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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.

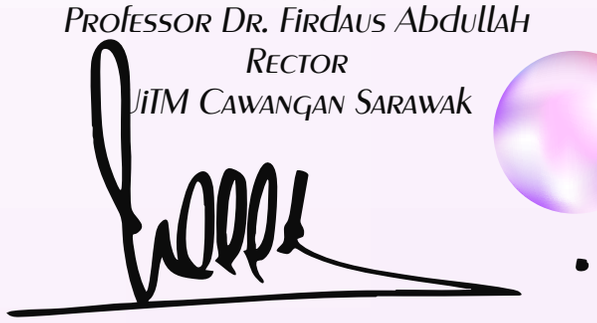
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and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

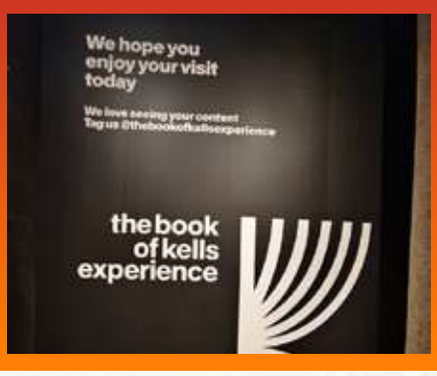
This event not only celebrated Malaysia's independence but also strengthened cultural ties between Malaysia and Ireland, offering the local community an unforgettable introduction to the rich and diverse heritage of Sarawak. The festival concluded at 2:30 p.m., marking a joyful celebration of unity,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

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# VISI, MISI, MOTO, FALSAFAH & OBJEKTIF

## VISI

**Universiti unggul pemacu Bumiputera Profesional**

## 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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