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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.

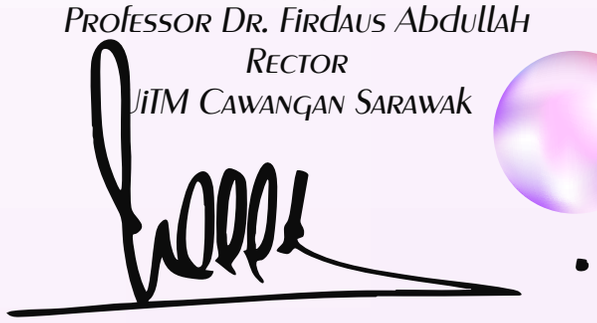
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and 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.



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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

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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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