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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.

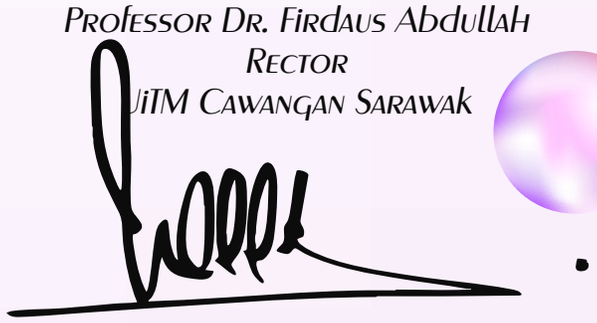
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and 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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ADVANCING ENGLISH LITERACY THROUGH SARAWAK ENGLISH LITERACY CONFERENCE (SELC) 2025 PARTNERSHIP

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, this afternoon I represented UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) at the Letter of Intent (LoI) signing ceremony between UiTMCS and Place Borneo Sdn Bhd, held at the Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak) Meeting Room, Plaza Aurora, Kuching.

This LoI forms part of the agreement in conjunction with the Sarawak English Literacy Conference (SELC) 2025, which will be held from 17 to 19 September 2025 at the Hikmah Exchange Event Centre (HEEC). The LoI was signed by UiTMCS and Ms Gracie Geikie, Director and Principal Consultant of Place Borneo Sdn. Bhd., and witnessed by Mr. Paul Langgang, Chairman of the Layar Education Development Committee (LEDC).

Also present were Ms Bibi Afiqah, BESarawak Project Manager representing CEO of BESarawak; Ms. Mona Abdul Manap, CEO of Place Borneo Sdn. Bhd.; Dr. Steve Ancheh, LEDC Project Coordinator; and other invited guests.

I am excited about this agreement, as it marks an important milestone for UiTMCS as one of the strategic partners for SELC 2025. Our university will be responsible for managing and supporting the academic components throughout the conference.

This partnership reflects the shared commitment to advance education and strengthen English literacy. It also represents a significant step in reinforcing UiTMCS's academic role as we contribute to shaping the intellectual direction of the conference. UiTM has long emphasised English proficiency, with many courses delivered in English across various faculties.

SELC 2025 will be the first of its kind to be jointly organised by Place Borneo Sdn. Bhd. and LEDC, in collaboration with Jolly Learning and STEM Learning UK. The event is supported by Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), the Ministry of Education, Innovation, and Talent Development (MEITD) Sarawak, the Ministry of Women, Children, and Community Wellbeing Development (KKWPK), the Sarawak State Education Department (JPNS), and Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak).

Thank you for placing your trust in UiTMCS as a strategic partner in organising SELC 2025. This partnership will serve as a springboard for closer collaboration across multiple fields in the future.

In addition to the lecturer involvement, I also hope that students will be engaged in SELC 2025, particularly as volunteers, to gain exposure to community-based events and valuable experiences.

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UiTMCS HONOURS DEAN'S LIST RECIPIENTS AT HOTOUR NIGHT

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



5 July 2025 (Saturday) | Alhamdulillah, last night I had the opportunity to present academic achievement awards during the Dean's List Student Appreciation Ceremony: HOTOUR Appreciation Night Dinner, organised by the Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management (FPHP), UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), held at a hotel in Kuching.

The event was also attended by Assoc. Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr Mohammad Isa bin Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs; Dr Lee Beng Yong, Head of the Study Centre for Computer Science and Tourism Management Studies; lecturers from FPHP; and students, particularly the Dean's List recipients.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all 18 Dean's List recipients who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their studies. May this outstanding performance continue and lead to the Vice Chancellor's Award upon graduation. Your excellence reflects your hard work, supported by your family and lecturers.

I also hope students will not only excel academically but will develop the social skills needed to thrive in society through active involvement in community-based programmes.

Keep striving for success and be an inspiration to your fellow students.

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UiTMCS COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR YASIN AND TAHLIL PERDANA

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



Alhamdulillah, with blessings, the Yasin Recital & Tahlil Perdana, organised by PERASA, KEKiTA, and PEWANI UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), was successfully held as follows:

Date : Thursday, 10 July 2025
Time : 11.00 a.m.
Venue : Al-Qurawiyyin Mosque, Samarahan Campus

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and enlivened this gathering. Your presence and spirit of togetherness are sincerely appreciated.

The programme also included special prayers for UiTMCS staff and retirees/ former staff who have departed before us. May they be placed among the righteous and the faithful.

May all the recitations and prayers offered become deeds of continuous charity and bring blessings to us all.

#PERASA #KEKiTA #PEWANi #uitmsarawak #majlisyasintahlil #doauntukyangtersayang #KeberkatanBersama

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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

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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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