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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.

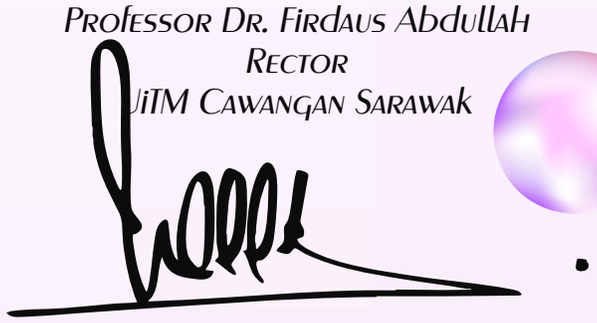
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and 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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BRIDGING ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY: UiTM SARAWAK LEADS DISCOURSE AT EUMMAS A2S 2025

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

The Rector took centre stage as a featured panellist at the prestigious 2025 EUMMAS A2S Conference on Global Social and Technological Development and Sustainability. Held at the Wyndham Acmar Hotel in Klang, Selangor, the two-day event was a collaborative effort between the Faculty of Business and Management at UiTM Puncak Alam, the European Marketing and Management Association (EUMMAS), and UiTM Sarawak. The forum provided a high-level platform to discuss the future of education in a rapidly evolving global landscape.



The session featured a distinguished lineup of thought leaders, including Professor Dr Maria Pressentin, Board Member of EUMMAS, YBhg. Dato' Cheok Lay Leng, General Manager of Penang Hill Corporation, and En. Mohamad Reza Fikry Nor Rezan, CEO of Uniq Manufacturing Sdn. Bhd. Moderated by Ts. Dr Ahmad Rais Mohamad Mokhtar, Director of the EUMMAS Centre for the ASEAN region, the dialogue focused on how institutions can navigate the complexities of modern development.

During the forum, the Rector emphasised that the collaboration of all stakeholders is paramount in strengthening higher education. He articulated a vision of universities serving as a vital bridge between the public and private sectors, acting strategically as talent developers, ecosystem enablers, and champions of inclusivity.

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A key focal point of the discussion was the necessity for university curricula and co-curricular programmes to remain agile and aligned with the dynamic demands of industries. The Rector highlighted the challenge of preparing graduates who possess not only the requisite technical skills but also the ethical values required by modern employers. He advocated for a model where universities act as connectors and talent incubators, ensuring that innovation progresses not only technologically but also socially.

Addressing the digital frontier, the Rector also called for the implementation of robust governance guidelines and ethical frameworks within higher education. He stressed the importance of responding proactively to the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), ensuring its responsible use to prevent bias and safeguard fairness. This approach ensures that as universities embrace technological advancement, they remain grounded in ethical responsibility.



The conference attracted over 200 local and international participants and was graced by Professor Dr Mile Vasic, President of EUMMAS. The opening ceremony was officiated by YBhg. Tan Sri (Dr) Halim Mohammad, Executive Chairman of Halim Mazmin Group, who delivered an inspiring keynote address titled 'Driving Malaysia's Maritime and Aviation Industries Towards Sustainability and Technological Advancement', setting the tone for a high-impact event.



EMPOWERING BORNEO: UiTM SARAWAK LEADS THE CHARGE IN SUSTAINABLE AND DIGITAL INNOVATION

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



UiTM tiang harapan anak bangsa

Since its establishment in 1973, UiTM Sarawak has stood as a cornerstone of higher education in Borneo, playing a crucial role in the region's social, economic, and technological advancement. Today, the university offers approximately 70 academic programmes, ranging from pre-diploma levels to master's degrees. With a strategic emphasis on industry requirements and local community development, UiTM Sarawak is dedicated to nurturing human capital that is not only academically proficient but also ready to drive the state's progress.

In alignment with the Sarawak Digital Economy Masterplan, the university has meticulously curated its curriculum to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving future. Every academic programme now incorporates critical elements of information technology, artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and the Internet of Things (IoT). This integration ensures that whether a student is studying the arts or sciences, they are equipped with the digital literacy required to thrive in the modern economy.

Beyond the classroom, UiTM Sarawak is pioneering research in renewable energy, working closely with the Sarawak Government to explore hydrogen and algae as alternative energy sources. The university is also conducting research into carbon footprints and carbon credits, while simultaneously designating the campus as a primary research site for paddy cultivation. This agricultural initiative is designed to foster collaboration with local communities, empowering them to generate sustainable income through improved farming techniques.

The university's commitment to sustainability is evident in its transformation into a green and smart campus. Through the implementation of solar projects, waste-reduction initiatives, and smart systems, UiTM Sarawak is setting a benchmark for environmental responsibility. Uniquely, it is the only campus to receive the 'Blue Ribbon' recognition for being completely smoke-free, and the first to be certified by JAKIM as a Halal Zone, ensuring all on-campus food and beverages meet stringent halal standards.

UiTM Sarawak balances its technological aspirations with a deep sense of social responsibility. Initiatives such as the Food Bank, HEP Kitchen, and the Seri Kenyalang Fund highlight the university's inclusivity, ensuring that affordable fees and student welfare remain top priorities. Furthermore, by engaging with STEM communities and schools, and supporting social innovation in entrepreneurship and product commercialisation, the university actively bridges the gap between academia and the wider population.

Today, UiTM Sarawak produces approximately 3,000 graduates annually, maintaining a balanced 50:50 ratio between science and technology graduates and those in the humanities and social sciences. With a target of achieving a 90 per cent graduate employability rate, the university remains steadfast in its mission to produce well-rounded individuals, graduates who drive technology-driven economic development while preserving essential human values.

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VISI, MISI, MOTO, FALSAFAH & OBJEKTIF

VISI

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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

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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