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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.

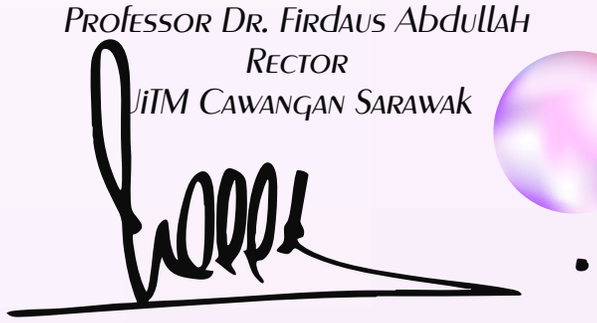
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and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

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this morning I attended a sharing and discussion session with YBhg. Dato' Prof. Dr Mohammad Shatar bin Sabran, Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), held at Jubilee Hall, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan Campus. The session addressed "The Future of National Higher Education 2025", a timely topic that is highly relevant to the evolving demands of higher education.

Also present at the session were Associate Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs; Associate Prof. Dr. Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs; Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Network; members of the UiTMCS State Executive Committee (JKEN); and nearly 400 participants, including lecturers, administrative staff and student representatives from the Student Representative Council (MPP).

The session was highly insightful, delivered by a speaker with extensive expertise in accreditation and qualifications.

At UiTMCS, we strongly support the organisation of such sessions, as they provide valuable opportunities for lecturers, staff, and students to better understand the direction of the National Higher Education Plan 2030 and its implementation.

May we continue to organise more engagements like this to involve the whole community in strengthening our capacity as a leading university.

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MOOC AND MICRO-CREDENTIALS DEVELOPMENT RETREAT ACHIEVES OUTSTANDING TARGETS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this afternoon I had the opportunity to attend the closing ceremony of the UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) 2025 MOOC and Micro-credentials (MC) Development Retreat, held at Tun Abdul Razak Library (PTAR), Samarahan 2 Campus. Thank you to the organisers for the invitation to this inaugural programme.

The four-day retreat was attended by nearly 30 lecturers, including MOOC and MC developers—13 from Mukah Campus and the remainder from Samarahan Campus.

Also present with me were Assoc. Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs UiTMCS; Dr Azlina Bujang, Head of iCEPS UiTMCS and the main organiser of this retreat; Ms. Ketty Chachil, Coordinator of the Digital Learning Unit; and other guests.

I was pleased that the programme exceeded expectations, achieving nearly 100% of its target. Specifically, 10 MOOCs were successfully developed (surpassing the target of 9), and 5 MCs were developed (compared to the initial target of 1). Congratulations and well done to all participants.

MOOCs represent a new norm in higher education and are increasingly important in today's teaching and learning. As a digital learning platform, MOOCs will continue to be widely used in the future. Therefore, to remain competitive with other higher education institutions, we must continue developing such platforms and meeting our targets.

I am proud of the organisation of this retreat and the achievements of the lecturers. Insha-Allah, we will continue to increase our MOOC and MC development targets in line with the needs and growth of our student community.

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UiTMCS ANNOUNCES NEW HEADS OF STUDY CENTRES

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) extends its highest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to three Heads of Study Centres whose appointments will conclude on **31 July 2025**, in recognition of their invaluable contributions and exemplary leadership throughout their service:

Ms. Roseline anak Ikau
Head of the Study Centre of Fine Arts, Design, Architecture, Planning and Surveying
Faculty of Built Environment

Dr Margaret Lucy Gregory
Head of the Study Centre
Faculty of Business and Management

Dr Ida Izumi binti Abdollah
Head of the Study Centre of Social Sciences and Humanities
Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies

Sincere appreciation is extended for their dedication, commitment, and devoted service in driving academic excellence and faculty development. Their leadership has been an inspiration to the UiTMCS community. May their contributions continue to benefit many and be fondly remembered.

At the same time, **UiTMCS** is pleased to announce the appointment of three new Heads of Study Centres, effective **1 August 2025**:

Incoming Heads of Study Centres (effective 1 August 2025)

Dr Noorfadhleen binti Mahmud
Head of the Study Centre of Social Sciences and Humanities
Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies
(Replacing Dr Ida Izumi binti Abdollah)

Ms. Nurul Lizzan binti Kamarudin
Head of the Study Centre of Management and Business
Faculty of Business and Management
(Replacing Dr Margaret Lucy Gregory)

Sr. Dr Hajah Noraziah binti Wahi
Head of the Study Centre of Fine Arts, Design, Architecture, Planning and Surveying
Faculty of Built Environment
(*Replacing Ms Roseline anak Ikau)*

Congratulations on these appointments. May the trust bestowed be carried out with integrity and excellence, and may it bring positive impact to faculty development and student excellence.



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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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(YBhg. Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin Sahib @ Sahibuddin, FASc)
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