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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.

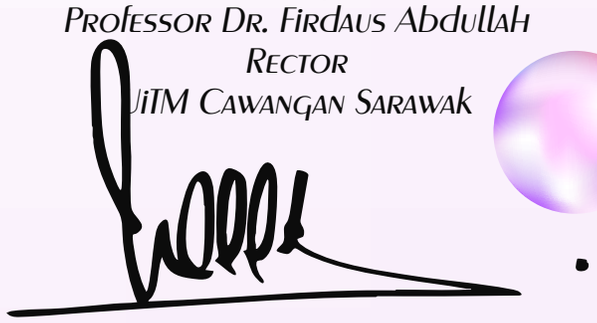
This new platform also reflects our belief that a university's strength lies in its people. Behind every award, accreditation, or recognition are individuals who work quietly and consistently to make excellence possible. Our academic staff continue to demonstrate dedication in teaching, research, and 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*
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## FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE AND POLICY STUDIES (FSPPP) APPRECIATION CEREMONY CELEBRATES DEAN'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page

6 July 2025 (Sunday) | Last Sunday night, I was honoured to attend and officiate the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies (FSPPP) UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS) Appreciation Ceremony for the October 2024 - February 2025 session, held at a hotel in Kuching. Organised by the MASPENA and BASiS Associations, the ceremony aimed to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of students and faculty members throughout the academic session. It also sought to recognise academic and personal excellence, foster a culture of appreciation and motivation, and strengthen bonds across the FSPPP community.

The ceremony, themed Moonlight: Black Elegance Soiree, was a lively success, bringing together 180 attendees, including lecturers and students. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Head of the Centre of Studies, Dr Ida Izumi binti Abdollah, and the lecturers who were also present: Associate Professor Dr Kuldip Singh, Dr Ummi Farhani, Ms Chai Shin Yi, Ms Afisha binti Yusuf, Ms Ivy Anak Jugah, Ms Izyan Farhana, Mr Nurul Aqmal bin Roslan, and Ms Nur Farhani binti Samasu, who serve as advisors for the MASPENA and BASiS Associations. Your presence greatly enhanced the event and reflected the spirit of togetherness and appreciation within FSPPP.

A total of 73 Bachelor of Administrative Science students and 56 diploma students attended the ceremony to receive the Dean's Award. I understand that the total number of FSPPP students who achieved the Dean's Award for the October-February 2025 session was 484, which is a truly impressive figure and a result of the students' diligence, supported by their families and lecturers. To the students, please remember the sacrifices and contributions of your parents and lecturers, whose support has shaped every step of your journey.

Congratulations and well done to all Dean's Award recipients. May this success continue to inspire others.

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## UiTMCS AND SAMLING GROUP DISCUSS RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND EMPLOYABILITY

Source: UiTM Sarawak Rector's Facebook Page



This afternoon, I received a visit from representatives of the Samling Group of Companies, a prominent entity in various sectors, particularly within Malaysia's timber industry. The meeting was held at the Main Meeting Room of UiTM Sarawak Branch (UiTMCS), Samarahan 2 Campus.

The Samling delegation was led by Mr Jason Chieng, Assistant General Manager (Human Resources), accompanied by Ms Eleanora Chan and Ms Jitam Sanggeng, Assistant Managers (Human Resources). Representing UiTMCS were Assoc. Prof. ChM. Ts. Dr Mohamad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs (HEA&A); Assoc. Prof. Dr Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs (HEP); and Prof. Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industrial Network (PJI).

The visit aimed to explore potential collaboration between the both parties, particularly in research projects, training, industry consultation, and career opportunities.

During the engagement, Samling Group expressed satisfaction with the performance of UiTMCS students who previously underwent industrial training with the company, particularly commending their strong English communication skills.

Moreover, Samling also welcomed UiTMCS students and graduates from programmes such as Computer Science, Accounting, Engineering, and Business Management to apply for job openings and internship placements within the Samling Group of Companies.

In addition, the delegation shared Samling's commitment to supporting professional development through training and mentoring programmes.

UiTMCS welcomes such opportunities, as they bring mutual benefits to both graduates but industry partners. These engagements support talent development and help graduates contribute effectively in today's dynamic work environment.

Known for their commitment to sustainable forest management, Samling Group also offers lecturers and students opportunities for practical training programmes and welcomes academic visits to their operational facilities.

Additionally, Samling undertakes corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives that create opportunities for students and lecturers to contribute to community-based projects.

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# VISI, MISI, MOTO, FALSAFAH & OBJEKTIF

## VISI

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**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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