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# VARSITY EDGE



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**Double Victory** for UiTM Sarawak

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*Deciphering the Future of Digital Innovation*










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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.

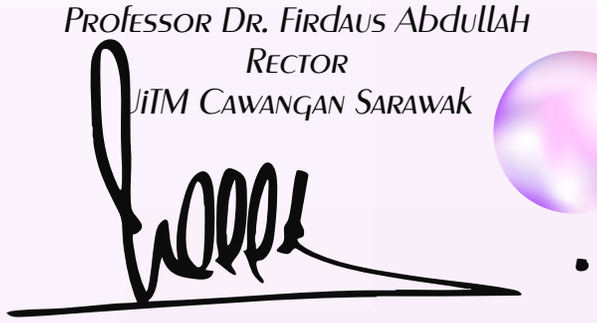
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and 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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## BUILDING GLOBAL ISLAMIC ACADEMIC NETWORKS: THE LEGACY OF THE 16TH BORNEO INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (KAIB)

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, the Closing and Adjournment Ceremony of the 16th Borneo International Islamic Conference (KAIB) was held with great splendour at the Kubu Raya Regency Office, Pontianak City, Indonesia.

This distinguished event was graced by the presence of the Secretary of the Directorate General of Islamic Education, Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Prof. Dr. M. Arskal Salim, GP, M.Ag; the Governor of West Kalimantan, represented by the Provincial Inspector; leaders of the West Kalimantan Regional Leadership Communication Forum (Forkopimda); the Regent and Deputy Regent of Kubu Raya; as well as the Consul of Malaysia in Pontianak.

Adding further prestige to the occasion were the Rector of IAIN Pontianak, together with the leadership of KAIB collaborating institutions, including the Rector of UiTM Sabah Branch, representatives from Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan (Brunei Darussalam), Central Philippine University (Philippines), and the University of Hamburg (Germany).

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all parties for their commitment, dedication, and outstanding efforts in ensuring the success of both the preparations and the execution of the 16th KAIB.

Building upon this successful organisation, I also proposed several enhancements to further strengthen future KAIB convenings. These include:

- Organising additional programmes such as nasyid and qur'an recitation competitions,
- Encouraging active participation from the local community,
- Hosting industry- and youth-focused forums or symposiums, and
- Organising postgraduate colloquia.

In addition, I suggested that more academic and scholarly outputs be generated through KAIB, including book publications, journals, joint publications, research collaborations, matching grants, and the expansion of international participation through Scopus- and WoS-indexed journals.

Alhamdulillah, through mutual consensus among the Rectors and delegates of the 16th KAIB, it was agreed to establish the Permanent Secretariat of KAIB, represented by 11 founding institutions. This marks a significant milestone towards ensuring the continuity and effectiveness of KAIB in the years ahead.

In conclusion, with utmost humility, I call upon all of us to seize this platform to strengthen brotherhood, expand collaborative networks, and reinforce our shared commitment to da'wah and community development.

Insha-Allah, with the spirit of unity and solidarity, we will be able to face contemporary challenges with confidence and resilience.

## UITM SARAWAK SHOWCASES CULTURE, CUISINE, AND COLLABORATION AT DUBLIN FESTIVAL

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page





Alhamdulillah, on 31st August 2025, we proudly continued our participation in the Taste of Malaysia Festival at Asia Market, Ballymount, Dublin, marking the vibrant second day of this cultural showcase. The occasion was made even more meaningful as it coincided with Malaysia's 68th National Day, uniting Malaysians abroad, the Irish community, and international visitors in a spirited display of unity and cultural exchange.

The celebration commenced with the national anthems of Malaysia and Ireland, followed by inspiring remarks from His Excellency Wan Aznaimian Yusri Wan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador of Malaysia to Ireland, and Councillor Patrick Kinsella, representing the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Distinguished guests included ambassadors from Italy, Russia, Pakistan, Vietnam, India, Sudan, and Morocco. A ceremonial toast further symbolised the enduring friendship and collaboration between Malaysia and Ireland.

The day's highlights featured an art exhibition by UiTM Sarawak lecturers, staff, and students, traditional Malaysian games, and a culinary showcase offering crowd favourites such as Sarawak laksa, kek lapis, kuih seri muka, roti canai, mee kari, and char kueh tiaw goreng udang. Cultural performances by UiTM students brought Sarawak's heritage to life, with Orang Ulu and Bidayuh dances, the soulful melodies of the sape, and a captivating Bidayuh costume showcase. One of the most unforgettable moments came during a lively performance of "Berkikis Bulu Betis," when both Malaysians and locals joined together on the dance floor, creating a joyful celebration of cultural harmony and shared identity.

I was also honoured to deliver a key interview with The Irish Insider, reflecting on the event's success, articulating its core objectives, and outlining a strategic roadmap for future annual events and expanded partnerships with global stakeholders. Through UNITE25, UiTM Sarawak remains committed to showcasing Sarawak's rich heritage, strengthening cultural diplomacy, and elevating Malaysia's identity on the international stage.

Selamat Hari Kebangsaan ke-68 to all Malaysians.
#UNITE25 #UiTMSarawak #TasteofMalaysiaFestival #SarawakToTheWorld
#InterculturalExchange Embassy of Malaysia Dublin, Ireland

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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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