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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.

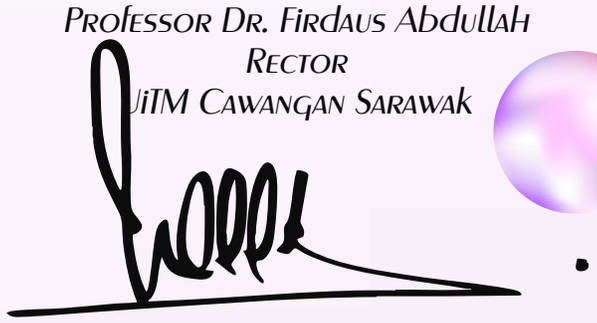
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and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

FARHANA BINTI GHAZUDDIN
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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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MISI

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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

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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