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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.

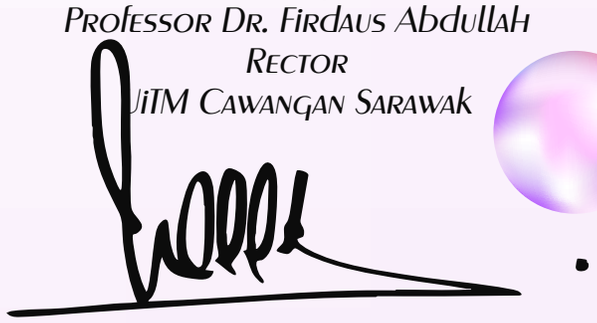
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and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

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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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