

FSG Proud Host of Bulan Inovasi 2019



Prof. Dato' Dr Rahmat Mohamad, Deputy Vice Chancellor ICAEN of UiTM (Centre), Prof. Dr Farida Zuraina Mohd Yusof, Dean of FSG (Left) and Assoc. Prof. Dr Noorlaila Ahmad, the Chairman of *Bulan Inovasi* 2019 (Right), during soft launch of *Bulan Inovasi* 2019

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**A glance at our New
Dean**



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By: Assoc. Prof. Dr Khalilah Abdul Khalil and Assoc. Prof. Dr Nazlinda Abdullah

Professor Dr Farida Zuraina bt Mohd Yusof, a PhD graduate from the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, was appointed as the new Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences (FSG), Universiti Teknologi MARA, effective from 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2021. Her appointment came about from the first voting system conducted at FSG. Prof. Dr Farida Zuraina expressed her gratitude to everyone who voted her and promised to be efficient and trustworthy in carrying out her responsibilities and duties as a dean. After 5 months into the post, she is thriving well and getting full, undivided support from all the faculty members.

Currently, she is a Professor in Molecular Biology who is actively involved in academic research, publications and activities in the area of human genetics and biochemistry. She has won many awards and grants which gained her local and international recognitions. Among her numerous accolades, Prof. Dr Farida Zuraina was the recipient of the Yayasan Penyelidikan Antartika Sultan Mizan (YPASM) Research Grant under the YPASM Smart Partnership Initiative (2017-2019). She has authored and co-authored many academic books, academic chapters,

papers and workbooks, and the list goes on. In addition, her academic supervision duties have produced 2 PhD and 25 MSc graduates.

Previously, Prof. Dr Farida Zuraina was attached to Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) from November 1995 to August 2004. She joined FSG, UiTM in September 2004 where her academic involvements include posts as coordinator, chairman, fellow, committee member and others. She became the coordinator of the School of Biology in 2011 until 2013. In 2016, she was appointed as the Deputy Dean (Academic Affairs) right until 2018, before becoming the Dean of FSG.

At home, she is a loving wife, a doting mother of 5 and a grandmother of a cute baby. She keeps herself busy in managing the household while keeping abreast of the latest research in her field.



As the new dean, her aim is to lead and guide FSG as one of the best faculties in UiTM through the display of excellence by the faculty staff members and students. Among her biggest challenges as a dean are to inculcate happiness, to provide support and to promote the sense of belonging among the faculty staff. Hence, she had initiated a few innovative methods such as the mentoring program between the professors and young academics staff and an improved management system to achieve her aspirations in increasing the happiness index among the faculty members. She feels very strongly that these initiatives will help her resolve the challenges in order to lead FSG to greater heights.

On a concluding note, the team of FSG e-bulletin would like to wish her all the best in her duty as the Dean of FSG and pledge our full support and loyalty to Prof. Dr Farida Zuraina. May Allah SWT guide her in becoming one of the best deans ever, Insha Allah.



Assoc. Prof. Dr Khalilah Abdul Khalil (standing left) and Assoc. Prof. Dr Nazlinda Abdullah (standing right) with Professor Dr Farida Zuraina bt Mohd Yusof.

TIMELINE

Work History of Prof. Dr Farida

**Nov 1995-
Aug 2004**

Lecturer at UKM

Sept 2004

Join FSG, UiTM

2011-2013

Coordinator of the
School of Biology

2016-2018

Deputy Dean
(Academic Affairs)

2019

Dean of FSG

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