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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.

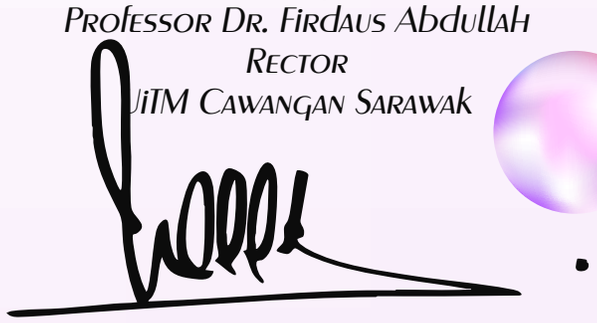
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and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

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, this morning I had the honour of representing UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UiTMCS and Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., held at the Tun Abdul Razak Library (PTAR), Samarahan 2 Campus. The MoU was also signed by Tuan Syed Muhammad Asri Al-Edruce bin Wan Ibrahim, Director of Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., while Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network (PJI), and En. Wan Ibrahim bin Wan Omar, Non-Executive Director of Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., witnessed the signing on behalf of their respective parties.

Also present were Tuan Syed Ahmad Tarmizi bin Wan Yusop, Managing Director of Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd.; Ms. Bernice Ang Hui Ern, General Manager of Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd.; members of the UiTMCS State Executive Committee; and other invited guests.

UiTMCS is honoured to collaborate with industry players such as Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., in line with our vision to drive impactful research and contribute to the development of the state and the region through industry-academia collaboration. As a university committed to research, innovation, and sustainable development, we believe this partnership will open new opportunities for UiTMCS researchers to pursue applied research, product development, and knowledge transfer.

More importantly, this collaboration provides a valuable platform for lecturers and students to engage with real-world challenges, nurturing innovation that enriches academia and carries commercial value.

Among the focal points of the MoU are joint research through grant matching, student internship placements, the establishment of a Centre of Excellence (CoE), the promotion of UiTMCS's innovative products through SDEC, and mutual involvement in community projects.

Thank you to Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd. for the trust and commitment shown to UiTMCS. We sincerely hope this collaboration will yield meaningful outcomes that benefit both parties, while also contributing to the national bioeconomy and sustainability agenda.

Natpro Biotech Sdn. Bhd. is a 100% Bumiputera-owned local company specialising in harnessing natural products and biomass resources for high-value applications. What is even more meaningful is that Tuan Syed Muhammad Asri is an alumnus of UiTMCS, an encouraging reminder that our alumni remain connected to their roots and continue to believe in the strength and excellence of UiTMCS. It is always a joy to see alumni return and contribute, not only through words of encouragement, but through genuine partnerships that empower research, innovation, and positive impact on society.

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STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT WITH MPKS ON COMMUNITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



UiTM Sarawak Branch was honoured to receive a courtesy visit from the Kota Samarahan Municipal Council (MPKS), on 21 July 2025.

The MPKS delegation was led by Cr. Tuan Haji Abang Ismawi bin Abang Ali, the Municipal Chairman; accompanied by Cr. Daily anak Joseph, the Deputy Chairman; and Mr Gustian bin Haji Durani, the Municipal Secretary. Joining me in welcoming the visit were Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network (PJI); Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of Samarahan 2 Campus; Mr Mohamad Razie bin Jemat, Engineer representing the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Facilities Management Division; and Dr Mohd Khairol bin Jambli, Medical Officer from the Health Unit.

This visit symbolises the close relationship between local authorities and institutions of higher learning in strengthening strategic collaboration, particularly in community development, urban sustainability, and the empowerment of knowledge in Kota Samarahan. The meeting also opened opportunities to discuss joint initiatives that support holistic and inclusive local development.

We extend our sincere thanks to the MPKS delegation for this cordial visit and for the strong spirit of collaboration expressed.

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BUILDING A RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSORTIUM WITH NEUTO GROUP

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, I had the opportunity to attend a discussion session with Mr Andy Low, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Neuto Group, held as a follow-up to his visit to UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) on 26 June 2025.

This session opened up meaningful opportunities for collaboration between UiTMCS and Neuto Group, particularly in strengthening strategic partnerships across key areas of renewable energy and sustainable technology. Among the outcomes of the discussion were plans to establish a consortium involving both parties, preparations towards the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and the exploration of collaborative opportunities in renewable energy, research and development (R&D), as well as training programmes for UiTMCS staff and students.

Also present during the session were Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research, Linkages and Industry; Associate Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of Samarahan Campus 2; and Ts. Dr. Mohd Norhisham Razali, Coordinator of the Research Management Unit (RMU), UiTMCS.

My highest appreciation and sincere thanks to Mr Andy Low for his commitment and support in realising the potential of this collaboration. May this joint effort have a positive impact on higher education, research, innovation, and sustainable growth in Sarawak.

Insha-Allah, with this collaboration, UiTMCS and Neuto Group will continue moving forward together in empowering human capital and driving industry transformation anchored in knowledge and technology within the state.

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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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