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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.

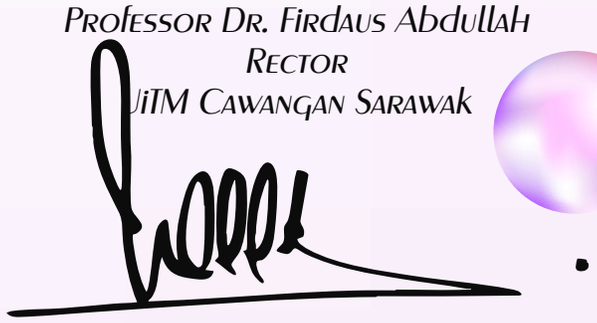
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and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



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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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