

# THE HISTORY OF UiTM SARAWAK



In 1956, UiTM was established as Dewan Latehan RIDA (also known as Pusat Latihan RIDA), or the Rural and Industrial Development Authority (RIDA) Training Centre. Pusat Latihan RIDA first began operations in November 1956. Following that, in 1965, the role of Pusat Latihan RIDA was expanded, and the training centre became known as Maktab MARA or MARA College, and it was included into the Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) Training Department. Later in 1967, in response to the need for more trained Bumiputera professionals, Maktab MARA has been upgraded to a tertiary institution and renamed Institut Teknologi MARA (ITM).

at 1973, ITM Sarawak was established at Batu Lintang, Kuching, Sarawak. On August 26, 1999, the institute became upgraded to the level of university and known as Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). This enabled the university to provide courses of study and degree conferral at all levels.

The UiTM Sarawak campus has moved multiple times, first to Semenggok in 1987, then to Samariang in 1989, and finally to Kota Samarahan in 1997. In 2002, a second campus, UiTM Mukah Campus, was established in response to the Sarawak state government's desire to develop Mukah as an education centre in Sarawak. In 2015, the current Mukah campus went totally operational. In order to handle the increasing amount of students and academic programmes, a third campus, UiTM Samarahan 2, was established in 2013.

