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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.

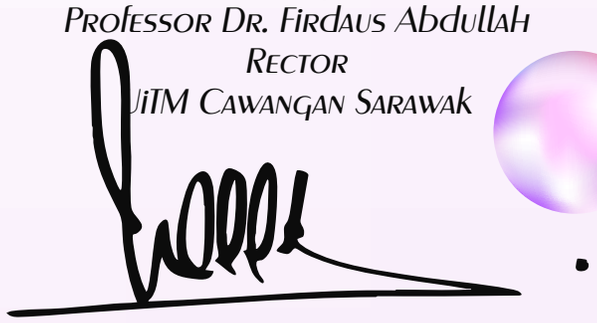
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and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

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# SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION: SOLAR-POWERED FACULTY SIGNAGE PROJECT

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

11 July 2025 (Friday) | Alhamdulillah, I was honoured to officiate the inauguration ceremony for the Faculty Signage and Solar Panel Installation Project at Block L, UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan Campus. The ceremony was witnessed by Prof. Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector, Research and Industrial Linkages; Dr Hazman Seli, Head of Engineering Studies; En. Mohamad Razie Jemat, Engineering Officer representing the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Facilities Management Division; as well as academic staff and students from the Faculty of Chemical Engineering.

This project was initiated and executed by semester 4 students of the CHE250 - Project Management course (March–August 2025 session), Faculty of Chemical Engineering, under the guidance of Dr Hazman Seli and Prof. Ir. Dr Juferi Idris served as the project advisor.

The ceremony celebrated not only a student-led engineering milestone, but also the faculty's ongoing commitment to sustainability and innovation. The project integrates solar technology into a new faculty signage installation, promoting environmental responsibility and the adoption of clean energy within campus infrastructure.

The initiative provided students with valuable hands-on experience in project management and sustainable engineering, bridging the gap



between theoretical knowledge and practical application. It also reflects the faculty's strong academic culture and support system, encouraging students to participate actively in impactful, real-world projects.

This project aligns with the SMART goals through its clear objective, measurable outcomes, achievable scope within the available time and resources, relevance to the university's sustainability vision, and completion as planned.

The new signage now stands as a proud symbol of the faculty's identity and progress, while the solar panels demonstrate UiTMCS's commitment to green technology and energy efficiency. The project's success sets a benchmark for future student-led developments, aligning with the university's goals for innovation, industry relevance, and sustainable practices.

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# QUALITY ASSURANCE VISIT FOR DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (ELECTRONICS)

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

Alhamdulillah, the External Examiner visit for the Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Electronics) Programme EE111/CEEE111 was successfully conducted from 9 to 10 July 2025 at UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS).

During this visit, I had the opportunity to attend the opening session and programme briefing with YBrs. Prof. Ir. Ahmad Ashrif A. Bakar, the External Examiner from the Department of Electrical, Electronic and Systems Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment (FKAB), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), held at the Main Meeting Room, Samarahan Campus.

This visit is part of the university's efforts to meet the accreditation requirements set by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Council (ETAC), in accordance with standards established by the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM). Throughout the two-day visit, various activities were carried out, including briefing sessions, visits to Faculty of Electrical Engineering (FKE) laboratories and facilities, reviews of final examination papers, teaching portfolios, and lab reports, as well as technical discussions with programme management and lecturers.

YBrs. Prof. Ir. Ahmad Ashrif also conducted interview sessions with lecturers, assistant engineers, and students. In addition, a special session was held to discuss evaluation and documentation review related to Outcome-Based Education (OBE), Programme Outcomes (PO), Programme Educational Objectives (PEO), the implementation of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI), and Course Delivery Level (CDL) as part of the programme monitoring and enhancement process.

Alhamdulillah, overall, the feedback provided by the examiner was positive and constructive, confirming that the EE111/CEEE111 programme is on the right track in terms of academic structure, teaching capacity, facilities, and quality management systems. Several recommendations were also made to strengthen documentation and enhance the effectiveness of outcome-based assessment and monitoring.

These findings form an important foundation for FKE's continuous efforts to enhance academic quality and ensure the sustainability of a competitive and nationally recognised programme.

My sincere thanks to all members of FKE for their contributions and commitment in ensuring the quality of education remains strong, relevant and aligned with current industry needs.

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# FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING HOSTS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (ETAC) AUDIT VISIT FOR CEEC110

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

2 July 2025 (Wednesday) | Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the opening session of the Periodic Full Accreditation Audit Visit by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Council (ETAC) for the Diploma in Civil Engineering Programme (CEEC110). This evaluation visit was organised by the Accreditation Committee of the Faculty of Civil Engineering (FKA) UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) and was conducted over two days, from 1 to 2 July 2025, at Samarahan 2 Campus.

main objective of the visit was to review and assess the implementation of the CEEC110 programme. This evaluation is crucial to ensure the programme continues to meet academic and industry standards, and to maintain full accreditation status for the next six years.

The audit visit was conducted by the External Examiner, Associate Professor Ir. Dr Norazura Muhamad Bunnori, accompanied by Ts. Dr Rohaya Alias, Head of the Programme and Chief Programme Coordinator for CEEC110, from UiTM Pahang Branch.

The visit included engagement sessions with academic staff to discuss the curriculum and gather feedback on its implementation, tours of laboratories to assess teaching and learning facilities, and interviews with students to hear their insights and experiences throughout the programme.

Alhamdulillah, the visit proceeded smoothly and achieved its intended objectives. I would like to thank the staff of FKA for their commitment to ensuring the highest quality of education. This visit not only provided a clear overview of the effectiveness of the programme's implementation, but also highlighted opportunities for continuous improvement to ensure CEEC110 remains relevant and aligned with current industry demands.

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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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