

On 30 October 2025, the delegation visited Jin Jhan Greenhouse Project Co., Ltd., where participants were introduced to advanced greenhouse systems, AI-driven irrigation technologies, and smart farming innovations. Discussions also centred on the prospect of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UiTM Sarawak and Jin Jhan to advance collaboration in smart and sustainable agriculture.

The visit continues on 1 November 2025 to several key biotechnology and food industry enterprises, namely:

- JORDANNE Castle 生技 Biotechnology – featuring innovations in health, wellness, and biotechnology applications.
- 蓋婭莊園／康倪時代美學生技園區 (Gaia Manor / CONI Era Aesthetic Biotech Park) – highlighting Taiwan's achievements in aesthetic and cosmeceutical biotechnology.
- 嘉楠食品 (丸聚星球) JIANAN Foods (Wanju Planet) – specialising in frozen food technology and product development.
- 老楊方城市／老楊方塊酥觀光工廠 (Old Yang Square City / Old Yang Square Biscuit Factory) – renowned for its signature local square biscuits.
- 歐樂沃築夢城堡 (OLOVO Dream Castle) – a creative, Disney-inspired chocolate factory integrating technology and artistry in confectionery production.

These visits provided valuable insights into Taiwan's biotechnology, food processing, and agricultural innovation sectors, while paving the way for enhanced academic–industry linkages and sustainable collaboration between Malaysia and Taiwan.

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#InternationalCollaboration



UiTM SARAWAK STRENGTHENS GLOBAL COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL FORMOSA UNIVERSITY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah. On 31 October 2025, I had the honour of representing UiTM Sarawak at the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony with National Formosa University (NFU), held in Huwei, Taiwan. The MoU was signed by Prof. Dr. Shinn-Liang Chang, President of NFU, with Prof. Dr. Shou-Yin Yang, Vice President for International Affairs, in attendance.

This collaboration marks another important milestone in UiTM Sarawak's global engagement journey. The MoU outlines strategic areas of cooperation, including:

- Joint organisation of international conferences
- Student mobility and exchange programmes
- Collaborative research and innovation projects
- Partnerships between Centres of Excellence
- Summer school and camp initiatives to strengthen global exposure and technical competency among students



Following the signing, the UiTM Sarawak delegation visited several key facilities, including the Agricultural and Biotechnology Product Inspection Services, the Department of Biotechnology, the Ma-Kuang Organic Farm School (Department of Agricultural Technology), and Prof. Peng Chi-Chung's Pilot Food Processing Plant. These visits provided invaluable insights into Taiwan's remarkable advancements in sustainable agriculture, biotechnology, and food innovation.

Together, UiTM Sarawak and National Formosa University are committed to fostering research excellence, innovation, and global partnerships - working hand in hand towards a more sustainable and resilient future.



PROFESSOR KHONG HENG YEN: A DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC LEADER AND RESEARCH INNOVATOR



PhD convocation at UKM, 2010

Professor Khong Heng Yen is a VK7 Professor at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Sarawak Branch. She currently serves as the Chief Editor of the Journal of Smart Science and Technology and the President of the UiTM Sarawak Professors' Council. She is also an active member who attends the JKEN meetings. Born on 28 May 1967 in Port Dickson, Professor Khong is the second of five siblings. She received her early education at SRJK (C) Chung Hua before continuing her secondary education at Port Dickson High School. Her strong passion for education led her to pursue a Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Industrial Chemistry at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). After working as a Research Executive at Hume Cemboard Sdn. Bhd., she completed a Diploma in Education. Professor Khong later earned her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Chemistry from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 2010, supported by UiTM staff scholarship.

Professor Khong began her academic career as a young lecturer at UiTM Sarawak on 2 January 1998. Over more than 28 years of service, she has held numerous key academic and administrative positions, including Head of Diploma in Science Programme, Chemistry Course Coordinator, Chemistry Laboratory Coordinator, and Research Laboratory Coordinator. Professor Khong is an active researcher in the field of natural products, with a particular focus on medicinal plants of Borneo and Sarawak. To date, Professor Khong has successfully completed over 25 research projects, including projects worth more than RM2 million, funded by MOHE, UiTM, and national agencies. She has also established international research collaborations with Zhejiang Ocean University (China), Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta (Indonesia), and Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi (Thailand).

As a highly accomplished academician, Professor Khong has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Eminent Scientist Award (2015), Meritorious Service Medal (2017), Best Academic Writer Award, Excellent Innovator Award (2024), as well as over 30 innovation medals at national and international levels. She has led and evaluated innovation competitions extensively, serving as Chief Judge more than 15 times, and has also contributed as a panel evaluator for the FRGS grant under the Ministry of Higher Education.

Additionally, she has shared her expertise as an external examiner for the Masters and PhD programmes at UNIMAS and has been actively involved in state-level committees, including the Sarawak Bamboo Industry Development (SaBIDTeC) and the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), particularly in relation to the development of Sarawak's bamboo industry. The core values upheld by Professor Khong are excellence and integrity, which are clearly reflected in her research achievements, publications, and innovations. She continues to inspire through the international success of her students and the publications of more than 100 journal articles. Among the motivational quotes that guide Professor Khong's life is: "Excel in everything you do. Never give up and be determined. Do your very best and God will do the rest."



UiTM 25 years of service

Professor Khong's message to the UiTM community is to continuously learn, innovate, and inspire, and to carry out all endeavours for the glory of God and for the positive impact on the lives of others. Professor Khong strongly believes in the principle of "from the community, back to the community." She aspires to continue contributing to education, research, mentorship, innovation, and community service, including plans to undertake more charitable initiatives after retirement. Professor Khong remains deeply committed to mentoring young lecturers and nurturing future UiTM graduates to become competent, competitive, and visionary leaders.



Family photo

PUAN NUR SAZLEENA BINTI MULIYONO: BALANCING ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE AND SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT



Puan Nur Sazleena binti Muliyono serves as a Clerk in the Administrative Division at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Sarawak Branch. As a staff member who plays an important role in supporting campus administrative operations, she consistently strives to carry out her responsibilities with dedication and professionalism. She was born on 3 July 1990 at Sarawak General Hospital and was raised in Kampung Sinar Budi Baru, Desa Wira, Jalan Batu Kawa, Kuching. Being the eldest of four siblings and of Javanese descent, her family background and upbringing have greatly shaped her personality and values.

Puan Nur Sazleena is also an alumna of UiTM Sarawak, having pursued a Diploma in Fine Art and Design (Graphic Design & Digital Media) from December 2008 to September 2011. She officially reported for duty as a staff member at UiTM on 1 October 2013, with her first placement at the Academic Affairs & International Division, where she served until 2018. In December 2018, she was transferred to the Administrative Division at Campus Samarahan 2, where she continues to serve to this day.

Throughout her career at UiTM, Puan Nur Sazleena has faced various challenges, all of which have contributed to her personal growth and maturity in both her professional career and life. One of her most notable achievements is receiving the Staff Sportswoman of the Year Award 2024, a recognition earned through her active involvement in dart sports for over ten years. This achievement not only enhances her personal reputation but also elevates the image of the university, demonstrating that a staff member can excel professionally while maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle.

She aspires to be a source of inspiration for the university community and young people, especially women, to remain active in sports, including competitive and extreme sports traditionally dominated by men. During her sporting journey, she had the honour of representing Malaysia at the international level in darts after winning the Women's Singles category at the 2018 Malaysian Open Dart Championship. This experience was deeply meaningful to her, as each success reflected not only her personal potential but also the capabilities of Malaysians on the global stage.



According to Puan Nur Sazleena, sports have instilled in her a strong sense of discipline, focus, and teamwork. Early exposure to sports through her parents played a significant role in developing a resilient and strong character. Dart sports, in particular, have taught her the importance of precision, time management, and sustained concentration; skills that greatly assist her in performing her duties at the workplace. She believes that success in sports can inspire more individuals to participate in university sports programmes such as Karnival Sukan Staf UiTM (KARISTA) and Karnival Sukan-Badan Berkanun (SUKANUN), thereby fostering a healthy and active culture among the UiTM community.

The core values upheld by Puan Nur Sazleena include discipline, focus, teamwork, and sportsmanship. These values strengthen her determination to continue progressing in both her career and sporting pursuits. One motivational reminder that keeps her grounded and humble is a verse from Surah Al-Isra', verse 37, which teaches mankind not to walk upon the earth with arrogance, as humans are inherently limited beings. Puan Nur Sazleena's hope for UiTM in the future is to see more women dominating the sport of darts, thereby bringing greater recognition and pride to UiTM and Malaysia at higher levels. She firmly believes that even small contributions can help elevate the university's name on the global stage.







LEADING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EFFICIENCY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

This morning, I had the honour of representing the Vice-Chancellor of UiTM, Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr Shahrin bin Sahib @ Sahibuddin, FASc, at the Closing Ceremony of the Programme "Citizen-Centric: Leading the Digital Transformation of Public Service Efficiency", held at the Riverside Majestic Hotel Astana Wing, Kuching.

Also present were Professor Dr Norzanah Mat Nor, Dean of the Arshad Ayub Graduate Business School (AAGBS); Associate Professor Ts. Dr Mohd Fathi Abu Yaziz @ Mohamad, Coordinator of the DBA and PhD Programmes at AAGBS and the Project Leader; as well as invited speakers and AAGBS facilitators.

This five-day programme, held from 27 to 31 July 2025, was organised by AAGBS UiTM under the Executive Education Programme (AAGBS Efficiency Series) and was fully sponsored by the Public Service Department (JPA). It was designed for public service officers in Grades 48 and 52, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills to lead digital transformation in the public sector, with a strong focus on citizen-centric approaches.

Throughout the programme, participants attended a series of intensive, high-impact sessions, including discussions on digital strategies in the public sector, digital leadership approaches, human-centred design, citizen engagement through social media and digital technologies, and organisational change management.

During the same ceremony, I was presented with the symbolic accreditation certificate from The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) for the DBA and MBA programmes offered at UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), presented by Professor Dr Norzanah Mat Nor. Earlier this year, AAGBS officially received accreditation from AACSB International for a period of six years (2025–2030). With this accreditation, AAGBS is now ranked among the top 6% of business schools globally and is part of an elite group of 1,047 accredited institutions across 67 countries.

Congratulations and well done to everyone involved in the success of this programme, especially the AAGBS team, the speakers, and, of course, the participants. May the knowledge and experience gained be translated into practical policies and practices that bring meaningful benefits to the people and the nation.

UiTMCS–UNISSA TALKS ADVANCE REGIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) held a discussion session with Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Brunei Darussalam, at UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus, to strengthen bilateral relations in strategic academic and research fields. The UNISSA delegation took the opportunity for this engagement while in Kuching to attend the Borneo International Integrity Summit (BIIS) 2025, held on 29 and 30 July 2025 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK), Sarawak.

The UNISSA visit was led by YBhg. Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Norarfan bin Haji Zainal, Rector of UNISSA, accompanied by Prof. Dr Siti Sara binti Haji Ahmad, Assistant Rector (Academic); Pn. Zalinawati binti Hj Mohaimin, Registrar; Pn. Siti Noor Bazilah binti Hj Abd Razak, Assistant Registrar; Tn. Hj. Mohammad Syazwan Nizar bin Haji Mat Zain, Assistant Registrar; and En. Aminur Rasyid bin Dr. Hj Zakaria, Assistant Registrar.

Representing UiTMCS together with me in the discussion were Assoc. Prof. Dr Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs; Assoc. Prof. Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus; Dr Nazirah binti Hamdan, Head of the Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS); Assoc. Prof. Dr Hadenan bin Towpek, Director of Borneo Islamic Research and Development (PPIB); Ts. Dr Siti Kartina binti Abdul Karim, Head of Studies ofApplied Sciences; Assoc. Prof. Dr Abdul Rahman bin Saili,Coordinator for the Undergraduate; Ts. Dr Mohd Norhisham Razali, Coordinator of the Research Management Unit (RMU); and Pn. Atikawati binti Ahmad Razali, Senior Assistant Registrar of Academic and International Affairs.

The bilateral discussion covered various matters, including strengthening strategic relations and exploring potential collaborations in academics, research, staff and student exchanges, and the sharing of good governance practices among regional institutions. Both parties also discussed ways to facilitate postgraduate study pathways (Master's and PhD) between the two universities, including possible credit exemptions. UiTMCS also expressed readiness to collaborate with UNISSA in future halal training and programmes.

In addition, UiTMCS is willing to assist UNISSA in research, exploration, and translation of Bornean manuscripts, particularly in support of the development of the Brunei Islamic Heritage Centre. UNISSA also expressed keen interest in the Diploma in Mutawwif and Pilgrimage Management Skills programme offered by UiTMCS, and is open to exploring its expansion to Brunei.



STRENGTHENING INDUSTRY–ACADEMIA COLLABORATION WITH NATPRO BIOTECH

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the honour of representing UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UiTMCS and Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., held at the Tun Abdul Razak Library (PTAR), Samarahan 2 Campus. The MoU was also signed by Tuan Syed Muhammad Asri Al-Edruce bin Wan Ibrahim, Director of Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., while Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network (PJI), and En. Wan Ibrahim bin Wan Omar, Non-Executive Director of Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., witnessed the signing on behalf of their respective parties.

Also present were Tuan Syed Ahmad Tarmizi bin Wan Yusop, Managing Director of Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd.; Ms. Bernice Ang Hui Ern, General Manager of Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd.; members of the UiTMCS State Executive Committee; and other invited guests.

UiTMCS is honoured to collaborate with industry players such as Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., in line with our vision to drive impactful research and contribute to the development of the state and the region through industry-academia collaboration. As a university committed to research, innovation, and sustainable development, we believe this partnership will open new opportunities for UiTMCS researchers to pursue applied research, product development, and knowledge transfer.

More importantly, this collaboration provides a valuable platform for lecturers and students to engage with real-world challenges, nurturing innovation that enriches academia and carries commercial value.

Among the focal points of the MoU are joint research through grant matching, student internship placements, the establishment of a Centre of Excellence (CoE), the promotion of UiTMCS's innovative products through SDEC, and mutual involvement in community projects.

Thank you to Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd. for the trust and commitment shown to UiTMCS. We sincerely hope this collaboration will yield meaningful outcomes that benefit both parties, while also contributing to the national bioeconomy and sustainability agenda.

Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd. is a 100% Bumiputera-owned local company specialising in harnessing natural products and biomass resources for high-value applications. What is even more meaningful is that Tuan Syed Muhammad Asri is an alumnus of UiTMCS, an encouraging reminder that our alumni remain connected to their roots and continue to believe in the strength and excellence of UiTMCS. It is always a joy to see alumni return and contribute, not only through words of encouragement, but through genuine partnerships that empower research, innovation, and positive impact on society.

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STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT WITH MPKS ON COMMUNITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



UiTM Sarawak Branch was honoured to receive a courtesy visit from the Kota Samarahan Municipal Council (MPKS), on 21 July 2025.

The MPKS delegation was led by Cr. Tuan Haji Abang Ismawi bin Abang Ali, the Municipal Chairman; accompanied by Cr. Daily anak Joseph, the Deputy Chairman; and Mr Gustian bin Haji Durani, the Municipal Secretary. Joining me in welcoming the visit were Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network (PJI); Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of Samarahan 2 Campus; Mr Mohamad Razie bin Jemat, Engineer representing the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Facilities Management Division; and Dr Mohd Khairol bin Jambli, Medical Officer from the Health Unit.

This visit symbolises the close relationship between local authorities and institutions of higher learning in strengthening strategic collaboration, particularly in community development, urban sustainability, and the empowerment of knowledge in Kota Samarahan. The meeting also opened opportunities to discuss joint initiatives that support holistic and inclusive local development.

We extend our sincere thanks to the MPKS delegation for this cordial visit and for the strong spirit of collaboration expressed.

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BUILDING A RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSORTIUM WITH NEUTO GROUP

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, I had the opportunity to attend a discussion session with Mr Andy Low, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Neuto Group, held as a follow-up to his visit to UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) on 26 June 2025.

This session opened up meaningful opportunities for collaboration between UiTMCS and Neuto Group, particularly in strengthening strategic partnerships across key areas of renewable energy and sustainable technology. Among the outcomes of the discussion were plans to establish a consortium involving both parties, preparations towards the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and the exploration of collaborative opportunities in renewable energy, research and development (R&D), as well as training programmes for UiTMCS staff and students.

Also present during the session were Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research, Linkages and Industry; Associate Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of Samarahan Campus 2; and Ts. Dr. Mohd Norhisham Razali, Coordinator of the Research Management Unit (RMU), UiTMCS.

My highest appreciation and sincere thanks to Mr Andy Low for his commitment and support in realising the potential of this collaboration. May this joint effort have a positive impact on higher education, research, innovation, and sustainable growth in Sarawak.

Insha-Allah, with this collaboration, UiTMCS and Neuto Group will continue moving forward together in empowering human capital and driving industry transformation anchored in knowledge and technology within the state.

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ALIGNING UiTMCS WITH NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION PRIORITIES

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this morning I attended a sharing and discussion session with YBhg. Dato' Prof. Dr Mohammad Shatar bin Sabran, Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), held at Jubilee Hall, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan Campus. The session addressed "The Future of National Higher Education 2025", a timely topic that is highly relevant to the evolving demands of higher education.

Also present at the session were Associate Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs; Associate Prof. Dr. Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs; Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network; members of the UiTMCS State Executive Committee (JKEN); and nearly 400 participants, including lecturers, administrative staff and student representatives from the Student Representative Council (MPP).

The session was highly insightful, delivered by a speaker with extensive expertise in accreditation and qualifications.

At UiTMCS, we strongly support the organisation of such sessions, as they provide valuable opportunities for lecturers, staff, and students to better understand the direction of the National Higher Education Plan 2030 and its implementation.

May we continue to organise more engagements like this to involve the whole community in strengthening our capacity as a leading university.

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MOOC AND MICRO-CREDENTIALS DEVELOPMENT RETREAT ACHIEVES OUTSTANDING TARGETS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this afternoon I had the opportunity to attend the closing ceremony of the UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) 2025 MOOC and Micro-credentials (MC) Development Retreat, held at Tun Abdul Razak Library (PTAR), Samarahan 2 Campus. Thank you to the organisers for the invitation to this inaugural programme.

The four-day retreat was attended by nearly 30 lecturers, including MOOC and MC developers—13 from Mukah Campus and the remainder from Samarahan Campus.

Also present with me were Assoc. Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs UiTMCS; Dr Azlina Bujang, Head of iCEPS UiTMCS and the main organiser of this retreat; Ms. Ketty Chachil, Coordinator of the Digital Learning Unit; and other guests.

I was pleased that the programme exceeded expectations, achieving nearly 100% of its target. Specifically, 10 MOOCs were successfully developed (surpassing the target of 9), and 5 MCs were developed (compared to the initial target of 1). Congratulations and well done to all participants.

MOOCs represent a new norm in higher education and are increasingly important in today's teaching and learning. As a digital learning platform, MOOCs will continue to be widely used in the future. Therefore, to remain competitive with other higher education institutions, we must continue developing such platforms and meeting our targets.

I am proud of the organisation of this retreat and the achievements of the lecturers. Insha-Allah, we will continue to increase our MOOC and MC development targets in line with the needs and growth of our student community.

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UiTMCS ANNOUNCES NEW HEADS OF STUDY CENTRES

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) extends its highest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to three Heads of Study Centres whose appointments will conclude on **31 July 2025**, in recognition of their invaluable contributions and exemplary leadership throughout their service:

Ms. Roseline anak Ikau
Head of the Study Centre of Fine Arts, Design, Architecture, Planning and Surveying
Faculty of Built Environment

Dr Margaret Lucy Gregory
Head of the Study Centre
Faculty of Business and Management

Dr Ida Izumi binti Abdollah
Head of the Study Centre of Social Sciences and Humanities
Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies

Sincere appreciation is extended for their dedication, commitment, and devoted service in driving academic excellence and faculty development. Their leadership has been an inspiration to the UiTMCS community. May their contributions continue to benefit many and be fondly remembered.

At the same time, **UiTMCS** is pleased to announce the appointment of three new Heads of Study Centres, effective **1 August 2025**:

Incoming Heads of Study Centres (effective 1 August 2025)

Dr Noorfadhleen binti Mahmud
Head of the Study Centre of Social Sciences and Humanities
Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies
(Replacing Dr Ida Izumi binti Abdollah)

Ms. Nurul Lizzan binti Kamarudin
Head of the Study Centre of Management and Business
Faculty of Business and Management
(Replacing Dr Margaret Lucy Gregory)

Sr. Dr Hajah Noraziah binti Wahi
Head of the Study Centre of Fine Arts, Design, Architecture, Planning and Surveying
Faculty of Built Environment
(*Replacing Ms Roseline anak Ikau)*

Congratulations on these appointments. May the trust bestowed be carried out with integrity and excellence, and may it bring positive impact to faculty development and student excellence.



SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION: SOLAR-POWERED FACULTY SIGNAGE PROJECT

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

11 July 2025 (Friday) | Alhamdulillah, I was honoured to officiate the inauguration ceremony for the Faculty Signage and Solar Panel Installation Project at Block L, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan Campus. The ceremony was witnessed by Prof. Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector, Research and Industrial Linkages; Dr Hazman Seli, Head of Engineering Studies; En. Mohamad Razie Jemat, Engineering Officer representing the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Facilities Management Division; as well as academic staff and students from the Faculty of Chemical Engineering.

This project was initiated and executed by semester 4 students of the CHE250 - Project Management course (March–August 2025 session), Faculty of Chemical Engineering, under the guidance of Dr Hazman Seli and Prof. Ir. Dr Juferi Idris served as the project advisor.

The ceremony celebrated not only a student-led engineering milestone, but also the faculty's ongoing commitment to sustainability and innovation. The project integrates solar technology into a new faculty signage installation, promoting environmental responsibility and the adoption of clean energy within campus infrastructure.

The initiative provided students with valuable hands-on experience in project management and sustainable engineering, bridging the gap



between theoretical knowledge and practical application. It also reflects the faculty's strong academic culture and support system, encouraging students to participate actively in impactful, real-world projects.

This project aligns with the SMART goals through its clear objective, measurable outcomes, achievable scope within the available time and resources, relevance to the university's sustainability vision, and completion as planned.

The new signage now stands as a proud symbol of the faculty's identity and progress, while the solar panels demonstrate UiTMCS's commitment to green technology and energy efficiency. The project's success sets a benchmark for future student-led developments, aligning with the university's goals for innovation, industry relevance, and sustainable practices.

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QUALITY ASSURANCE VISIT FOR DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (ELECTRONICS)

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, the External Examiner visit for the Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Electronics) Programme EE111/CEEE111 was successfully conducted from 9 to 10 July 2025 at UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS).

During this visit, I had the opportunity to attend the opening session and programme briefing with YBrs. Prof. Ir. Ahmad Ashrif A. Bakar, the External Examiner from the Department of Electrical, Electronic and Systems Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment (FKAB), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), held at the Main Meeting Room, Samarahan Campus.

This visit is part of the university's efforts to meet the accreditation requirements set by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Council (ETAC), in accordance with standards established by the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM). Throughout the two-day visit, various activities were carried out, including briefing sessions, visits to Faculty of Electrical Engineering (FKE) laboratories and facilities, reviews of final examination papers, teaching portfolios, and lab reports, as well as technical discussions with programme management and lecturers.

YBrs. Prof. Ir. Ahmad Ashrif also conducted interview sessions with lecturers, assistant engineers, and students. In addition, a special session was held to discuss evaluation and documentation review related to Outcome-Based Education (OBE), Programme Outcomes (PO), Programme Educational Objectives (PEO), the implementation of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI), and Course Delivery Level (CDL) as part of the programme monitoring and enhancement process.

Alhamdulillah, overall, the feedback provided by the examiner was positive and constructive, confirming that the EE111/CEEE111 programme is on the right track in terms of academic structure, teaching capacity, facilities, and quality management systems. Several recommendations were also made to strengthen documentation and enhance the effectiveness of outcome-based assessment and monitoring.

These findings form an important foundation for FKE's continuous efforts to enhance academic quality and ensure the sustainability of a competitive and nationally recognised programme.

My sincere thanks to all members of FKE for their contributions and commitment in ensuring the quality of education remains strong, relevant and aligned with current industry needs.

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FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING HOSTS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (ETAC) AUDIT VISIT FOR CEEC110

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

2 July 2025 (Wednesday) | Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the opening session of the Periodic Full Accreditation Audit Visit by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Council (ETAC) for the Diploma in Civil Engineering Programme (CEEC110). This evaluation visit was organised by the Accreditation Committee of the Faculty of Civil Engineering (FKA) UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) and was conducted over two days, from 1 to 2 July 2025, at Samarahan 2 Campus.

main objective of the visit was to review and assess the implementation of the CEEC110 programme. This evaluation is crucial to ensure the programme continues to meet academic and industry standards, and to maintain full accreditation status for the next six years.

The audit visit was conducted by the External Examiner, Associate Professor Ir. Dr Norazura Muhamad Bunnori, accompanied by Ts. Dr Rohaya Alias, Head of the Programme and Chief Programme Coordinator for CEEC110, from UiTM Pahang Branch.

The visit included engagement sessions with academic staff to discuss the curriculum and gather feedback on its implementation, tours of laboratories to assess teaching and learning facilities, and interviews with students to hear their insights and experiences throughout the programme.

Alhamdulillah, the visit proceeded smoothly and achieved its intended objectives. I would like to thank the staff of FKA for their commitment to ensuring the highest quality of education. This visit not only provided a clear overview of the effectiveness of the programme's implementation, but also highlighted opportunities for continuous improvement to ensure CEEC110 remains relevant and aligned with current industry demands.

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ADVANCING ENGLISH LITERACY THROUGH SARAWAK ENGLISH LITERACY CONFERENCE (SELC) 2025 PARTNERSHIP

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this afternoon I represented UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) at the Letter of Intent (LoI) signing ceremony between UiTMCS and Place Borneo Sdn Bhd, held at the Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak) Meeting Room, Plaza Aurora, Kuching.

This LoI forms part of the agreement in conjunction with the Sarawak English Literacy Conference (SELC) 2025, which will be held from 17 to 19 September 2025 at the Hikmah Exchange Event Centre (HEEC). The LoI was signed by UiTMCS and Ms Gracie Geikie, Director and Principal Consultant of Place Borneo Sdn. Bhd., and witnessed by Mr. Paul Langgang, Chairman of the Layar Education Development Committee (LEDC).

Also present were Ms Bibi Afiqah, BESarawak Project Manager representing CEO of BESarawak; Ms. Mona Abdul Manap, CEO of Place Borneo Sdn. Bhd.; Dr. Steve Ancheh, LEDC Project Coordinator; and other invited guests.

I am excited about this agreement, as it marks an important milestone for UiTMCS as one of the strategic partners for SELC 2025. Our university will be responsible for managing and supporting the academic components throughout the conference.

This partnership reflects the shared commitment to advance education and strengthen English literacy. It also represents a significant step in reinforcing UiTMCS's academic role as we contribute to shaping the intellectual direction of the conference. UiTM has long emphasised English proficiency, with many courses delivered in English across various faculties.

SELC 2025 will be the first of its kind to be jointly organised by Place Borneo Sdn. Bhd. and LEDC, in collaboration with Jolly Learning and STEM Learning UK. The event is supported by Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), the Ministry of Education, Innovation, and Talent Development (MEITD) Sarawak, the Ministry of Women, Children, and Community Wellbeing Development (KKWPK), the Sarawak State Education Department (JPNS), and Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak).

Thank you for placing your trust in UiTMCS as a strategic partner in organising SELC 2025. This partnership will serve as a springboard for closer collaboration across multiple fields in the future.

In addition to the lecturer involvement, I also hope that students will be engaged in SELC 2025, particularly as volunteers, to gain exposure to community-based events and valuable experiences.

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UiTMCS HONOURS DEAN'S LIST RECIPIENTS AT HOTOUR NIGHT

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



5 July 2025 (Saturday) | Alhamdulillah, last night I had the opportunity to present academic achievement awards during the Dean's List Student Appreciation Ceremony: HOTOUR Appreciation Night Dinner, organised by the Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management (FPHP), UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), held at a hotel in Kuching.

The event was also attended by Assoc. Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr Mohammad Isa bin Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs; Dr Lee Beng Yong, Head of the Study Centre for Computer Science and Tourism Management Studies; lecturers from FPHP; and students, particularly the Dean's List recipients.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all 18 Dean's List recipients who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their studies. May this outstanding performance continue and lead to the Vice Chancellor's Award upon graduation. Your excellence reflects your hard work, supported by your family and lecturers.

I also hope students will not only excel academically but will develop the social skills needed to thrive in society through active involvement in community-based programmes.

Keep striving for success and be an inspiration to your fellow students.

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UiTMCS COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR YASIN AND TAHLIL PERDANA

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, with blessings, the Yasin Recital & Tahlil Perdana, organised by PERASA, KEKiTA, and PEWANI UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), was successfully held as follows:

Date : Thursday, 10 July 2025
Time : 11.00 a.m.
Venue : Al-Qurawiyyin Mosque, Samarahan Campus

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and enlivened this gathering. Your presence and spirit of togetherness are sincerely appreciated.

The programme also included special prayers for UiTMCS staff and retirees/ former staff who have departed before us. May they be placed among the righteous and the faithful.

May all the recitations and prayers offered become deeds of continuous charity and bring blessings to us all.

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FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE AND POLICY STUDIES (FSPPP) APPRECIATION CEREMONY CELEBRATES DEAN'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

6 July 2025 (Sunday) | Last Sunday night, I was honoured to attend and officiate the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies (FSPPP) UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) Appreciation Ceremony for the October 2024 - February 2025 session, held at a hotel in Kuching. Organised by the MASPENA and BASiS Associations, the ceremony aimed to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of students and faculty members throughout the academic session. It also sought to recognise academic and personal excellence, foster a culture of appreciation and motivation, and strengthen bonds across the FSPPP community.

The ceremony, themed Moonlight: Black Elegance Soiree, was a lively success, bringing together 180 attendees, including lecturers and students. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Head of the Centre of Studies, Dr Ida Izumi binti Abdollah, and the lecturers who were also present: Associate Professor Dr Kuldip Singh, Dr Ummi Farhani, Ms Chai Shin Yi, Ms Afisha binti Yusuf, Ms Ivy Anak Jugah, Ms Izyan Farhana, Mr Nurul Aqmal bin Roslan, and Ms Nur Farhani binti Samasu, who serve as advisors for the MASPENA and BASiS Associations. Your presence greatly enhanced the event and reflected the spirit of togetherness and appreciation within FSPPP.

A total of 73 Bachelor of Administrative Science students and 56 diploma students attended the ceremony to receive the Dean's Award. I understand that the total number of FSPPP students who achieved the Dean's Award for the October-February 2025 session was 484, which is a truly impressive figure and a result of the students' diligence, supported by their families and lecturers. To the students, please remember the sacrifices and contributions of your parents and lecturers, whose support has shaped every step of your journey.

Congratulations and well done to all Dean's Award recipients. May this success continue to inspire others.

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UiTMCS AND SAMLING GROUP DISCUSS RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND EMPLOYABILITY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



This afternoon, I received a visit from representatives of the Samling Group of Companies, a prominent entity in various sectors, particularly within Malaysia's timber industry. The meeting was held at the Main Meeting Room of UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan 2 Campus.

The Samling delegation was led by Mr Jason Chieng, Assistant General Manager (Human Resources), accompanied by Ms Eleanora Chan and Ms Jitam Sanggeng, Assistant Managers (Human Resources). Representing UiTMCS were Assoc. Prof. ChM. Ts. Dr Mohamad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs (HEA&A); Assoc. Prof. Dr Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs (HEP); and Prof. Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industrial Network (PJI).

The visit aimed to explore potential collaboration between the both parties, particularly in research projects, training, industry consultation, and career opportunities.

During the engagement, Samling Group expressed satisfaction with the performance of UiTMCS students who previously underwent industrial training with the company, particularly commending their strong English communication skills.

Moreover, Samling also welcomed UiTMCS students and graduates from programmes such as Computer Science, Accounting, Engineering, and Business Management to apply for job openings and internship placements within the Samling Group of Companies.

In addition, the delegation shared Samling's commitment to supporting professional development through training and mentoring programmes.

UiTMCS welcomes such opportunities, as they bring mutual benefits to both graduates but industry partners. These engagements support talent development and help graduates contribute effectively in today's dynamic work environment.

Known for their commitment to sustainable forest management, Samling Group also offers lecturers and students opportunities for practical training programmes and welcomes academic visits to their operational facilities.

Additionally, Samling undertakes corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives that create opportunities for students and lecturers to contribute to community-based projects.

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UiTMCS AND SARAWAK DAYAK GRADUATES ASSOCIATION (SDGA) EXPLORE EDUCATION AND HUMAN CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this morning I received a courtesy visit from the Sarawak Dayak Graduates Association (SDGA) at the Meeting Room, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan 2 Campus.

The visit was led by SDGA President, Ts. Rizzo Mungka, together with members of the SDGA executive committee: Mr Jordan Anthony Layan (Deputy President), Mr Rudy Ujang (Vice President), Ms Aileen Kumang (Assistant Treasurer General), and Mr Franklin Lingga Abun (SDGA EXCO Member). Joining me in the meeting were Prof. Ir. Dr Juferi bin Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industrial Linkages; Dr Azra Tilai, Chairperson of the UiTMCS Endowment Establishment Committee; En. Hadi Jumaat, Research Management Coordinator (RMU) of PJI; and Pn Nur Aziela Aidit, Industry Network Coordinator (INU) of PJI.

The purpose of the visit was to introduce SDGA's roles and initiatives in the personal development of Bumiputera youth, particularly in education and career development. Among SDGA's initiatives are the establishment of the SDGA Entrepreneurs and Engineering Corner, community outreach programmes focused on education, and the organisation of a Hackathon on Culture, which provides a platform for the younger generation to showcase culture-based innovation.

The meeting also opened opportunities to explore strategic collaboration between UiTMCS and SDGA, including plans to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in education, research, and human capital development in Sarawak.

UiTMCS extends its utmost appreciation for this visit and hopes that this relationship will continue to grow for the mutual benefit of both parties, particularly in empowering the Sarawak Bumiputera community.

We also look forward to further collaboration to strengthen higher education opportunities for the Bumiputera community, especially in Sarawak.

UiTM GLOBAL FORGING STRONGER INTERNATIONAL SYNERGY AT UiTM SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, after chairing the AICAD 2025 meeting, I had the opportunity to attend the Breakfast @ UiTM Global session with UiTM Global (UG) Shah Alam, which was held at the Auditorium B, Samarahan 2 Campus. The session was also attended by YBhg. Associate Prof. Datin Dr. Norazida Mohamed, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (International) of UiTM; Associate Professor Dr. Wan Fairos Wan Yaacob, Director of the Division of Strategic Partnership (DSP); Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Rosdiyana Hasham@Hisham, Director of the Division of Rating (DoR); Dr. Farrah Shafeera Ibrahim, Head of International Student Development, International Relations Division; Dr. Wan Juliana Emeih Wahed, Coordinator of UiTM Global Sarawak, together with Heads of Study Centres and Unit Heads.

The visit by the UiTM Global delegation coincided with the hosting of the Come Discover Bumi Kenyalang (CDBK) 2025 programme, held from 18 to 22 August 2025. The sharing session was highly engaging, as UiTM Global introduced the services and opportunities available in relation to international affairs and UiTM's standing in world rankings.

The organisation of this session was also aligned with UG's objective of holding engagement sessions with relevant departments to strategise ways of improving the scores of each element in the QS World University Rankings, conducted twice a year.

I hope that such sessions will be held more frequently in the future, so that UiTM's ranking will continue to rise.

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UiTM SARAWAK SUPPORTING THE GREEN CITY INITIATIVE THROUGH WORLD CLEAN UP DAY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



This morning, I received a courtesy visit from Mr. Henry Teh, founder of the World Clean Up Day programme, at the Main Meeting Room, Samarahan 2 Campus. Accompanying me were Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research, Industry and Community Network (PJI); Ts. Dr. Eng. Tech Noorsaidi Mahat, Coordinator of the Campus Sustainability Committee and Coordinator of the UiTM Green Centre (UGC) UiTM Sarawak Branch; Pn. Nur Aziela binti Aidit, Coordinator of Industrial Networking; Pn. Lenny Yusrina Bujang Khedif, Coordinator of Community Networking; as well as several other staff members.

The visit provided an opportunity for Mr. Henry Teh to share his experiences and successes in organising Earth Day programmes in Penang, which attracted a significant number of participants. Building on this achievement, he expressed his hope to expand a similar initiative to Kuching City. This aspiration aligns closely with the vision of the Premier of Sarawak, YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, to transform Kuching into a Green City, as well as UiTM Sarawak Branch's ambition to become a Green Campus.

The organisation of World Clean Up Day is expected to deliver meaningful benefits not only to students, lecturers, and the university community, but also to local industries and the wider public. Through this initiative, the **5R concept—Refuse, Reuse, Reduce, Repurpose, and Recycle—**will be promoted as a foundation for sustainability education and environmentally responsible practices.

In addition to discussions on the implementation of World Clean Up Day, the meeting also explored proposals for strategic collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UiTM Sarawak Branch and Mr. Henry Teh. This partnership aims to strengthen cooperation in advancing future environmental sustainability initiatives and reinforcing UiTM Sarawak Branch's commitment to sustainable development.

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ENHANCING OFFICIAL DOCUMENT SECURITY THROUGH STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



1 July 2025 (Tuesday) | I was honoured to welcome representatives from Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad (PNMB) for a courtesy visit last Tuesday. The visit aimed to strengthen professional ties and explore opportunities for collaboration in areas related to secure printing and digital authentication.

During the discussion, both parties exchanged ideas on enhancing the security features of official documents such as certificates, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), Memoranda of Agreement (MoAs), Outstanding Employee Awards, official letterheads, and letters of appointment. We also held meaningful dialogue on the potential implementation of digital signature solutions to improve document integrity and streamline administrative processes.

On behalf of UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), I extend my sincere appreciation to PNMB for the fruitful engagement. I look forward to future collaborations that support innovation, security, and excellence in both administrative and academic practices.

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UiTMCS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION RETREAT: PEOPLE, PURPOSE AND WELLBEING

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



4 July 2025 (Friday) | Alhamdulillah, yesterday morning I attended the closing ceremony of the retreat session for the UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) Administration Division, held at a resort in Sematan. Thank you for inviting me, which gave me the opportunity to share the management's aspirations and hopes with all the staff involved.

I enjoy sessions like this because they allow me to meet and get to know staff members, especially our support staff who serve across various departments and units. That is why the management continuously supports such activities and encourages wide participation. Retreats such as this also contribute to one of the campus Performance Indicators (PIs): the Happiness Index.

I would like to remind everyone that support staff are the heart and backbone of UiTMCS's growth and development. Without them, the university would not be able to function effectively, and many tasks would be delayed. Please know that the roles and duties you perform are incredibly important. Therefore, I encourage you to carry out your entrusted responsibilities to the best of your ability.

We also recognise that some staff are facing various challenges which, if left unaddressed, may hinder the management's efforts to provide the best service to our clients. As such, we are working to identify those who may need support and are ready to offer assistance, so that no one feels sidelined and everyone can continue contributing meaningfully to the development of our campus.

In addition, I urge support staff to continue upgrading their knowledge and skills by furthering their studies, whether through full-time or distance learning. I assure you that the management will always support such efforts, whether at UiTM or other higher learning institutions.

To strengthen English language proficiency, especially among support staff, I will propose that every Monday be designated as Corporate Day or English-Speaking Day. All UiTMCS members, including staff and students, will be encouraged to communicate in English on Mondays. Insha-Allah, we will launch this initiative soon.

At the same time, I emphasised that each staff member should be involved in at least one type of sports. There are many sports activities available which promote a healthy lifestyle among staff. I also encourage everyone to be active in community engagement, as there are many collaborative community projects we can implement together.

I also challenge support staff to think outside the box by participating in the Creative and Innovative Group (KIK) or Operational Excellence (OE) competitions held annually. Ideally, ideas for these projects should originate from support staff—not management—because they are the ones most involved in the work processes that could serve as the foundation for KIK or OE projects. I hope to see more such projects in the future.

The retreat session was also attended by En. Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar of the Administration Division, along with more than 40 staff members from the Administration Division of Samarahan Campus, Samarahan 2 Campus, and Mukah Campus. This included staff from the Rector's Office, Corporate Communication Unit, and Quality Management Unit, comprising the implementation group such as drivers and administrative assistants, as well as the management and professional staff.

Among the activities conducted during the 3-day, 2-night retreat were the instillation of UiTM values, telematches, treasure hunts, a hiking trip to Tanjung Datu National Park, a barbecue session, and karaoke.

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KARISTA 2025 BRINGS TOGETHER ATHLETES AND STAFF ACROSS UiTM BRANCHES

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Yesterday, my fellow golfers from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak Branch and I participated in the golf tournament held in conjunction with Karnival Sukan Staf (KARISTA) 2025 at Permaipura Golf & Country Club, Kedah. I participated in the VIP category alongside Associate Prof. Dr. Saimi Bujang.

Congratulations to the winners and well done to all golfers who took part in this tournament.

KARISTA 2025 is being held from 25th to 30th August 2025, bringing together 15 contingents with the participation of 2,231 athletes and team officials from across UiTM branches, including the UiTM Retirees Association (PESUTIMA) contingent. A total of 71 gold medals are being contested across 22 sporting events throughout the carnival.

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UiTM SARAWAK PREPARES TO HOST ASIA INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF ART & DESIGN (AICAD) 2025 AND WELCOME ART AND DESIGN COMMUNITIES ACROSS ASIA

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the opportunity to chair the preparatory meeting for the organisation of the Asia International Community of Art & Design (AICAD) 2025, held at the Department of Student Affairs' Meeting Room, Samarahan 2 Campus. The meeting was also attended by Associate Prof. Dr. Nur Hisham Ibrahim, Rector of UiTM Perak Branch; Associate Professor Dr. Muhamad Abdul Aziz Ab Gani, Deputy Rector of PJI UiTM Perak Branch and President of AICAD; Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of PJI UiTM Sarawak Branch; as well as members of the AICAD organising committee from UiTM Perak Branch and UiTM Sarawak Branch.

AICAD 2025 is scheduled to take place from 23–25 September, with UiTMCS as the main host for this year's edition. May everything proceed smoothly, Insha-Allah.

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UiTM SARAWAK ATHLETES READY TO SHINE AT KARISTA 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



25 August 2025 (Monday) | Alhamdulillah, last night I had the privilege of attending the opening ceremony of Karnival Sukan Staf (KARISTA) 2025, held at Dewan Seri Semarak, UiTM Perlis Branch. The ceremony was officiated by YBhg. Prof. Dr. Hj. Mohd Sazili Shahibi, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs (HEP), and attended by more than 1,000 guests, including athletes and members of UiTM Perlis Branch. Also present were YBrs. Prof. Dr. Yamin Yasin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and International; YBrs. Associate Prof. Dr. Ahmad Nizan Mat Noor, Rector of UiTM Perlis Branch; rectors and deputy rectors of other branches; sports officials; and members of the KARISTA 2025 organising committee.

KARISTA 2025, held from 25th to 30th August 2025, brings together 15 contingents with the participation of 2,231 athletes and team officials from across UiTM branches. Notably, this year marks the first-time participation of the PESUTIMA (UiTM Retirees Association) contingent. A total of 71 gold medals across 22 sporting events are being contested throughout the carnival.

UiTM Sarawak Branch has sent 103 athletes who will be competing in 16 events, including golf, senior and veteran football, men's and women's futsal, women's volleyball, veteran sepak takraw, tennis, darts, table tennis, carrom, E-sports, running, MTB (mountain biking), and pétanque.

I also had the opportunity to visit the UiTMCS athletes' sports village at Kolej Cengal 2 and offer words of encouragement to all participants.

This biennial carnival serves as an important platform that unites staff from all UiTM branches, promoting a healthy lifestyle while strengthening bonds of friendship and cooperation across campuses.

May all UiTMCS athletes continue to give their very best, challenge their fellow competitors, and achieve success at KARISTA 2025.

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UiTMCS WELCOMES FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS (FPTP), UNIVERSITI TUN HUSSEIN ONN MALAYSIA (UTHM) TO EXPLORE RESEARCH AND CURRICULUM INITIATIVES

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



12 August 2025 (Tuesday) | Alhamdulillah, yesterday afternoon I received a courtesy visit from the Faculty of Technology Management and Business (FPTP), Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), held at my office at Samarahan 2 Campus, in conjunction with UTHM's delegation visit to the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying (FAB), UiTM Sarawak Branch.

The delegation was led by Associate Professor Dr. Shafie Mohamed Zabri, Dean of FPTP UTHM, accompanied by Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Sulzakimin Hj. Mohamed, Head of the Department of Construction Management; Ts. Dr. Norliana Sarpin, Head of the Postgraduate Department; Ts. Dr. Mohd Hilmi Izwan Abd Rahim, Subject Matter Expert; and Sr Zailawati Khalid, Head of the MSc Construction Technology Management Programme. Accompanying me during the visit were Sr. Dr. Hjh. Noraziah Wahi, Head of the Centre for Studies for Fine Art, Design, Architecture, Planning and Surveying, and Ts. Hemyza Budin, FAB Building Technology Coordinator.

This was a reciprocal visit following FAB UiTM Sarawak Branch's visit to UTHM several years ago. This visit programme is part of both parties' initiatives to further strengthen academic relations between public higher education institutions in Malaysia, particularly in the field of Construction Management. It also serves as a strategic platform for knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and discussions on curriculum development, research, and industry networking. In addition, both sides explored potential collaborations in research as well as staff and student mobility.

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BUILDING RESILIENT PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE AT ICEPH-CS 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



20 August 2025 (Wednesday)| Alhamdulillah, I had the opportunity to represent the Vice-Chancellor of UiTM, Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib @ Sahibuddin, FASc, officiated the dinner reception for the 1st International Conference, Exhibition & Innovation on Public Health and International Community Services (ICEPH-CS 2025), held at the Waterfront Hotel, Kuching, last night.

The ICEPH-CS 2025 conference was organised by the Faculty of Health Sciences at Universiti Teknologi MARA's Penang branch, in collaboration with Universitas Airlangga in Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia; Universitas Muhammadiyah in Malang; and Universitas Muhammadiyah in Surakarta, Indonesia. The event was also supported by Business Events Sarawak (BESARAWAK).

This inaugural conference was well-received, with participants attending from the United Kingdom, Indonesia, France, Algeria, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Australia, and Iraq. This conference was truly special as it not only highlighted academic excellence but also reached a wider audience.

With the theme "Building Resilient Public Health through Community Service," the conference reflects the shared belief that health is a responsibility we must all bear together.

I had the privilege of presenting awards to the winners for categories such as best presenter, best poster, and most innovative, among others. These awards are not just accolades; they are a reflection of the dedication, creativity, and courage to innovate.

My most profound appreciation goes out to everyone who was involved, directly or indirectly, in making this conference a resounding success.

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UiTMCS EMBRACES TRANSFORMATION AND ASPIRATIONS FOR UiTM2030

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



20 August 2025 (Wednesday)| Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the opportunity to attend the "Siri Menelusuri Kampus UiTM, Resonansi UiTM2030: Satu Kampus, Seribu Aspirasi" programme with YBrs. Prof. Ts. Dr. Nor Hayati Saad, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Strategic) of Universiti Teknologi MARA. The programme was held at the FSG Auditorium, UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus.

The session was also attended by a delegation from the University Transformation Division (TRU), including Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohamad Faizul Yahya, Director of the University Transformation Office; Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Mahanijah Md Kamal, Head of Institutional Research; and Pn. Hasyimah Abdul Rahim, Assistant Registrar of TRU. Also present were members of the UiTMCS Executive Committee (JKEN), Dr. Fareiny Morni, Head of the Strategic Planning Unit, and other members of the UiTMCS community.

Before the sharing session with Prof. Nor Hayati, I was entrusted with presenting UiTM Sarawak's achievements, covering the UiTM 2025 Impact Analysis, The Challenges of Achieving the UiTM 2025 Goals, and the Campus Aspirations for the UiTM 2030 Strategic Plan.

This was a highly valuable sharing session, as all UiTMCS staff, both academic and administrative, were able to hear firsthand about the plans and challenges we face as we move toward 2030.

Indeed, UiTMCS's transformation agenda is progressing in line with the goals of the main UiTM campus. During the 2025 Rector's Mandate session, I emphasised the importance of transformation and introduced several Rector's Special Transformation Project Agendas. We are currently in the implementation and monitoring phase, having already completed several of these special projects.

I hope that more sharing programmes like this can be held in the future, so that staff at the branch campuses fully understand their role in making the UiTM 2030 Strategic Plan a success.

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PARTNERSHIP WITH AFFIN BANK CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR UiTMCS COMMUNITY AND ALUMNI

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



18 August 2025 (Monday) | Alhamdulillah, this afternoon, I received a courtesy visit from representatives of AFFIN Bank Berhad, held at Samarahan 2 Campus. The AFFIN Bank delegation was led by Ms. Elvy Kassim, Director of Card Business, and Ms. Peggy Leng, Senior Director of Card Marketing and Development from AFFIN Bank Headquarters. Accompanying them were Mr. Victor Liew, Regional Director of AFFIN Bank Sarawak, En. Awang Horolni Awang Putit, Sales Manager of the Card Business Division, AFFIN Bank Sarawak, and Ms. Suzanna anak Suma, Business Development Manager of AFFIN Bank Sarawak.

I was joined by Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network, En. Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar, and Pn. Aniza Abu Bakar, Deputy Bursar of UiTMCS.

As usual, I gave a brief presentation on the background of UiTMCS, the programmes offered across all three campuses, as well asthe total number of staff, our strengths, advantages, and other relevant information.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss and promote the launch of the AFFIN-UiTM credit card at UiTMCS – an initiative conceptualised by the Vice-Chancellor himself, Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib @ Sahibuddin, FASc.

UiTMCS always welcome the presence of industry partners who wish to collaborate. Any potential collaboration that can benefit UiTMCS, the management will strive to implement to the best of its ability.

I find that there are many forms of collaboration possible with AFFIN Bank, such as research, consultation sessions, industrial training for students, and volunteer programmes for both students and staff.

Meanwhile, Ms. Elvy Kassim stated that AFFIN Bank is ready to cooperate with UiTMCS, as they have been entrusted to build partnerships with all UiTM campuses across Malaysia. Among the initiatives proposed are workshops or seminars on financial planning for UiTMCS students.

The AFFIN-UiTM credit card is launched specifically and exclusively for the UiTM community and alumni, with a creative design featuring the UiTM logo on the card. Applicants for the credit card stand a chance to win attractive prizes and enjoy benefits such as 5x AFFIN Rewards Points on weekends, 4x complimentary accesses to Plaza Premium Lounges, a 0% Exclusive Instalment Plan of up to 24 months, and a lifetime annual fee waiver with no conditions. Moreover, every expense made using the AFFIN-UiTM Credit Card not only fulfils personal needs but also contributes to UiTM and supports its students, as the concept of the card is "spending while giving back". Every transaction made will empower education, open up opportunities, and contribute to the advancement of UiTM as a whole. UiTM will receive incentives for every approved AFFIN-UiTM Credit Card application, as well as royalty payments from the card's spending activities. This, in turn, will help strengthen education and contribute towards enhancing UiTM's income.

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UiTM SARAWAK CELEBRATES UNITY AND SUSTAINABILITY DURING 68TH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE MONTH

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page





18 August 2025 | This morning, I had the honour of officiating the Launching Ceremony of the 68th National Independence Month Celebration at UiTM Sarawak Branch, held at the Student Centre, Samarahan Campus.

The ceremony also featured the presentation of the Ibu Pertiwi flag to En. Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar and Head of the UiTM Sarawak Branch Contingent, who will represent the university at the Staff Sports Carnival (KARiSTA) 2025 at UiTM Perlis from 25–30 August 2025. This moment was particularly meaningful, as the athletes entrusted with carrying the name of UiTM Sarawak Branch were inspired to compete with full commitment and a strong fighting spirit. I extend my highest appreciation to them and am confident they will bring honour to our branch.

In addition, the ceremony was enlivened by a symbolic tree-planting activity in conjunction with the Grand Gotong-Royong Programme, involving members of the campus community in a collective effort to promote environmental sustainability on campus.

I sincerely appreciate the dedication of all members of UiTM Sarawak Branch who participated in this celebration. May this initiative serve as a catalyst for unity and further strengthen our identity as Malaysians who love and cherish our homeland.

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UiTMCS ATHLETES READY TO SHINE AT THE UiTM STUDENT SPORTS CARNIVAL (SUPER) 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page





12 August 2025 (Tuesday) | Alhamdulillah, I was invited by the Sports Unit to the flag handover ceremony for the UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) contingent that will participate in the UiTM Student Sports Carnival (SUPER) UiTM 2025 at Ruai Pengawa, Samarahan Campus.

I had the honour of handing over the "Ibu Pertiwiku" flag to Associate Professor Dr. Saimi bin Bujang, Deputy Rector for Student Affairs, who will also serve as the contingent leader for the carnival, in a spirited and lively ceremony.

The flag handover aims to instil a fighting spirit and strengthen the athletes' motivation before they take on the national-level challenge, while also bringing pride to UiTMCS on the university sports stage.

A total of 58 athletes will compete in seven sports events at the carnival, which will take place from 14 to 18 August 2025 at UiTM Shah Alam. The sports to be contested include silat, taekwondo, lawn bowls, pétanque, handball, and two eSports categories – Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) and PUBG Mobile.

This year, the UiTMCS contingent aims to improve on last year's performance, targeting 4 gold, 3 silver, and 5 bronze medals, compared to 3 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals achieved previously.

Best of luck to all UiTMCS athletes – compete with passion and uphold the spirit of true sportsmanship.

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VISIT FROM DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ICAN) AS THE NEW MENTOR HIGHLIGHTS UiTMCS TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the honour of welcoming YBrs. Prof. TPr. Dr. Jamalunlaili Abdullah, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the Industry, Community & Alumni Network, who has been appointed as the mentor for UiTMCS at Samarahan 2 Campus. I was joined by members of the UiTMCS State Executive Committee (JKEN) during the visit.

We are truly honoured to host Prof. Jamalunlaili, marking his first visit to UiTMCS since his appointment. His mentorship, along with the appointments of all other University Executive Management members as mentors, follows the visit by YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Mohd Khamil bin Jamil, Chairman of the UiTM Board of Directors, to UiTMCS last May and several other branch campuses. The main objective is to ensure that all issues raised during the Chairman's visit are promptly addressed, with special attention to the campus facilities.

At UiTMCS, a total of 47 issues were raised by the Chairman, of which we have successfully resolved 37, while the remaining are still in progress due to the need for substantial financial allocations. For example, concerns regarding drain covers, construction waste disposal, and worn-out furniture were addressed through a major community clean-up initiative.

We have also taken note of and acted on the remarks made by Tan Sri, especially regarding Samarahan Campus facilities, which are nearly 40 years old. This includes painting residential college facilities and upgrading several blocks, a process that is ongoing and will require time to complete.

During the visit, Prof. Jamalunlaili, accompanied by En. Lukmanulhakim Adhar, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer of the Facilities Management Division, conducted site inspections at several locations highlighted during the Chairman's visit to assess the remedial actions taken. The day before, he also visited UiTMCS Mukah Campus for the same purpose.

This visit underscores UiTMCS's commitment to continuous improvement, ensuring quality facilities, and providing a conducive environment for students and staff alike.



UiTMCS ENGAGES DEAN OF HEALTH AND SCIENCES TO TACKLE CHALLENGES IN ACADEMIC STAFF AND TRAINING

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, after launching the Majlis Pelancaran Sambutan Bulan Kemerdekaan Malaysia Ke-68 UiTMCS at Samarahan Campus, I returned to my office at Samarahan 2 Campus to receive a visit from YBrs. Prof. Dr. Mohd Haidzir Abd Manaf, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, UiTM, who was newly appointed as Dean on 1 June. He was accompanied by Pn. Lyidia Dahlia binti Dahlan, Coordinator of the Faculty of Health Sciences, UiTMCS, and Ts. Dr. Siti Nor Ain Seri Masran, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Health Sciences, UiTMCS.

During the visit, we discussed several matters, particularly regarding the career development of academic staff in the nursing programme. Lecturers are encouraged to pursue PhD studies, and staffing needs arising during their study periods will be managed accordingly. Academic staff who already hold PhD qualifications are also eligible to apply for promotion to Associate Professor.

UiTMCS also noted a shortage of Clinical Instructors (C.I.) to supervise nursing students. Currently, the faculty has 7 contract employees and 2 permanent staff members. To address this shortage, 9 part-time clinical instructors have been appointed.

Another key priority highlighted during the visit is the lack of practical training facilities for the nursing programme. UiTMCS must expand these facilities to accommodate the growing student population and to meet the requirements of existing MoAs and MoUs.

We also addressed concerns regarding the high teaching load for lecturers. I suggested that collaborative teaching between lecturers at Samarahan Campus and Puncak Alam Campus be implemented to help alleviate this challenge.

I hope that all the challenges and issues raised will find workable solutions, ensuring that the career progression of staff, as well as the comfort and well-being of students and lecturers, remain our primary focus.

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UiTMCS CONTINUES TO SHINE IN SARAWAK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE QUALITY AWARD (AKPANS) 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, once again, UiTMCS has successfully advanced to the final stage of the Sarawak State Public Service Quality Award (AKPANS) 2025, under the Statutory Body category. Today, we received a site visit from the AKPANS 2025 Evaluation Panel, held at the Main Meeting Room (BMU), UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus.

This year's AKPANS 2025 evaluation panel was led by YBrs. Dr Mazlina binti Shafi'i, Director of the Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC), Sarawak Region, accompanied by fellow panel members: YBhg. Datu Nicholas Sia, Member of the Sarawak State Public Service Commission; En. Superi bin Awang Said, Director of the Sarawak Transformation and Innovation Unit (STIU); Pn. Samai anak Bajan, Principal Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Port Development (MIPD), Sarawak, along with two representatives from the AKPANS 2025 Secretariat.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all UiTMCS staff who were involved, either directly or indirectly, in the preparations for welcoming the evaluation panel. Not forgetting, congratulations and my appreciation to all State Executive Committee (JKEN) members, including all unit heads, who were present and showed excellent cooperation and commitment throughout the assessment process.

Previously, we have won this competition as Overall Champion in 2006, Champion in the Sarawak Federal Category (ICT Category) and Third Place in the Sarawak Federal Award (Counter Services Category) in 2009, Overall Champion in 2010, Runner-up Overall in 2015, AKPANS 2016 Champion (State Category), and last year, UiTMCS won the Bronze Trophy of the Sarawak State Secretary (Main Agency Category).

Therefore, I urge all members of UiTMCS at every level to continuously strive to enhance service quality and deliver the best to our clients, especially our students and the surrounding community.

UiTMCS's participation in competitions such as this is aimed at enabling a process of continuous improvement, ensuring that we always deliver the best and highest quality of service to all stakeholders. May all the efforts we have put in yield proud results and elevate UiTMCS to continued excellence.

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PLANTING FOR A GREENER FUTURE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Tree planting session by YBhg. Prof. Emeritus Dato' Dr. Hassan Said, Pro-Chancellor, together with Ms. Junita Jamaludin, Bursar of UiTM. This activity is part of the campus greening initiative in Sarawak and serves as a symbolic gesture of the green initiative in conjunction with the Malaysia Greening Programme: 100 Million Tree Planting Campaign (2021–2025).

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UiTMCS STRENGTHENS INDUSTRY TIES WITH ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (APTT) FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND INNOVATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

12 August 2025 (Tuesday) | Alhamdulillah, I had the privilege of representing UiTM Sarawak Branch at the Exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Ceremony between the Association of Professional Technicians and Technologists (APTT) Sarawak, represented by its Chairman, Ts. Ir. Ahmad Zawawi bin Kasmin, held at the Imperial Hotel Kuching.

The ceremony was graced by YB Datuk Dr. Haji Hazlan Haji Abang Hipni, Deputy Minister of the Sarawak Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability, representing YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak and Minister of Energy and Environmental Sustainability (MEESty). This event coincided with the launch of the Sustainable Valuable Energy and Conference 2025 (SAVE2025), jointly organised by APTT and Korea South-East Power (KOEN).

The MoU reflects the shared commitment of both parties to advance academic–industry collaboration in professional development, technical training, and student engagement. It represents a significant step in strengthening ties between higher education institutions and the professional technology community, creating opportunities for mutual growth and innovation.

At the same ceremony, I also had the honour of receiving a mock cheque on behalf of UiTM Sarawak Branch from Black Dot Management Sdn. Bhd. for Phase 2 research and development (R&D), focusing on sustainability, technology, and community development, amounting to RM10,000.00. The mock cheque was presented by the company's Director and Board Member, Ts. Br. Gs. Noor Nikman Salleh.

SAVE2025 is a landmark conference bringing together government, academia, and industry leaders to explore sustainable energy technologies and their impact on economic and environmental transformation. The conference features keynote addresses from distinguished figures from Malaysia and Korea, along with business-to-business (B2B) matching sessions and exhibitions showcasing innovations in hydrogen fuel, marine hydropower, renewable energy efficiency, nuclear generation, and digital green construction.

I am confident that this MoU will pave the way for long-term academic–industry collaborations, enriching professional development, enhancing technical training, and providing meaningful engagement opportunities for students.

UiTMCS CELEBRATES RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE AT RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY NETWORK (PJI) EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



1 August 2025 (Friday) | Alhamdulillah, I had the honour of attending the Research and Industry Network (PJI) Excellence Awards Ceremony as the guest of honour. The event was held at Ruai Pengawa, Samarahan Campus.

The ceremony was organised to recognise the outstanding achievements of UiTM Sarawak Branch staff in research, publication, innovation, and industry networking, all of which have contributed significantly to academic excellence and institutional development.

Throughout the event, several awards were presented to academic staff and researchers who demonstrated excellence across various categories. We hope that these awards will continue to inspire and motivate the university community to reach even greater heights in research, innovation, and industry collaboration.

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ASIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ART AND DESIGN (AICAD) 2025: CONNECTING ACADEMIA, INDUSTRY, AND COMMUNITY IN SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



This morning, it was truly an honour to welcome delegates to the Asia International Conference on Art and Design (AICAD) 2025, hosted here in Sarawak.

Since its inception in 2017 through the collaboration between Institut Seni Budaya Indonesia, Bandung, and UITM Perak Branch, AICAD has grown into a vibrant platform now proudly known as the Asia International Community of Art and Design. This transformation reflects our commitment to widening horizons, deepening collaborations, and strengthening global networks.

We were especially honoured by the presence of Professor TPr. Dr. Jamalunlaili Abdullah, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Industry, Community and Alumni Network), UiTM. His presence underscores the significance of AICAD as a platform where academia, industry, and community converge.

At UiTMCS, hosting AICAD this year carries a special meaning. Guided by our mission to nurture globally competent graduates rooted in local identity, we embrace Sarawak as a living classroom - where creativity, culture, and innovation converge.

This year's programme showcases:

- Academic excellence through keynotes, forums, and sessions
- Creative exchange via art exhibitions and performances
- Cultural immersion through Sarawak Discovery visits to the Sarawak Cultural Village, Borneo Cultures Museum, and Kuching City Centre
- Through these experiences, we highlight Sarawak's unique role as a hub for edutourism, in line with the state's vision of "More to Discover."

On behalf of UiTMCS, I extend my deepest appreciation to our organising committees, partners, and contributors who have made AICAD 2025 possible. To all participants - immerse yourselves fully, share your insights, and seize every opportunity for collaboration.

May this year's conference spark new ideas, unite diverse voices, and inspire creativity without boundaries. Together, let us carry forward Sarawak's spirit of More to Discover into a brighter, more innovative future.

INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE UiTM ALUMNI COUNCIL (MAUiTM) AT UiTM SHAH ALAM

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, last night I had the privilege of attending the inaugural session of the UiTM Alumni Council (MAUiTM) held at the Chancellery, UiTM Shah Alam.

As the Rector of UiTMCS and concurrently the Chair of the UiTM Rectors' Council (acting), I was truly honored to witness how this Council has become a pivotal platform that reconnects millions of ITM/UiTM alumni with our beloved alma mater. It also strengthens the bonds with UiTM Management and the University Board of Directors, making it the only official body of its kind.

Heartiest congratulations to everyone involved, especially to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Industry, Community & Alumni Network) and his dedicated team, on the successful establishment of this Council.

UiTMCS RESEARCH PROJECTS GAIN SUPPORT FROM DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, earlier this afternoon, a research team from UiTMCS conducted a follow-up presentation on the Tourism Project: Annah Rais Living Heritage Initiative and the Technology-Driven Hill Paddy Cultivation and Agro-Tourism Project to YB Datuk Dr. Jerip Susil, Deputy Minister of Transport Sarawak and ADUN for N.19 Mambong, at his official office.

Accompanying me at the presentation session were Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research, Networking and Industry; Mr. Hadi Jumaat, Research Management Coordinator; as well as the researchers involved in these projects.

I would like to extend my highest appreciation and sincere thanks to YB Datuk Dr. Jerip Susil for his support and for taking the time to listen to the presentations.

All views and recommendations put forward were duly noted and will serve as guidance for further action.

It is hoped that this session will open up more opportunities for strategic collaboration between UiTM Sarawak Branch and the State Government, thereby strengthening the university's role in community development and contributing to the advancement of key sectors in Sarawak.



HONOURING EXCELLENCE: UITM SARAWAK 102ND CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Congratulations to the 1,048 graduates who are being conferred their degrees at the 102nd Convocation Ceremony of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak Branch, taking place today and tomorrow at the Jubli Hall, UiTMCS Samarahan Campus.

This year's ceremony honours the achievements of 499 graduates receiving bachelor's degrees and 549 graduates receiving diplomas, conducted across four sessions. The distribution of graduates is as follows: 264 graduates (Session 1), 258 graduates (Session 2), 267 graduates (Session 3), and 259 graduates (Session 4).

The conferment of awards is officiated by YBhg. Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Hassan Said, Pro-Chancellor of UiTM and former 4th Vice-Chancellor of UiTM. This convocation forms part of the 102nd Convocation Series, which will be held from 3 to 20 September 2025 at the Dewan Agung Tuanku Canselor (DATC), UiTM Shah Alam, and will continue on 8 to 9 October 2025 at the Dewan Al-Bukhari, UiTM Sabah Branch.

Heartfelt congratulations to all UiTM Sarawak graduates on this remarkable achievement!

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MEDIA VISIT BY SUARA SARAWAK AND SARAWAK TRIBUNE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, earlier this morning I had the opportunity to receive a media visit from Suara Sarawak and Sarawak Tribune for a special interview session at UiTM Sarawak Branch.

I would like to express my highest appreciation and sincere thanks to Zarina Abdullah, Deputy Chief Reporter of Suara Sarawak; Natasha Jee, Chief Reporter of Sarawak Tribune; Sharifah Nong-Jasima, Reporter of Sarawak Tribune; and Mr. Ghazali Bujang, Photographer, for their commitment and support in making this session a success.

The interview session also provided an opportunity to share information on the 102nd UiTM Convocation Ceremony for UiTM Sarawak Branch, which will be held on 17 and 18 September at Dewan Jubli, Samarahan Campus. This convocation ceremony will celebrate the achievements of graduates who have completed their studies and are ready to contribute to the development of the state and the nation.

We greatly value our close collaboration with media partners, as it helps to broaden public awareness of the role of UiTM Sarawak as a leading institution of higher education, in line with the aspirations of PCDS 2030.

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#SuaraSarawak #SarawakTribune #PCDS2030
#KecemerlanganUiTM



NURTURING FUTURE LEADERS: ILD OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOCUSES ON SUCCESSION PLANNING

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The Institute of Leadership and Development (ILD) recently convened at the Samarahan Campus for a pivotal outreach programme titled 'Succession Planning'. Held at the Bilik Sarjana, the session was attended by approximately 50 academic and administrative staff members eager to enhance their leadership competencies. The event featured key insights from distinguished guests, including Assistant Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Yarina Ahmad, who joined virtually, alongside on-site experts Associate Professor Dr Norlaila Md Zin and Associate Professor Ts. Dr Nor'Aishah Hasan from the ILD Profiling and Assessment Centre.

During the welcoming address, university leadership seized the opportunity to propose a strategic shift in training logistics by localising mandatory initiatives, such as the "Program Transformasi Minda" (PTM), within UiTM Sarawak or Sabah. By hosting these courses regionally rather than requiring travel to ILD centres in Peninsular Malaysia, the university aims to significantly reduce costs while maximising staff participation. This cost-effective approach is designed to democratise access to leadership development, ensuring that the ESI and i-DART concepts are instilled across the wider UiTM Sarawak community to cultivate the next generation of capable leaders.



CHAMPIONS AGAIN! UITMCS LEADS THE WAY AT MAULIDUR RASUL PARADE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the opportunity to join the staff of UiTMCS in attending the State-level Maulidur Rasul Celebration 1447H/2025M at Padang Merdeka, Kuching.

What made the celebration even sweeter was that the UiTMCS contingent was once again crowned Champion in the IPTA/IPTS/Skills Centre Category for the Maulidur Rasul Parade.

Congratulations and well done to all staff involved for your contributions and commitment in achieving this success.



SPECIAL MADANI YOUTH SESSION WITH UITM BOARD MEMBER

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, last night's Special MADANI Youth Session with YBhg. Datuk Mustaffa Kamil Ayub, Member of the Board of Directors of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), was successfully held at Dewan Jubli, Samarahan Campus.

I, along with the Senior Management Team of UiTMCS, had the privilege of attending the one-hour session, which drew an impressive audience of nearly 1,000 UiTMCS students and staff. The session was filled with inspiring insights and valuable reflections shared by YBhg. Datuk Mustaffa Kamil.

On behalf of the entire UiTMCS community, I wish to express our highest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to YBhg. Datuk Mustaffa Kamil for his thoughtful perspectives, invaluable experiences, and motivational message. His presence was significant in strengthening UiTM's aspiration to nurture a generation of MADANI Youth - knowledgeable, competitive, and grounded in human values.

UiTMCS remains committed to our commitment to youth development. UiTM are not merely an academic institution, but also a platform for holistic human development that emphasises leadership, social awareness, and a sense of responsibility toward the community and the nation.

May this sharing session serve as a catalyst in advancing the Madani Youth agenda - one that is futuristic, relevant, and dynamic - producing young people who are not mere spectators of change but the driving force of national transformation. Insha-Allah.

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UITM SWINGS BACK TO GLORY AT THE 52ND PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, UiTM has once again proven its excellence by reclaiming the Overall Champion title at the 52nd Public Universities Golf Championship, which concluded today.

The two-day tournament was held across three venues in Kuala Lumpur namely Bangi Golf & Country Resort, Danau Golf Club, and Bukit Unggul Country Club.

Even more proudly, UiTM was also named the Best Contingent for this year's edition, organized by Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA), with participation from all 20 public universities and a total of 300 players.

Congratulations and well done to all 24 UiTM golfers who performed exceptionally and brought glory to the university throughout the tournament. May this spirit of excellence and determination continue to shine as we strive to defend the championship in the next edition.

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FROM LAB TO MARKET: UITMCS COMMERCIALISES NAPAS WATER TECHNOLOGY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

UiTM Sarawak has marked a significant milestone in research commercialisation with the recent exchange of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Ikhlas Resmi (M) Sdn. Bhd. Held at the BITCOM concourse in UiTM Shah Alam during the UiTM–Industry Engagement Day 2025, the ceremony was officiated by Deputy Vice- Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Professor Ts. Dr Norazah Abd Rahman. This agreement formalises the technology licensing process, effectively bridging the gap between academic innovation and real-world market application, while strengthening strategic ties between the university and industry partners.

At the heart of this collaboration is the Natural Water Purification System (NAPAS), an innovative filtration solution designed to provide safe, accessible drinking water to remote communities lacking treated water resources. Developed by a team of UiTM Sarawak researchers led by Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Ts. Dr Nurzawani Md Sofwan, and En. Mohibah Musa, NAPAS exemplifies the university's commitment to producing problem-solving research with high commercial value. By facilitating the mass adoption of this technology, the MoA not only highlights UiTM's research capabilities but also promises immediate social impact, delivering sustainable water solutions to the communities that need them most.





DELIVERING KEYNOTE SPEECH AT BIOTECHNOLOGY, SMART FARMING, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR FOOD SECURITY (BioSFE) 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



It was a great pleasure to deliver my keynote speech titled "Farming for Tomorrow: Building Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems" at the 2nd International Conference on Biotechnology, Smart Farming, and Entrepreneurship for Food Security (BioSFE) 2025.

My presentation focused on a mission of global importance - ensuring food security for all amid the growing challenges of climate change and population growth. I highlighted how innovation serves as our most powerful ally in this endeavour. Smart farming technologies such as IoT applications, precision agriculture, and vertical farming are no longer abstract ideas but tangible solutions that enhance productivity, safeguard ecosystems, and empower farmers to thrive in a changing world.

I was also proud to share UiTM Sarawak's impactful initiatives through our Community Empowerment Project, which has been transforming lives in coastal villages. By equipping B40 communities (underprivileged families) with modern farming knowledge and entrepreneurial skills, we are driving meaningful change that aligns with Sarawak's Post-COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

At the core of my message is a call for collaboration. We can shape a sustainable and resilient food system—one that nourishes both people and the planet for generations to come—only through the synergy of science, technology, and partnership.

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP ENGAGES PIMPIN SARAWAK FOR STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page





University leadership recently welcomed the newly appointed committee of the Alumni Association of the UiTM Student Representative Council (PIMPIN) Sarawak for the 2025–2027 term. Led by Chairman Aeron Tingang and supported by Deputy Chairperson Mashitoh binti Abu Bakar and their executive team, the delegation gathered at the Samarahan Campus Main Meeting Room. The visit served as a platform to introduce the new committee members and present a comprehensive strategic roadmap, detailing past achievements alongside current and future initiatives designed to benefit the campus community.

During the session, the management highlighted the crucial role PIMPIN plays as a bridge between the university, the student body, and the wider public. The committee was encouraged to leverage their unique experience as former student representatives to support UiTM's internationalisation agenda and manage public perception. Specifically, they were tasked with offering constructive perspectives to new students regarding campus facilities such as residential colleges, thereby helping to contextualise the situation and enhance the university's image.

Looking ahead, the university challenged the alumni to be proactive in organising high-impact programmes by forging collaborations with internal NGOs such as MITSA, KEKITA, and PEWANI. The management reaffirmed its full commitment to supporting PIMPIN's aspirations, fostering a synergistic partnership that will drive meaningful engagement and holistic development for the entire university ecosystem.

COLOURING THE FUTURE: BUILDTECH STUDENTS TRANSFORM TASKA SEDIDIK PEWANI

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The university leadership joined a vibrant community service initiative at Taska SeDidik PEWANI Sarawak. Spearheaded by the Buildtech student association (Diploma in Building Technology) in collaboration with PEWANI's Special Taska Committee, the event saw 34 students wield their brushes under the guidance of lecturers Ts. Hemyza Budin and Ts. Mohd Dzuliqyan Jasni. Key PEWANI committee members, including Chairperson Pn. Siti Nur Aishah Jaafar and Head of the Nursery Committee Cik Hajah Siti Huzaimah Sahari, were also present to support the transformation efforts.

The initiative aimed to curate a stimulating and child-friendly atmosphere ahead of the nursery's operational launch. The resulting murals go beyond mere aesthetics as they incorporate early childhood educational elements designed to foster a conducive learning environment. For the students, this project offered valuable hands-on experience in producing large-scale artwork while strengthening the collaborative bond between the academic body and internal organisations.

The nursery is scheduled to commence operations in January 2026 under the supervision of the UiTM Sarawak Women's Association (PEWANI). The facility will offer childcare services exclusively for UiTM Sarawak staff, catering to children aged between three months and four years, ensuring accessible, quality care for working parents within the campus community.



UiTM SARAWAK RECOGNISED FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVES AT EPF BEST EMPLOYER AWARDS 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



UiTM Sarawak was recently honoured at the Best Employer Awards 2025, organised by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) at the historic Old Court House in Kuching. Officiated by YBrs. Pn. Irma Jalil, Deputy Director of the EPF Sarawak Region, the ceremony brought together leaders from across the public and private sectors to celebrate excellence in employer contributions. The event was also attended by key EPF officials, including En. Mohammad Che Rus, Head of EPF Kuching, and En. Azraf Mohd Ayub, Head of the Employer Services Section.

During the ceremony, UiTM Sarawak was presented with a certificate of appreciation, standing alongside seven other distinguished organisations. This accolade recognised the university's proactive engagement in EPF outreach programmes, specifically its efforts to organise on-campus financial literacy sessions for final-year students. The university management views this recognition as a stepping stone towards more robust strategic collaborations with the EPF, aiming to ensure that every graduate leaves the institution equipped with vital financial planning skills.



UiTM SARAWAK EXTENDS WELFARE SUPPORT TO RECOVERING STUDENT IN TELAGA AIR

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

In a display of compassion and student-centric care, the university leadership recently paid a welfare visit to Nuradriana Yasmin binti Aminzani, a Semester 4 Diploma in Public Administration (AM110) student, who is currently recovering from an appendectomy. The delegation was led by the Rector, accompanied by Associate Professor Dr Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector for Student Affairs, and Pn. Norhayati Umar, Deputy Registrar of the Student Affairs Division.

The team travelled to the student's family residence in Kampung Telaga Air, Kuching, where they were warmly received by her parents, En. Aminzani Zainudin and Pn. Hamimon Raduan. Despite being in the recovery phase, Nuradriana appeared resilient and in good spirits. As a gesture of solidarity, the university presented a financial contribution to assist with medical expenses, underscoring UiTM Sarawak's commitment to the well-being of its students beyond the classroom. The entire university community joins in praying for her swift and full recovery.



UiTM SARAWAK HOSTS REGIONAL LEG OF PROTON BUSINESS CASE STUDY CHALLENGE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The UiTM Samarahan Campus recently played host to budding business strategists as the venue for the Sarawak regional level of the Proton Business Case Study Challenge. Held at the Ruai Pengawa, the event concluded with a lively prize presentation ceremony celebrating the innovative solutions proposed by the participating student teams. The university leadership expressed gratitude to the organisers for selecting UiTM Sarawak as the platform for this crucial industry-academia engagement, which allows students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world corporate scenarios.

The ceremony was graced by high-profile industry representatives, including Mr Ong Chee Wooi, Deputy Director of Proton Sales; Mr Nathan Alfred Chin, Proton Northern Sarawak Regional Manager (After Sales); and Ms Nazlynda Jamaluddin, Manager of Human Resources, Human Capital & Administration at Proton. Joined by Associate Professor Dr Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs, the delegation honoured the winners for their outstanding performance. The management extended hearty congratulations to the victors and encouraged all participants to view the challenge as a valuable stepping stone for their future professional growth.



GEOPARK TALK SPARKS EDU-TOURISM DIALOGUE AT UiTM SAMARAHAN

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



UiTM Samarahan Campus recently highlighted the state's rich natural heritage by hosting the Sarawak Delta Geopark Awareness Talk, titled 'A Catalyst for Edu-Tourism in Sarawak'. Officiated by the Rector and organised by the Faculty of Accountancy and Information Science, the session featured YBrs. Dr Dana Anak Badang from the Sarawak Forestry Department. The event, held at Ruai Pengawa, was attended by nearly 150 students and lecturers, including Head of Studies Dr Susan Hydra Sikayu and project leader Professor Dr Corina Anak Joseph. The talk provided crucial insights into the untapped potential of Sarawak's edu-tourism assets, encouraging the academic community to explore these local treasures.

Beyond the immediate lecture, the event underscored UiTM Sarawak's strategic move to integrate edu-tourism into the academic syllabus, aligning with the objectives of both the Ministry of Higher Education and the Sarawak State Government. This curricular shift aims to blend education, tourism, and research, equipping students with practical industry knowledge. Furthermore, the university reiterated its steadfast commitment to sustainability, announcing upcoming collaborations for World Earth Day 2025 and World Clean Up Day 2026. These initiatives ensure that UiTM Sarawak remains a proactive leader in advancing the green campus agenda while fostering meaningful community and industry partnerships.

RECTOR'S CUP 1.0: SERVING UP WELLNESS AND UNITY AT SUMMER MALL

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The inaugural Pickleball Rector's Cup 1.0 officially kicked off at the Summer Pickleball Arena (SPA), Summer Mall, Kota Samarahan. Organised by the UiTM Sarawak Pickleball Club in collaboration with KEKiTA, the tournament gathered staff from various departments in a spirited display of camaraderie. Officiating the event, the university leadership highlighted that such initiatives are vital for fostering unity across all levels of service, perfectly aligning with the university's championing of the 'one staff, one sport' philosophy to cultivate a culture of healthy living within the campus community.

Looking beyond the court, the Rector challenged KEKiTA to broaden the scope of staff wellness by reviving popular legacy programmes such as 'The Biggest Loser', traditional games, and regular health screenings. There is also a strategic vision to expand the pickleball tournament in future editions to include students and the wider public, potentially elevating it to a divisional-level competition. To achieve this, the management encouraged stronger collaboration with internal bodies like PEWANI and PERASA, noting that a unified approach would significantly boost participation, enhance prize offerings, and ensure the longevity of these health initiatives.





CELEBRATING HERITAGE: UiTM SARAWAK SHINES AT SARAWAK ARTS FESTIVAL 2025 GALA NIGHT

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The university leadership recently attended the Closing Ceremony and Gala Night of the Sarawak Arts Festival 2025 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK). Organised by the Sarawak Arts Council (MSS), the festival served as a vibrant celebration of the state's cultural tapestry, featuring performances and exhibitions from 12 ethnic groups, including the Penan, Kenyah, Lun Bawang, Berawan, and Jati Miriek. The event offered a rich array of activities, ranging from ethnic house exhibitions and handicraft workshops to theatre and traditional music classes, engaging both students and the public in a deep appreciation of local heritage.

A highlight of the evening was the spirited participation of Rumpun Seni, a troupe comprising UiTM Sarawak students and alumni in the traditional dance competition. Their involvement underscores the university's commitment to nurturing holistic graduates who excel not only academically but also in preserving traditional arts. This achievement reflects the institution's aspiration to produce creative, skilled individuals capable of making meaningful cultural contributions. To further this mission, UiTM Sarawak has announced two major upcoming initiatives: the Festival Tari Borneo IX 2025 (3–4 December 2025) and the 20th Edition of the ReQaSeni Exhibition, themed 'GELORA' (13–17 February 2026).

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE REWARDED: FOUR STAFF PROMOTED TO SENIOR LECTURER

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

In a ceremony marked by pride and appreciation, the university leadership recently honoured four distinguished academic staff members with promotion to the position of Senior Lecturer. The recipients included Shirley Sinatra anak Gran and Ketty anak Chacil from the Faculty of Computer & Mathematical Sciences, alongside Nur Atiqah binti Abdul Rahman and Muhd Firdaus bin Muhd Yusoff from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering.

This advancement serves as more than just a change in title. It is a testament to their unwavering dedication, research prowess, and commitment to pedagogical excellence. UiTM Sarawak places immense value on educators who not only excel academically but also actively inspire their students and colleagues. The management extends its heartiest congratulations to the newly promoted lecturers, confident that these achievements will act as a catalyst for future successes in elevating the university's educational standards and advancing its mission.



RECTOR'S MANDATE INSPIRES NEW INTAKE TO EMBRACE TRANSFORMATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



In a virtual address marking the commencement of the Student Destiny Strengthening Programme (PDS) for the October 2025–February 2026 session, the Rector delivered a stirring mandate to the newest cohort of bachelor's degree students. Welcoming them into the UiTM family, the leadership emphasised that their admission is more than a personal milestone; it represents the first step in a transformative journey dedicated to shaping the future of their families, the state of Sarawak, and the nation.

The Rector urged the students to view themselves as the custodians of a proud legacy, challenged to contribute new value through innovation and unyielding determination.



Highlighting that UiTMCS is entering a critical phase of transformation, the mandate called upon the student body to embrace change with competitiveness. The management's vision extends beyond mere graduate statistics; the focus is firmly on nurturing high-quality individuals who are knowledgeable, ethical, and globally resilient. Students were challenged to rise above the ordinary, evolving into outstanding ambassadors capable of elevating the university's reputation on the international stage.

Concluding the address, the Rector reminded the cohort that the university is a 'field of endeavour' designed to instil discipline and resilience alongside academic knowledge. A strong emphasis was placed on personal responsibility, particularly regarding digital conduct. Students were urged to recognise that every action, especially their footprint on social media carries the weight of the university's dignity, entrusting them with the guardianship of UiTM's esteemed image.





UiTM SARAWAK HOSTS INAUGURAL YB DATUK HAJAH RUBIAH PETANQUE CUP

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

UiTM Samarahan Campus Petanque Court recently buzzed with competitive spirit as it hosted the opening ceremony of the inaugural YB Datuk Hajah Rubiah bt Haji Wang Petanque Cup Tournament. Officiated by the titular sponsor, YB Datuk Hajah Rubiah bt Haji Wang, Deputy Minister of Rural and Regional Development and Member of Parliament for Kota Samarahan, the event marked a significant milestone in community sports. In a generous gesture to ensure the tournament's success, the Deputy Minister contributed RM8,000, underscoring her unwavering commitment to the holistic development and well-being of the youth in the Samarahan Division.

The tournament attracted an impressive roster of 86 teams from across Samarahan and Kuching, organised through a strategic collaboration between UiTM Sarawak, the Kota Samarahan Parliamentary Service Centre (P197), and the Boule Sports Club of Samarahan. University leadership emphasised that Petanque is far more than a leisure activity. It is a discipline requiring strategic thinking, focus, and composure. These traits align seamlessly with UiTM Sarawak's objective to nurture balanced graduates who possess high moral character and resilience alongside academic excellence.

Looking ahead, the university has secured the Deputy Minister's support to make this tournament a recurring annual fixture. Future editions aim to expand the scope to invite enthusiasts from across Sarawak, further igniting the sporting spirit of Bumi Kenyalang. The management commends the Sports Unit and Student Affairs Division for their excellent organisation and calls upon all participants to use this platform to strengthen the bonds between the university, the staff, and the wider community through the values of sportsmanship.



FSM DELEGATION VISITS UiTM SAMARAHAN 2 CAMPUS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

UiTM Samarahan 2 Campus recently welcomed a high-level delegation from the Faculty of Information Management (FSM), UiTM Puncak Perdana, led by Dean Associate Professor Dr Hajah Norhayati Husin. The visit featured a productive 'randau' session attended by UiTM Sarawak leadership, including the Rector and Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Networking, alongside senior faculty members. This engagement served as a crucial platform to align academic strategies and strengthen UiTM Sarawak's position as a premier institution for producing skilled information science professionals in Sarawak.

One of the central discussions was the proposal to introduce the Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Records Management at UiTM Sarawak. This initiative addresses robust demand from the Sarawak Government and PUSTAKA Negeri Sarawak, aiming to enhance graduate employability within the local industry. While the proposal requires further financial justification, it represents a significant step towards meeting specific market needs. The meeting also explored the potential of offering a Distance Learning (PJJ) mode for the Diploma in Information Management (SI110) to cater to working practitioners, as well as a proposal to upgrade the CDIM110/SI110 Coordinator portfolio to a full position to bolster academic governance.

The university leadership expressed profound appreciation for this cross-campus engagement, viewing it as a catalyst for future collaboration. These strategic discussions are essential for ensuring that FSM UiTM Sarawak continues to evolve, offering relevant programmes that align with both industry requirements and the university's broader vision of academic excellence.

GLOBAL MINDS UNITE: EUMMAS A2S 2025 CONFERENCE CONCLUDES WITH GALA DINNER

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The EUMMAS A2S 2025 Conference successfully ended with a gala dinner held at the Hotel Wyndham Acmar Klang, Selangor. The event was graced by distinguished guests including YBhg. Tan Sri (Dr) Halim Mohammad, Founder and Executive Chairman of Halim Mazmin Group, Professor Dr Mile Vasic, President of EUMMAS and YBhg. Dato' Roger Wong, Group Managing Director of KGW Logistics. As a proud co-organiser alongside the lead host, the Faculty of Business and Management of UiTM Puncak Alam, UiTM Sarawak played a major role in bringing together 200 participants from Malaysia and abroad for two days of intensive intellectual discourse.

The management extends its deepest gratitude to the strategic partners and sponsors who were instrumental in the event's success. Key corporate contributors included KGW Logistics, NationGate Solution, MODENAS, and MDEC, while academic support was provided by institutions such as RMIT University Australia, Curtin University Sarawak, and Institut Agama Islam Negeri (IAIN) Langsa. This robust synergy between industry leaders and higher education institutions highlights the university's commitment to fostering meaningful international networks.

Special appreciation is reserved for the organising committee, whose unwavering dedication ensured the seamless execution of the programme. The success of EUMMAS A2S 2025 is a testament to the power of collective effort, and UiTM Sarawak looks forward to continuing this momentum in future collaborations.



SPIRITUAL SOLIDARITY: UiTM BERSELAWAT 3.0 UNITES CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



The Seri Kenyalang Student Centre at UiTM Samarahan 2 Campus recently resonated with spiritual devotion as it hosted Malam Gema Cinta Rasul: UiTM Berselawat 3.0. The event was a resounding success, drawing a congregation of over 400 attendees. It served as a unifying platform, bringing together UiTM Sarawak staff and students with members of the local Kuching and Samarahan communities in a shared expression of faith.



The evening was elevated by the presence of the esteemed invited speaker, Al Habib Nael Ben Taher, Leader of Majlis Rasulullah SAW Malaysia. He delivered a profound tausiyah, imparting wisdom that urged the congregation to renew and deepen their love for the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). His heartfelt message struck a chord with the audience, serving as a spiritual catalyst to nurture a stronger connection with the Creator and His Messenger.

University leadership expressed deep gratitude to the Islamic Affairs Unit, the Student Representative Council (MPP), and Majlis Rasulullah SAW Malaysia for their collaborative efforts in organising this impactful gathering. The success of the event sets a promising precedent, with hopes that such sessions of selawat, zikir, and knowledge exchange will become a cornerstone of spiritual development at UiTM Sarawak, enriching the hearts of the campus community for years to come.



KEKITA 2025 AGM MARKS TRANSITION TO NEW COMMITTEE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, yesterday evening I had the opportunity to attend the 2025 KEKiTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the dissolution of the 2023/2025 KEKiTA committee, held at Dewan Jubli, Samarahan Campus. My sincere thanks to KEKiTA for inviting me to the AGM, where I also witnessed the election of the new KEKiTA committee for the 2025/2027 term, which was conducted online from 31 October to 2 November 2025.

I encouraged KEKiTA to be bold and step beyond its usual boundaries by organising programmes that can create a meaningful impact for all its members. KEKiTA has the potential to host academic-focused activities such as conferences in collaboration with other non-governmental organisations (NGOs), as well as community-based and outreach programmes. Perhaps in the near future, KEKiTA could explore establishing Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with external partners to broaden its role and engagement.

I also challenged KEKiTA to achieve 100% staff membership participation, ensuring that all UiTMCS staff become members. Currently, it is understood that KEKiTA has approximately 730 members out of more than 800 academic and administrative staff. Therefore, strategic efforts must be intensified to encourage more staff to join KEKiTA.

In addition, I suggested that KEKiTA organise more initiatives to foster closer relationships and camaraderie among staff, similar to the activities previously held. These may include monthly exercise sessions promoting a healthy lifestyle, as well as various competitions and team-building activities.

I assure that the management will continue to support KEKiTA in every activity and programme it organises, as its contributions have clearly brought many benefits to the entire UiTMCS community.

Congratulations and well done to all members of the newly elected KEKiTA 2025/2027 committee. I wish them success in fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted to them with full dedication.

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GATEWAY TO EUROPE: ROMANIAN SCHOLAR APPOINTED VISITING PROFESSOR AT UiTM SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The Faculty of Management and Business recently hosted a public lecture titled 'Green Economic Transition – What It Means for the Business and Education Sectors', delivered by Professor Dr Jean Vasile Andrei from the Petroleum–Gas University of Ploiești, Romania. Held at Lecture Hall 1, Samarahan Campus, the event served a dual purpose: disseminating critical insights on the green economy and officially formalising Professor Andrei's appointment as a Visiting Professor. The ceremony was witnessed by the Head of the School of Management and Business, Dr Nurul Lizzan binti Kamarudin, alongside an enthusiastic audience of staff and students.

As the Vice President of the EUMMAS Academic Consortium, Professor Andrei's tenure is poised to serve as a strategic gateway for UiTMCS to expand its network across Europe. However, it was a gesture of profound generosity that truly defined the occasion. Professor Andrei has respectfully declined any remuneration for his role, instead requesting that the allocated funds be redirected to support student activities. This act of altruism underscores his sincere dedication to education. The management strongly encourages the campus community to seize this opportunity for knowledge exchange and to actively pursue international mobility programmes through this valuable new European link.





SITE INSPECTION UNDERTAKEN TO RESOLVE WATER PRESSURE CONCERNS AT UITMCS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, earlier this afternoon, I conducted a site visit to look into the low water pressure issue affecting Samarahan Campus 2, particularly in the Seri Pinang Residential College area, as well as several other locations, including the academic blocks and the Seri Pinang food court. I was also briefed by the concessionaire, the Facilities Development Division, and the Student Residency and Hospitality Unit (URHP) on the latest status of the water supply situation on campus.

Prior to that, I spoke directly with several students about the water rationing, and they shared how this issue has impacted their daily routines, especially for personal hygiene, laundry, and other necessities.

Nonetheless, I commend and express my appreciation to the concessionaire for taking proactive measures by providing temporary water tanks for students at the residential college and for the vendors operating at the Seri Pinang food court.

My thanks also go to Sarawak Water (SW) Sdn. Bhd., who have been delivering water to the tanks twice daily. Although this has yet to fully resolve the rationing issue, I believe it has at least helped students and vendors obtain the water they currently need.

At the same time, I have proposed that lectures be conducted online or in hybrid mode until the water pressure issue is fully resolved, with priority given to classes that do not require laboratory use. We will collect all necessary data and submit a request to the Vice-Chancellor regarding this proposal. I kindly ask students to be patient and wait for the official decision in the near future.

Additionally, I have instructed the URHP to prepare a room equipped with a functioning washroom for the use of both male and female residents at Kolej Seri Pinang during the water rationing period. This room, proposed for the ground floor of the residential college, can be used when students need to manage personal hygiene, wash up, or shower.

The low water pressure issue at UiTM Samarahan Campus 2 was first detected due to an inconsistent and unstable supply from Sarawak Water (SW) Sdn. Bhd. starting 15 October. The situation escalated between 20 – 22 October when the inflow and outflow of water became unbalanced, resulting in a decrease in storage levels in the Elevated Water Tank (EWT).

The situation peaked between 27 October and 1 November when the daily deficit critically reduced storage capacity in both the EWT and the Domestic Tank. As a result, water rationing and temporary usage reduction measures had to be implemented from the evening of 30 October (Thursday) to allow the tanks to recover.

We hope that with these swift measures and long-term plans, the water supply will be fully restored soon, allowing student activities to resume as normal.

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#SarawakWater





CULTURAL PARADE SHOWCASES CREATIVITY AND UNITY AT UITMCS SAMARAHAN CAMPUS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, earlier this evening, I had the opportunity to witness the Cultural Parade held in conjunction with the Inter-Faculty Cultural Festival (FBAF) at the Samarahan Campus.

My appreciation goes to the Culture Unit, the Student Affairs Division, and the entire UiTMCS community for making this vibrant and colourful event a success. Despite the rainy weather, I was truly proud and inspired to see the spirit, talent, and remarkable abilities of our students showcased in creative and impressive performances and choreography.

Indeed, events like this not only serve as a platform to highlight the artistic and cultural potential of our students but also strengthen unity and reinforce our shared campus identity.

Congratulations and well done to all students who were involved, whether directly or indirectly, in making the Cultural Parade a success. UiTM will always support the students' efforts to strive for excellence, both academically and in co-curricular endeavours.

May the passion and talent displayed today continue to be nurtured and refined, enriching our nation's arts and cultural heritage in the years to come.



UiTM SARAWAK LEADERSHIP EXTENDS COMPASSION TO HOSPITALISED STAFF MEMBER

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The university leadership paid a welfare visit to Cik Norhayati Mohamad, a Public Service Assistant in the Farm Management Unit, who was admitted to the Sarawak General Hospital (HUS). The Rector was accompanied by a supportive delegation including En. Mohamad Farizan Jamil, Senior Farm Manager and President of KEKiTA, Puan Siti Nur Aishah Jaafar, President of PEWANI, and En. Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar.

Cik Norhayati was hospitalised following health complications. During the visit, the delegation presented a monetary contribution on behalf of KEKiTA and PEWANI to help alleviate the financial burden of her medical treatment. She is scheduled to return to her hometown in Sibu to recuperate under the care of her family while continuing follow-up treatments at a local medical facility.

The management expresses its deepest solidarity with Cik Norhayati during this challenging time. The entire UiTMCS community is invited to keep her in their thoughts and prayers, wishing her a swift and complete recovery so that she may return to duty in good health.





TELEKOM MALAYSIA SARAWAK PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO UITM SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this afternoon I received a courtesy visit from a delegation of Telekom Malaysia (TM) Sarawak, held at the Main Meeting Room, Samarahan 2 Campus. The visit was led by Tuan Haji Abd Rahman bin Taha, General Manager of TM Sarawak and President of the TM Sarawak Islamic Welfare Body. He was accompanied by Ts. Zalizan Hajemi, Deputy General Manager, together with members of the management team, namely En. Saiful Adli Yaman, En. Faizam Horian, En. Mohd Fariz Acis Abdullah and En. Kamarulzaman Ahmad, Assistant Manager.

I was also particularly delighted to learn that Tuan Haji Abd Rahman himself, as well as several members of his team who were present during the visit, are UiTM alumni. This is a testament to UiTM's strong reputation for its comprehensive academic programmes and practical training, which give its graduates a competitive advantage when entering the workforce.

During the meeting, several matters were discussed, particularly opportunities for collaboration between UiTMCS and TM Sarawak. The discussion focused on several joint initiatives, including:

- High-impact community projects,
- Industry engagement programmes, and
- The development of strategic collaborations between both organisations for the benefit of students and the wider community.

This meeting not only strengthened the cordial relationship between UiTMCS and TM Sarawak but also reinforced the role of both parties in contributing holistically to the development of education and society.

UiTMCS truly welcomes such collaborations, as they represent an important step in strengthening strategic ties with industry partners. At the same time, these initiatives are able to open up more opportunities for our students to be involved in collaborative projects and programmes that enhance graduate employability.

At the same event, TM Sarawak also presented a zakat contribution amounting to RM50,000 to UiTMCS. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for this contribution, as it will help support eligible students, particularly those in need of welfare assistance and financial support to continue their studies.

The presentation of this zakat contribution also reflects TM Sarawak's commitment to supporting educational development and community welfare, in line with the company's efforts to strengthen its corporate social responsibility (CSR).

ENSURING CAMPUS EXCELLENCE: UITM SARAWAK WALKABOUT SESSION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this afternoon I had the opportunity to conduct a walkabout at several locations around UiTM Sarawak, Samarahan Campus. Accompanying me throughout the inspection were Associate Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr. Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs & Internationalisation; Associate Prof. Dr. Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector for Student Affairs; En. Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar; Pn. Aniza Abu Bakar, Deputy Bursar; En. Lukmanulhakim Adhar, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Facilities Management Division, as well as the relevant staff involved.

The purpose of this walkabout was to ensure that all preparations are progressing smoothly in anticipation of the arrival of contingents from around the island of Borneo who will be participating in the 9th Borneo Dance Festival (FTB), scheduled to take place on 3–4 December at the Jubilee Hall. In addition, we also aim to ensure that all preparations to celebrate our graduates in conjunction with the 103rd Convocation Ceremony of UiTM Sarawak, to be held from 16 to 18 December, will run smoothly and perfectly.

Among the locations inspected this afternoon were the Auxiliary Police Traffic Section, the Transportation Unit, the front guard post of the Auxiliary Police, the Sports Unit, including the office area, gymnasium and store, student residential rooms at Mulu Residential College, as well as the dining halls at Mulu and Gading.

To ensure a more comfortable and festive campus environment in welcoming the contingents, parents and guests, I have directed that communal clean-up activities be carried out to clean the surrounding areas of each involved division and unit.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all contingents who will be participating in the 9th FTB, and congratulations to all graduates who will be graduating at the 103rd Convocation Ceremony.

May our campus always remain clean and vibrant in welcoming the presence of our guests.

ZIARAH KASIH: VISITING PTAR UiTM SARAWAK LIBRARIAN

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

After attending the ICT4HER program at the Sarawak State Library, my wife and I took the opportunity to visit En. Khairil Bahrom, Librarian of PTAR UiTM Sarawak, who is currently resting and recovering after undergoing surgery to remove an abnormal blood vessel clot in his brain two weeks ago.

Also joining this visit were En. Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar; En. Mohamad Farizan Jamil, Senior Farm Manager and President of KEKiTA, and two staff members from PTAR Samarahan 2 Campus.

May En. Khairil be granted a speedy recovery, and may all his medical treatments proceed smoothly. The UiTMCS community prays that he is blessed with a full recovery and can return to his duties as usual. Amin Ya Rabbal Alamin.

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A GRAND OPENING FOR THE 9TH BORNEO DANCE FESTIVAL AT UITM SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, last night I had the pleasure of attending the opening ceremony of the 9th Borneo Dance Festival (FTB) 2025, held at the Jubilee Hall, UiTM Sarawak. My heartfelt thanks to the organisers for kindly inviting me to this year's FTB opening. I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all the delegates competing in the 9th Borneo Dance Festival (2025).

The FTB has long been eagerly anticipated by dance enthusiasts among university students across the Borneo Islands. It is an arts and cultural festival that has increasingly positioned itself at the forefront of international arts events in the region. First held in 2006 as a biennial event, the festival has grown steadily in terms of participation, performance quality, and reputation, culminating in its 9th edition this year.

Typically, the FTB involves 14 higher education institutions from across the Borneo Islands, including Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, and Indonesia. This year, seven teams representing universities from across Borneo are participating. The festival rotates between Sarawak, Sabah, and Indonesian Kalimantan, including Pontianak and Samarinda.

Entering its 9th edition, the FTB is more than just a dance competition—it is a cultural movement with a grand mission: to honour and elevate the unique traditions of Borneo's ethnic dances. Through creativity and artistic expression, we witness how traditions are preserved, interpreted, and presented thoughtfully, respectfully, and innovatively.

This year's FTB is particularly special as it showcases close collaboration among several key agencies in Sarawak's arts and cultural ecosystem. My highest appreciation goes to the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry, and Performing Arts Sarawak (MTCP) for the support grant provided.

Such support is vital to ensure the festival can be executed on a larger scale, with greater structure and impact. My thanks also extend to the Sarawak Arts Council, the Department of Culture and Arts Malaysia (JKKN) Sarawak, Sultan Idris Education University (UPSI), the Sarawak Tourism Board (STB), and the active arts and cultural groups around Kuching and Samarahan who have contributed to the success of this year's FTB. This collaboration not only elevates the professionalism of the festival's organisation but also strengthens the arts network at both state and regional levels.

I hope that FTB will continue to serve as the best platform to strengthen collaboration, foster unity, and empower Borneo's cultural heritage. Continue to compete with high spirits and creativity so that everyone gains valuable experiences, expands their network of friends, and continues to enliven the arts and culture that have long been the heartbeat of our identity.

A NIGHT OF ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE AT THE 9TH BORNEO DANCE FESTIVAL

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page







Alhamdulillah, last night I once again attended the 9th Borneo Dance Festival (FTB) 2025 competition night, held at the Jubilee Hall, Samarahan Campus. I was very excited to see the highly creative choreographers from all the contingents participating on the first night of the 9th FTB, whether competing groups or those performing.

At the same time, I was even more thrilled to witness the incredible and lively atmosphere among the students, art practitioners, and audience members from around the Kuching and Samarahan Divisions, who filled every corner of the Jubilee Hall to support the competing teams.

The excitement of last night's competition began with:

1. Creative Borneo Ethnic Dance – UiTM Sabah Branch (Performance)
2. Traditional Borneo Ethnic Dance – UiTM Sarawak Branch (Competition)
3. Creative Borneo Ethnic Dance – UNTAN (Performance)
4. Traditional Borneo Ethnic Dance – UPM Sarawak (Competition)
5. Creative Borneo Ethnic Dance – UNIMAS (Performance)
6. Traditional Borneo Ethnic Dance – UMSKAL (Competition)
7. Creative Borneo Ethnic Dance – i-CATS (Performance)

The climax of the 9th FTB tonight will continue with:

1. Creative Borneo Ethnic Dance – UiTM Sabah Branch (Competition)
2. Traditional Borneo Ethnic Dance – UiTM Sarawak Branch (Performance)
3. Creative Borneo Ethnic Dance – UNTAN (Competition)
4. Traditional Borneo Ethnic Dance – UPM Sarawak (Performance)
5. Creative Borneo Ethnic Dance – UNIMAS (Competition)
6. Traditional Borneo Ethnic Dance – UMSKAL (Performance)
7. Creative Borneo Ethnic Dance – i-CATS (Competition)

Let's once again fill every corner of the Jubilee Hall tonight to support all the competing teams and find out who will be crowned the champion of the 9th Borneo Dance Festival.



ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION REFLECTS CARE AND SOLIDARITY AMONG UITM COMMUNITY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this afternoon I received an official courtesy visit followed by a zakat handover ceremony for the staff of UiTM Sarawak, organised by the UiTM Staff Cooperative (Koperasi Kakitangan UiTM Berhad) at the Main Meeting Room, UiTMCS Samarahan Campus. The visit was led by En. Syahrudin Hanib, Chairman of the UiTM Staff Cooperative, along with En. Muhamad Naufal Aziz, Manager of the Cooperative. I was also accompanied by En. Mohamad Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar, En. Awangku Indera bin Awang Sahbudin, representing the UiTMCS of the Cooperative, and other staff members.

I would like to express my gratitude to the UiTM Staff Cooperative for choosing UiTMCS as one of the locations for their zakat distribution this year, as we are aware that many of the contributors or members of the Cooperative are among the asnaf (those eligible to receive zakat).

I hope that this zakat assistance will, in some way, help ease the burden of the staff involved and that the contributions can be used for various needs, such as purchasing daily necessities, medicines, and other essential items.

EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH DIGITAL SKILLS: ICT4HeR CLOSING CEREMONY IN SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah. This afternoon, I had the opportunity to attend the Closing Ceremony of the ICT4HeR Programme: Women & Technology – Empowering Women's Digital Skills, held at the Sarawak State Library, Kuching.

This programme was an initiative organised by the Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) Sarawak Chapter, in collaboration with the Santubong P193 Service Centre, the Institute of Continuing Education and Professional Studies (iCEPS) UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, Sarawak State Library, the Federation of Women's Associations Sarawak (PPWS), and the UiTM Women's Association (PEWANI).

The programme was attended by women from the Santubong Parliament constituency from diverse backgrounds, including small business owners looking to enhance their digital marketing, homemakers wishing to strengthen their technology knowledge, single mothers seeking opportunities to improve their economic situation, and young women striving to develop their digital skills in line with current demands.

The Closing Ceremony was officiated by YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Haji Shukri, Minister of Women, Family, and Community Development, who also delivered a message highlighting the importance of women mastering digital skills to remain relevant and competitive in today's technological era.

The ceremony was also attended by Dato' Hajah Norhyati Hj. Mohd Ismail, State Chairperson of the Federation of Women's Associations Sarawak; Dr. Norseha Unin, representing the Chairperson of the PPSEAWA Sarawak Chapter; Tuan Haji Japri Bujang Masli, Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak State Library; Jimbau anak Munggat, State Director of LPPKN Sarawak; Mohd Ali bin Taib, Head of the Rehabilitation and Legal Division, Sarawak Social Welfare Department (JKM); Pn. Siti Nur Aishah binti Jaafar @ Abdullah, Chairperson of the UiTM Women's Association (PEWANI) Sarawak; and Dr. Azlina Bujang, Head of the Institute of Continuing Education and Professional Studies (iCEPS), UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

Congratulations to the PPSEAWA Sarawak Chapter and its strategic collaborators, especially PEWANI and iCEPS UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, for organising this high-impact programme.

I am particularly excited because the programme was also supported by iCEPS UiTMCS students enrolled in the SULAM-Project Management (OPM655) course, who acted as the programme secretariat to fulfil syllabus requirements and course assessments.

I am truly proud of this collaboration, as UiTMCS strongly encourages student engagement with the community, various ministries, government agencies, and industry partners. My presence also signifies UiTMCS's ongoing support for initiatives aimed at developing the digital capabilities of women in the community.

This programme serves as a significant platform for developing the potential of Sarawakian women, enabling them to adapt, grow, and thrive in an increasingly challenging digital ecosystem. May such initiatives continue to expand for the benefit of women across the state.

ADVANCING STAFF WELFARE THROUGH THE PEWANI-SedIDIK CHILDCARE INITIATIVE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the opportunity to join the delegation from the UiTM Women's Association (PEWANI) Sarawak on a friendly visit to the SeDidik Sarawak Headquarters in Kuching. Also present were Pn. Siti Nor Aishah Jaafar@Abdullah, Chairperson of PEWANI; Pn. Hajah Aiza Johari, Deputy Chairperson of PEWANI, and several other members of the PEWANI committee.

We were warmly received by YBrs. En. Ayub Haji Dahari, General Manager of SeDidik Sarawak, along with the management team: Pn. Siti Rodziah Bunsu Drahman (Senior Manager, Corporate Services Sector), Pn. Hanidah Suhaili (Manager, SeDidik TASKA Operations), Pn. Norlidah Berwani (Manager, Administration Division), and En. Mazuan Bonyamin (Acting Operations Manager, Samarahan).

The purpose of this visit was to formalise the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between PEWANI Sarawak and SeDidik Sarawak for the operation of a childcare centre at UiTMCS Samarahan Campus. I was deeply honoured to witness the MoA signing and excited about this development, as it marks a new beginning in our efforts to operate a childcare centre at UiTMCS,



especially after overcoming various challenges. The operation of the childcare centre has also been one of my main agendas since being appointed Rector of UiTMCS in February, given the high demand among staff, particularly working couples.

For the initial phase, the childcare centre is expected to commence operations early next year and will accommodate 16 children, based on the building's size and advice from the Fire and Rescue Department. We believe the response will be very encouraging.

As the intake will be limited, I have suggested that PEWANI establish a special committee to evaluate criteria and set standards for selecting children eligible to be placed in the childcare centre.

I have also proposed that the childcare centre operations be expanded to UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus and Mukah Campus to meet staff needs at both campuses. Additionally, it is hoped that PEWANI will consider operating a kindergarten within the UiTMCS campuses, as this would be a strategic step benefiting students, staff, and the local community by strengthening early education and community development.

Congratulations to PEWANI for this noble effort in making the SeDidik TASKA at UiTM a reality soon!

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"RISE WITH CONFIDENCE": KEYNOTE LECTURE AT UiTM SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the opportunity to officiate the keynote lecture delivered by YBhg. Datin Noriah Ahmad, former Secretary-General of the Ministry of Women, Children, and Community Development, who is also an external expert at UiTM Sarawak. She, who is also a member of the Sarawak Women and Family Council, shared her lecture titled "Rise with Confidence: Changing Mindsets to Succeed" with nearly 300 students and lecturers at the UiTMC Lecture Hall, Samarahan Campus.

The program, organised by the Faculty of Management and Business, UiTMCS Samarahan Campus, was also attended by Dr. Nurul Lizzan Kamaruddin, Head of Studies of the Faculty of Management and Business, Pn. Leviana Andrew, the project leader, and other lecturers.

I fully support the organisation of this program as it continues a series of initiatives involving external industry experts invited to share their knowledge and experiences with students and lecturers. Datin Noriah is indeed a suitable figure for this role, as she has extensive experience both in administration and in non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Moreover, our agenda is to invite experts from various industries to share their experiences and knowledge with students. This allows students to gain different perspectives on industry needs, which can serve as a valuable guide when they enter the workforce in the future.

Therefore, I hope the students can seize this opportunity and make the most of the session, as I am certain that YBhg. Datin Noriah will share a wealth of insights with them. At the same time, I am also excited because several industry players, such as Huawei, have expressed strong interest in establishing their centres of excellence on the UiTMCS campus in the near future.

May all our efforts be facilitated and further enhance the value of our students as they step into the world of work.

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBLE AI USE AT UiTM SARAWAK

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, after attending the inauguration of the keynote lecture this morning at the Samarahan Campus, I hurried to the Main Seminar Room (BSU) at Samarahan 2 Campus to attend the Safe Internet Campaign Program. My thanks to the organisers for inviting me to officiate at this program.

Also present to enliven the event were YBrs. En. Mu'izzuddin bin Rengga, Deputy Director of the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) Kuching Branch; Associate Professor Dr. Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs; Inspector Mohd Mazri bin Muksil, Chief Criminal Investigator of IPD Samarahan; Ms. Nursafikah Rasyidah binti Ride, President of the Student Representative Council Session 2025/2026, UiTM Sarawak Branch; as well as other distinguished guests.

I believe the organisation of this program is highly significant in the university's efforts to raise students' awareness and knowledge about safe internet usage. As active users of digital platforms, students are often targeted by scammers. Therefore, they must constantly be exposed to up-to-date information on cybersecurity to remain alert, cautious, and capable of facing increasingly complex threats. Cybercriminals continually change their tactics, and anyone careless can become a victim.

At the same time, I emphasised the importance of students mastering artificial intelligence (AI) technology, as it is an important platform for transforming and enhancing learning efficiency. For example, the use of chatbots or virtual tutors can help answer students' questions, provide additional support, make the learning process more interactive, and give access to broader sources of knowledge.

UiTM Sarawak does not prohibit the use of AI in academic assignments because we understand its importance. However, students must comply with established guidelines and ethics to ensure its use is controlled and not misused.

I hope students will take advantage of this opportunity to improve their understanding of cybersecurity issues while practising safe and responsible internet usage.

SUARA 2.0: STRENGTHENING YOUTH LEADERSHIP THROUGH UNITY AND ACTION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



This afternoon, I was truly honoured to be invited to the closing ceremony of the Strength through Unity, Alliance, and Responsive Action (SUARA) 2.0 programme, an impactful youth initiative organised by Yayasan Perpaduan Sarawak (YPS). The event, held at the Raia Hotel & Convention Centre, Kuching, brought together passionate young Sarawakians committed to shaping a better future for Sarawak.

The ceremony was officiated by YB Dato Fazzrudin bin Abdul Rahman, Chief Political Secretary to the Premier of Sarawak, who graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Also present were Pn. Roslin Latip, Manager of YPS, and Mr. Ben Jimbau, Communications Manager of YPS.

I am also pleased to share that UiTM Sarawak played a significant and impactful role as a strategic partner of SUARA 2.0, contributing meaningfully to the overall success of the programme. Six dedicated lecturers, namely Dr. Nur Aida Kipli, Dr. Ummi Farhani Firdaus, Cik Nur Farhani Samasu, En. Ikhwan Naguib Jusoh, En. Nurul Aqmal Roslan, and En. Mohammad Noor Azuan Hamdan—served as a member of the secretariat and facilitators. Their commitment, guidance, and expertise greatly enriched the sessions, offering participants valuable insights and a supportive learning environment. In addition, 20 selected UiTM Sarawak students took part in the programme. Their involvement provided them with invaluable exposure to leadership development, policy engagement, and collaborative problem-solving experiences that will undoubtedly shape them into future leaders.

SUARA 2.0 serves as a dynamic platform for youth participants from diverse backgrounds to sharpen their critical thinking skills, engage in policy dialogues, and take part in immersive simulation exercises. This statewide initiative is designed to empower young Sarawakians to think boldly, speak confidently, and act meaningfully as changemakers.

Congratulations to YPS and the entire SUARA 2.0 team for successfully organising such a high-impact programme. Initiatives like this play a vital role in nurturing the next generation of informed, capable, and visionary leaders for Sarawak. May the spirit of SUARA continue to inspire and empower our youth in the years ahead.



UiTM SARAWAK AND BORNEO EMPURAU FARM EYE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR AQUACULTURE EXCELLENCE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



A delegation from UiTM Sarawak recently paid a strategic visit to Borneo Empurau Farm & Resort Sdn. Bhd. (BEFR) on the Kuching-Serian Road to explore avenues for academic and industrial collaboration. The group, accompanied by key faculty members including Associate Professor (Honorary) Dr Margaret Chan Kit Yok and Dr Sharifah Raina Manaf (Head of the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology Studies, Mukah Campus), were warmly welcomed by BEFR's founder, YBhg. Dato' Dr Yong Fook Heng, and his senior management team.

The visit facilitated high-level discussions centred on the proposal to establish a Centre of Excellence dedicated to research on the indigenous 'empurau' and 'terubuk' fish. Beyond research, the dialogue highlighted practical initiatives, such as industrial attachments for lecturers and internship placements for students. To solidify these shared goals, both parties agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the near future, formalising a network that will bridge the gap between academic theory and on-site industry application.

This collaboration serves to reinforce the university's commitment to developing the national aquaculture industry. Since its inception at the Mukah Campus in 2017, the Diploma in Aquaculture Technology has trained students in modern fish farming and system management. With nearly 200 graduates produced to date and a further 47 scheduled to graduate at the upcoming 103rd UiTM Convocation Ceremony, partnerships like this is essential in ensuring graduates are equipped with industry-ready skills.



IN MEMORIAM: UiTM SARAWAK PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CIK NORHAYATI MOHAMAD

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

A delegation from UiTM Sarawak recently travelled to Sibu to pay their respects to the family of the late Cik Norhayati binti Mohamad. Led by senior university leadership, the group included Dr Jabbar Abdullah, Assistant Rector of UiTM Mukah Campus, and Datin Marilyn Edna Perreau, Assistant Registrar. Cik Norhayati, a General Services Assistant at the Farm Unit, UiTM Samarahan Campus, served the university for over 20 years and is fondly remembered by colleagues for her cheerful personality and unwavering dedication to her duties.

During the visit to the family home, the university presented immediate condolence assistance to her father, En. Mohamad bin Seri @ Siri, to support the funeral arrangements. The entire UiTM Sarawak community extends its deepest sympathies to the bereaved family, praying that the soul of the late Cik Norhayati be showered with mercy and placed among the righteous.



FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS (FPP) STRENGTHENS RESEARCH CAPABILITIES WITH 2026 STRATEGY WORKSHOP

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The Faculty of Management and Business (FPP) recently took a significant step towards academic excellence by hosting the 2026 Writing & Publication Strategy Workshop. Held on 11 and 12 December 2025, this two-day initiative was designed to equip lecturers with the skills necessary to produce high-impact, competitive scholarly works. The programme commenced at the UiTM Samarahan Campus, where Professor Dr Voon Boo Ho provided strategic guidance on research management, navigating participants through the rigorous standards and requirements of contemporary academic publishing.

The event concluded the following day at the Sheraton Kuching Hotel, shifting focus to advanced technical methodologies. Sessions led by Dr Lee Wen Chiat and Dr Fareiny Morni offered in-depth perspectives on the Systematic Literature Review (SLR) approach and secondary data analysis. Beyond technical training, the workshop successfully reinforced FPP's commitment to fostering a vibrant research culture, supporting the faculty's goal to elevate its academic standing on both national and international platforms.





UiTM SARAWAK LEADERSHIP EXTENDS SUPPORT TO STAFF MEMBER AT SIBU HOSPITAL

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Following the compassionate visit to the family of the late Cik Norhayati, the university delegation proceeded to Sibu Hospital to check on the welfare of En. Ramzi Omar, the Senior Driver of the Vehicle Unit at UiTM Mukah Campus. En. Ramzi is currently undergoing treatment after being admitted on 18 November 2025 following a stroke.

He is being cared for by his wife, Pn. Rakiah Ahak, the Senior Hostel Supervisor at Mukah Campus. The visit served as a gesture of solidarity and moral support from the university management during this challenging time. The entire UiTM Sarawak community joins in prayer for En. Ramzi's swift and full recovery, looking forward to his return to duty in good health.



FSR OPEN DAY: LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, last Sunday evening, I had the opportunity to officiate the closing ceremony of the Open Day for the Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation (FSR), UiTM Sarawak (UiTMCS), held at the football field, Samarahan Campus. Despite the light rain throughout the event, what truly impressed me was the high level of commitment and enthusiasm displayed by the FSR students, who remained steadfastly present until the ceremony concluded.

Also present to enliven the event were Ms. Asmalini bt Che Abu Shafie, Head of the Study Centre; Ms. Abbylolita Sullah, Chairperson of the Organising Committee; as well as lecturers, students, and FSR alumni who came to give their full support to this program.

Heartiest congratulations to the organisers for the successful execution of this program. I believe that this Open Day initiative reflects the university's openness in engaging with the community, as well as the faculty's dedication to strengthening both its academic and social roles. A university cannot function solely through policies and plans on paper. Instead, it must be understood through its campus spaces, facilities, and—most importantly—its students. Hence, programs like this serve as a vital bridge connecting the university with the wider community.

This program also provided a clear picture of how learning happens beyond the classroom—how students learn to lead, communicate, collaborate, and shoulder responsibilities in real-world settings. FSR has proven that the faculty not only focuses on academic excellence but is also committed to shaping students who are prepared for the professional world and for society as a whole.

Congratulations and well done to the entire FSR community. May FSR continue to uphold the culture of openness, hands-on engagement, and strong commitment to connecting with students and the community.

"When a university dares to open its doors and students dare to take responsibility, that is when a truly living university is born."

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ELECTRIC ENERGY AND RAW TALENT: FBAF 2025 TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT DEWAN JUBLI

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The Dewan Jubli at UiTM Samarahan Campus was transformed into an arena of rhythm and rivalry as the finals of the Battle of the Buskers and Battle of the Band took place in conjunction with the 5th Inter-Faculty Cultural Festival (FBAF) 2025. The event was graced by the Rector, accompanied by the Deputy Rector of Student Affairs, Associate Professor Dr Saimi Bujang, and Assistant Cultural Officer Mr Qayyum Adhwa Abu Bakar. The atmosphere was nothing short of electric as students and lecturers packed the hall to capacity, filling every corner to champion their respective faculties. This overwhelming wave of support provided a profound boost to the performers, whose confidence and energy resonated throughout the venue.

Reflecting on the night's performances, the university leadership hailed the FBAF as a crucial platform for unearthing extraordinary student artistry. The Rector expressed deep admiration for the diverse talents on display, ranging from singing and music to poetry, theatre, and the cultural parade. The management emphasised that these creative gifts must be actively nurtured and brought to the forefront, with the ultimate vision that UiTM Sarawak students will one day contribute meaningfully to the national arts scene.

As the university extends its congratulations to the winners and encourages perseverance among all participants, excitement is already building for the festival's next crescendo. The campus community is invited to gather once again in full spirit this coming Saturday night for the highly anticipated finals of the Malaysian Traditional Song and Modern Song categories. With the bar set high, Dewan Jubli is poised to come alive once more in a celebration of student creativity and cultural heritage.



BENCHMARKING VISIT STRENGTHENS UITM SARAWAK–UMS COLLABORATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



A benchmarking visit from the delegation of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Labuan International Campus, led by the Director, Prof. Ts. Dr. Shamsul Bahari Shamsudin, took place this morning. Thank you for taking the time to visit UiTM Sarawak.

PRIORITISING STUDENT WELFARE: MANAGEMENT CONDUCTS STRATEGIC WALKABOUT AT MUKAH CAMPUS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



In a bid to ensure the highest standards of service and comfort, senior university leadership recently conducted a comprehensive walkabout at UiTM Mukah Campus. The inspection was led by the Rector, accompanied by Assistant Rector Dr Jabbar Abdullah, Assistant Registrar Datin Marilyn Edna Perreau, and representatives from the Facilities Management Division and concessionaire KP Mukah Development Sdn. Bhd. (KPMD). The primary objective was to assess the current state of infrastructure and identify specific areas for enhancement, directly reinforcing the university's commitment to providing a safe and conducive learning environment.

The visit extended beyond mere facility inspection. It served as a crucial touchpoint for student engagement. The delegation visited key hubs of campus life, including Kafe Sago, the Takan Berambih Food Court, the sports field, and the Seri Kuala Residential College. During casual interactions, students shared their experiences and welfare concerns, providing the management with invaluable grassroots feedback. These observations will now form the basis for continuous improvement strategies, ensuring the campus remains a holistic space that supports the development of the entire community.

FROM SHOP LOTS TO 'RESORT CAMPUS': UITM MUKAH CAMPUS CELEBRATES A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



In a night marked by nostalgia and grandeur, the UiTM Mukah Campus celebrated its 10th Anniversary at Dewan Sri Balau. The event, officiating a decade of operations at the permanent site since October 2015, stood as a testament to the maturity, resilience, and extraordinary transformation of the university's presence in central Sarawak. More than just a retrospective, the gathering served to strengthen the sense of belonging among staff and concession partners, highlighting the campus's role as a centre of educational excellence for the region.

The celebration was a reunion of visionaries, graced by YBrs. En. Ruslan Nordin, Managing Director of GFM Services Sdn. Bhd., and the current Assistant Rector, Dr Abdul Jabbar Abdullah. The dinner also welcomed former Assistant Rectors who steered the campus through its formative years, Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, En. Senian Malie, and Dr Haji Saudi Haji Narani. The attendance of over 100 staff members and industry partners underscored a strong sense of unity, bridging past leadership with present aspirations.

The narrative of UiTM Mukah Campus is one of remarkable evolution. Transitioning from humble beginnings in temporary shop lots to a majestic facility now affectionately dubbed the "resort campus," the institution has firmly established itself as a hub of human capital development. With the capacity to accommodate up to 2,000 students in diploma and pre-diploma programmes, the campus remains a symbol of UiTM Sarawak's steadfast commitment to empowering rural communities through high-quality, inclusive, and sustainable higher education.

Looking ahead, the leadership has set a clear mandate for the next five years, to emerge as a premier centre of excellence and research on both national and international stages. Supported by comprehensive facilities, the campus is poised to strengthen strategic collaborations and produce high-impact studies. This forward-looking perspective aims to ensure UiTM Mukah Campus continues to contribute meaningfully to the development of the state and nation, moving beyond teaching to become a competitive research hub.



TOWARDS HOLISTIC EDUCATION: UiTM SARAWAK'S ENGAGEMENT WITH VALUE-BASED EDUCATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, I had the opportunity to attend the Value-Based Education (VbE) Briefing Programme, organized by the Quality & Accreditation Unit in collaboration with the Tun Abdul Razak Library (PTAR), and to deliver a welcoming address on behalf of the management.

The program was held at PTAR, Samarahan 2 Campus, and featured YBrs. Prof. Emeritus Sr. Ir. Dr. Suhaimi Abdul Talib, a Member of the Accreditation Committee of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the College of Engineering Studies, UiTM, as the invited speaker.

The briefing was timely and relevant in today's higher education context, where institutions are increasingly called upon to go beyond academic achievement and place greater emphasis on values, character development, and holistic education. Through the introduction of the Value-Based Education (VbE) framework by MQA, participants—particularly Heads of Centres of Study, Coordinators, and Resource Persons—gained clear, structured exposure to the VbE approach and its implementation in curriculum design, teaching and learning practices, and assessment.

Overall, the program supports UiTM Sarawak's ongoing efforts to enhance academic quality in line with MQA standards and the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF) 2.0. At the same time, it strengthens strategic collaboration between UiTM Sarawak Branch and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency, reinforcing a shared commitment to quality education grounded in both knowledge and values.

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UiTM SARAWAK'S 103RD CONVOCATION FILLED WITH PRIDE, HAPPY TEARS, AND SMILES

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The atmosphere during Session 1 and Session 2 of the 103rd UiTM Convocation Ceremony at UiTM Sarawak was lively and deeply meaningful. The entire ceremony proceeded smoothly and in an orderly manner, reflecting the strong coordination and commitment of all involved.





Although heavy rain fell in the afternoon, it did not dampen the spirit of the graduates or their families who gathered to witness and celebrate this important milestone. Smiles filled with pride, cheerful expressions, and tears of joy were clearly seen—each reflecting the sacrifices, perseverance, and hard work that had brought the graduates to this moment.

More than a celebration of academic achievement, the convocation stands as a symbol of patience, determination, and hope for the future. It marks the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another, as graduates step forward with confidence, ready to contribute to society and shape a better tomorrow.

RESILIENCE THROUGH ADVERSITY: UiTMCS STANDS TOGETHER

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

After visiting Associate Professor Dr Asmah Alia, I then visited Tuan Haji Mohamad Musa Bohari, a Senior Lecturer at the Academy of Language Studies, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Mukah Campus. He was diagnosed with diabetes and faced a serious complication that required the amputation of his right leg to save his life.





He had previously received treatment at Bintulu Hospital for over two months. He is now residing at a private care centre in Kuching, where his daily needs can be managed more systematically and comfortably, and where it is easier for his family members to visit him. This situation has undoubtedly taken a significant emotional and physical toll; however, the determination and resilience he has shown continue to impress and inspire me.

Accompanying me during the visit were En. Mohamad Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar; En. Mohamad Farizan Jamil, President of the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA), and several other UiTMCS staff members.

Let us all pray that Tuan Haji Mohamad Musa is granted healing, strength, and steadfastness in facing this trial, and that he may soon return to his normal life and duties. Aamiin ya Allah.

PESKO SPARKS CREATIVITY AND INSPIRES ENTREPRENURSHIP AMONG UiTM SARAWAK STUDENTS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, amidst the busy schedule of the 103rd UiTM Convocation Ceremony at UiTM Sarawak, I was glad to spare some time to visit and officiate the Convocation Fair (PESKO) at the HEP Building parking lot after Session 4 concluded.

PESKO is a student entrepreneurship programme organised by the Student Affairs Division (BHEP) in collaboration with the UiTMCS Student Representative Council and MASMED. I was accompanied by Associate Professor Dr. Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs, En. Mohamad Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar, as well as BHEP staff and students.

The fair was lively with a variety of food and beverage stalls run independently by students through their respective associations and initiatives. Beyond that, the fair featured fun and engaging activities, including singing contests and running events, which received enthusiastic participation. PESKO clearly provides not only a source of income for students, but also an important platform to foster creativity, leadership, and an entrepreneurial mindset.

Student entrepreneurship programmes like PESKO are highly encouraged, actively monitored, and will continue to receive full support from the UiTMCS management.

Congratulations to all the students involved, and sincere appreciation to BHEP and MASMED for organising such a meaningful and beneficial event.

UiTM SARAWAK RECOGNISED FOR GLOBAL AND QUALITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Syukur Alhamdulillah. Today, I had the opportunity to attend the UiTM 2025 Innovation & Quality Month Summit, hosted by the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM Selangor Branch, in collaboration with the Institute of Quality & Knowledge Development (InQKA) and UiTM Global. This prestigious event was held at the Tuanku Chancellor Grand Hall (DATC), UiTM Shah Alam.

Heartiest congratulations to Dr Wan Juliana Emeih Wahed, the Liaison Officer for UiTM Global Sarawak (UGS), on her outstanding achievement in securing Second Place in the Best UiTM Branch Campus Global Network Ambassador Award.

I am also proud and delighted by the success of the Faculty of Management and Business, which was once under my leadership. The faculty recorded remarkable success at the 2025 Vice Chancellor's Quality Awards (AKNC), winning several major categories, including Financial Management Focus Area, Strategic Planning Criteria, Faculty/ College Champion, and ultimately being crowned the Overall Champion of AKNC 2025.

Congratulations once again to all the winners on these truly proud achievements!

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MPP 2025/2026: PREPARING LEADERS FOR CAMPUS AND SOCIETY FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah. This morning, I received a courtesy visit from the Student Representative Council (MPP) of UiTM Sarawak for the 2025/2026 session at the Main Meeting Room, Samarahan Campus. This visit serves as an important platform to strengthen the relationship between student leadership and the university's top management.

During the meeting, I emphasised that the MPP serves as a 'mini government' on campus, supporting UiTM Sarawak's management in promoting student welfare and development to cultivate holistic and competitive graduates. I also challenged MPP to be more active not only within the campus but also beyond it, through community programs in collaboration with government agencies and NGOs, as well as by being directly involved in the university's development agenda and helping to nurture more student entrepreneurs.

I further urged the newly appointed MPP leadership to go beyond personal interests, to dare to think bigger, and to carry out their responsibilities with full integrity. The MPP has also been entrusted with developing the MPP Strategic Plan Book as the main guiding document for this session.

I extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the Student Representative Council of UiTM Sarawak Branch for the 2025/2026 session for this courtesy visit. May the leadership entrusted to them be guided by commitment, courage, and wisdom, serving as a platform to develop students who are not only academically excellent but also mature, principled, and ready to lead society in the future.

A VISIT OF CARE AND PRAYER

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah. This afternoon, my wife, who is also the Chairperson of the UiTM Sarawak Women's Association (PEWANI), and I visited Associate Professor Dr Asmah Alia binti Mohamad Bohari from the Faculty of Built Environment, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), who is currently undergoing her recovery process. The visit took place at her residence in Kuching, and we were warmly welcomed by her husband, En. Mohd. Fairuz Kiprawi.

The purpose of this visit was to convey moral support and to express the care of the UiTMCS community for Associate Professor Dr Asmah Alia, who has faced significant health challenges following an aneurysm and a stroke during a procedure to remove a blood clot in her brain last year. Witnessing her ongoing recovery and the need for continued follow-up treatment truly touched our hearts.

What was even more inspiring was the perseverance, strength, and spirit she has shown throughout this trial. Her smile and positive attitude offer profound lessons in patience, resilience, and faith when facing life's challenges.

Also present during the visit were members of PEWANI UiTMCS, namely Cik Izyan Farhana Zulkarnain (Welfare Bureau) and Cik Hemyza Budin (Sports Bureau), who joined in offering prayers and words of encouragement.

May Associate Professor Dr Asmah Alia continue to be granted strength, may her medical treatment be eased, and may she be blessed with a full and lasting recovery. The UiTMCS family continues to pray for her wellbeing, so that she may resume her service and contributions in sharing knowledge as before. Stay strong—Insha Allah, every trial comes with wisdom and hope.



UiTMCS WELCOMES STRATEGIC COLLABORATION WITH PERKEPIS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this afternoon I had the pleasure of receiving a visit from a delegation of the Sarawak Islamic Students Welfare Association (PERKEPIS), led by Mohamad Azzimizee bin Din, President of PERKEPIS. The visit took place at the Main Meeting Room, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan 2 Campus.

Also in attendance were members of the PERKEPIS leadership line-up: Rahimah Johari (Secretary-General), Nazreen Anisa (Honorary Treasurer), Asma' Munirah (Economic Exco), Aidatul Huda (Female Students' Affairs Exco), Zhariff Azhari (President of ABIM Sarawak), and Ustaz Farhan Rosli.

The purpose of this visit was to strengthen bonds of ukhuwah and fellowship, and to seek views, advice, and suggestions regarding programmes that could potentially be implemented jointly at either the state or national level. I was accompanied by Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector for Research and Industry Linkages (PJI); Pn. Norhayati Umar, Deputy Registrar of Student Affairs (HEP); Pn. Ummi Aminah binti Zamhari, Assistant Registrar of HEP; Ustazah Norsinah binti Tompeng, Senior Assistant Registrar of the Islamic Affairs Unit; and Aiman Syafiq bin Rashid, Deputy President of the Student Representative Council (MPP) for the 2025/2026 session.

I was truly pleased to meet the PERKEPIS committee members, who comprise students from both public and private universities – still young, yet highly motivated and rich with insightful ideas. Active involvement in associations such as this not only provides invaluable experience but also serves as an excellent platform for developing leadership qualities and shaping personal identity among students.

In this regard, UiTMCS warmly welcomes collaboration with PERKEPIS to encourage student involvement in associations and community-based activities. We are also always open to forging partnerships and sharing experiences for mutual benefit.

UiTMCS fully supports all initiatives that involve students in association and community activities, as they are in line with the aspiration to produce holistic and well-balanced graduates. Student involvement in at least one association throughout their period of study is strongly encouraged, as the current educational landscape also recognises student achievement in leadership and engagement beyond academics.

May this visit lead to more strategic collaborations between associations, communities, and UiTMCS in the future. We are confident that our students will be able to carry out responsibilities and volunteer work effectively, with high impact.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE THROUGH DIGITALISATION AT UiTMCS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the honour of welcoming a visit from Rakan Sarawak to my office at UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan 2 Campus. The visit included an interview session on the implementation of service improvement initiatives in the Sarawak and federal public sectors. The session focused on best practices, particularly among agencies recognised with the Sarawak Public Service Quality Award (AKPANS) 2025. I sincerely appreciate Rakan Sarawak for taking the time to interview me on behalf of UiTMCS.

During the interview, I shared various service improvement initiatives undertaken at UiTMCS, emphasising efforts to enhance efficiency, transparency, and the quality of service delivery for students, staff, and stakeholders. These initiatives are driven by digitalisation, workflow innovation, and continuous improvement practices, strengthening both academic and administrative governance to create a more systematic, transparent, and customer-focused environment.

As a result, our service delivery processes have become more standardised, processing times have been shortened, record-tracking capabilities have been enhanced, and customer satisfaction levels have improved significantly. In addition, we have consistently met quality standards and accreditation requirements.

Encouragingly, these efforts have also positively impacted student outcomes, with graduate employability rates reaching as high as 90% for bachelor's degree graduates. A more structured academic approach, supported by digital systems, helps produce competitive graduates who meet current industry needs.

Overall, these initiatives align with UiTM's vision and mission to empower Bumiputera while supporting Sarawak's development aspirations under the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030. We strive to provide efficient, sustainable, and quality higher education services. Despite challenges related to capacity, funding, and an evolving education landscape, UiTMCS remains committed to addressing these issues through sustainable governance, service innovation, and strategic alignment with Sarawak's free education policy and the state's development goals under PCDS 2030.



HONOURING EXCELLENCE AT MEGA 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah. This evening, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) successfully hosted the Majlis Ekspresi Gemilang & Apresiasi (MEGA) 2025, which was grandly held at a hotel in Kuching. The organisation of this ceremony reflects our highest appreciation and recognition for the entire UiTMCS community for their excellence, dedication, and continuous commitment in upholding and enhancing the stature of the university.

This prestigious event not only reflects a culture of recognising performance and contributions among staff members, but also nurtures a strong sense of togetherness, belonging, and pride as one united, resilient, and progressive UiTMCS family.

Heartiest congratulations to the recipients of the Excellent Service Award (APC), the Quality Award, as well as the Special Rector's Awards and the Special PEWANI and KEKiTA Awards. Your remarkable achievements are truly commendable and deserve to be emulated.

The recognition received symbolises the high level of professionalism, integrity, and strong commitment of the UiTMCS workforce. Indeed, UiTMCS's success today is the result of the collective efforts of staff members who consistently go beyond their core duties in pursuit of shared excellence. These contributions, whether direct or indirect, have significantly strengthened academic development, administrative management, and services to the community.

May this recognition continue to inspire us to nurture more competitive, innovative, and leadership-driven members of UiTMCS, in line with the cultivation of excellent work practices and sustained strategic collaboration.

With this strong spirit of togetherness, I am confident that UiTMCS will continue to move forward steadfastly as a leading institution of higher education, respected at both national and international levels, and remain a significant agent of change for society and the nation.

Once again, congratulations and well done to all award recipients. Continue striving for excellence and making meaningful contributions to UiTMCS, the community, the state, and our beloved country.



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VISI

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MISI

Melonjak keilmuan, adab dan kepakaran bumiputera agar berjiwa usahawan melalui kurikulum termaju, pembangunan bakat, penyelidikan berimpak, dan sinergi industri ke arah kemakmuran tanah air serta kesejahteraan sejagat

MOTO

Usaha, Takwa, Mulia

FALSAFAH

Kita percaya Allah SWT menganugerahi manusia dengan bakat, minat dan kecenderungan yang sekiranya diasuh, dididik dan dilatih dengan sempurna melalui penjanaan, pemindahan dan pengintegrasian ilmu secara terbuka serta penerapan nilai-nilai Islam, mereka berkemampuan menjuarai transformasi diri, masyarakat dan negara

OBJEKTIF

1. **Memperluas akses pendidikan tinggi**
2. **Menyediakan pendidikan terkehadapan bertaraf dunia**
3. **Menawarkan program akademik yang memenuhi keperluan industri yang sentiasa berubah untuk kemajuan negara dan kemakmuran global**
4. **Menggilap kepimpinan graduan holistik, serba boleh dan berciri keusahawanan yang kompetitif sehingga ke peringkat global**
5. **Memperkasa penghayatan falsafah dan nilai warga UiTM melalui program pengukuhan insan dan suri teladan**
6. **Mengungguli kesarjanaan ilmu terkehadapan melalui penyelidikan, inovasi dan pengkomersialan berimpak tinggi serta lestari**
7. **Melebar luas jaringan melalui sinergi bersama alumni, industri, akademia, komuniti dan kerajaan untuk memperkasakan bidang tumpuan strategik universiti**
8. **Menjuarai kecemerlangan organisasi melalui tadbir urus yang efektif dan efisien selari dengan agenda kelestarian global**
9. **Menyediakan infrastruktur kondusif dan ekosistem digital terkehadapan**
10. **Menjana pendapatan, mengurus sumber dan kewangan dengan cekap, telus, berintegriti dan efektif bagi kelestarian organisasi**

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