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Message from

The Vice-Chancellor

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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and greetings,

It is my honor to welcome you to the latest edition of UTM Global News where we share our journey and showcase the remarkable achievements of our globalization efforts.

At UTM, we are steadfast in our commitment to providing high-quality education and a vibrant learning environment to both local students and international students. We continue to take great pride in the talents emerging from our community that will hopefully carry UTM's name across the border. Hence, we are committed to cultivate a global outlook that will prepare our students for the challenges ahead.

I would like to express my gratitude to the staff of UTM Global for their endless effort in bringing UTM's globalization dreams to reality and for sharing these valuable stories with our community. I hope that these stories continue to inspire us to embrace the presence of diverse cultures and to grab opportunities to present ours to the eyes of the world.

With that being said, I invite you to explore the stories within these pages, and I look forward to the continued success of our global initiatives.

Message from

The Assistant Vice-Chancellor

Associate Prof.
Datin Dr. Norazida Mohamed C.A.M
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In the name of Allah SWT, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.
Blessings and peace be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW.

It gives me great pleasure to present this edition of UTM Global News %UGN – a vital communication platform dedicated to showcasing UTM's ongoing efforts and achievements in advancing its internationalization agenda.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to the editorial team of UGN for their unwavering commitment and dedication in successfully producing this important publication. Your efforts in curating and documenting UTM's international engagements and achievements are truly commendable.

UGN is more than a bulletin; it is a strategic medium that reflects our shared commitment to enhancing the global visibility and reputation of UTM. It serves as a strategic platform to communicate UTM's relentless pursuit of excellence in the international arena. It reflects our institutional aspirations to elevate our global presence, support UTM's ranking initiatives and position UTM as a competitive and respected higher education institution on the world stage.

The establishment and continuous publication of UGN represent a deliberate step towards realizing UTM's aspiration of becoming a globally respected institution. It also underscores our dedication to fostering intercultural understanding, global mindsets and excellence in international partnerships.

This bulletin not only highlights the milestones of our internationalization journey, but we also aim to highlight significant international collaborations, impactful mobility programs, strategic global engagements and the inspiring stories of UTM's global citizens – students, staff and alumni, who continue to represent UTM with distinction on the world stage.

As we collectively work towards strengthening UTM's international footprint, may this bulletin inspire greater engagement, understanding and collaboration within and beyond our borders. Let us continue our efforts with sincerity, wisdom and purpose in aligning UTM with global standards while staying true to our values and identity.

Representing the UTM Global community, would like to thank you for your continued support, and may this endeavour bring benefit to all.

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A publication showcasing UTM's international activities with
the motto "Expanding the World". It features the engagement of
UTM with its partners at the global level

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Department of International Affairs

“Student exchange transforms curiosity into confidence, turning new landscapes into lifelong lessons.”

MEET & GREET RAYA 2025: Colors of Raya with International Students

23rd April 2025



On 23 April 2025, UiTM Global proudly hosted the Meet and Greet Raya celebration, welcoming 70 international students from countries including China, Pakistan, Indonesia, Oman, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, France, and Brunei. Held at the Foyer of Kompleks Antarabangsa, the event offered an immersive introduction to Hari Raya Aidilfitri in Malaysia.

The theme of the celebration was "Colors of Raya" which turned UiTM Global's foyer into a festive hub of culture, color, and connection. Students

arrived in their national costumes, adding richness to the cultural landscape. Activities such as ketupat weaving and Raya card-making gave students a hands-on experience with meaningful Raya traditions.

A key highlight was the Hari Raya Fashion Show, where students confidently walked the runway in baju kurung and baju Melayu, embracing local festive wear. The spirit of celebration grew stronger as international students came together to sing traditional Raya songs and perform a cultural dance, demonstrating both dedication and joy. Their performances reflected genuine appreciation for Malaysian culture and drew enthusiastic applause.



From Curiosity to Craft: International students enjoy a traditional Malaysian experience—learning to weave ketupat for the first time.

The event concluded with a feast featuring classic Raya delicacies including ketupat, rendang, leman, and kuih raya. Students shared laughter, photos, and stories over the meal, turning the day into a cherished cultural experience.



Creativity meets culture—international students enjoy a hands-on Raya card-making session, learning to express festive wishes while embracing the traditions of Hari Raya Aidilfitri.



"Colors of Raya" successfully created a space for unity, joy, and cross-cultural learning, deepening the bond between international students and Malaysian traditions in the true spirit of UiTM Global.





The Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs shared an inspiring message and took time to engage personally with international students, reflecting UITM's spirit of inclusivity and global friendship.



April - June 2025

UITM GLOBAL NEWS

COLORS OF DEPARTURE: From White Beginnings to Purple Memories - Thank You & Farewell

4th July 2025

On 4 July 2025, UITM Global hosted the "Colors of Departure: From White Beginnings to Purple Memories" farewell ceremony to honor 53 international students who completed their academic mobility semester at UITM. The students were from Gabon, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, France, Brunei, Morocco, United Kingdom). The ceremony was held at Dewan Seminar UG, UITM Shah Alam and was aimed to celebrate academic growth, cultural immersion, and meaningful friendships. Students from Indonesia, France, and UITM shared reflections on Malaysian hospitality, cultural diversity, and memorable experiences that shaped their time in Malaysia. There were also performances of traditional and



A heartfelt address from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor International, reminding students that every ending is the start of a global journey.

contemporary songs from France, Malaysia, and Indonesia. A lively group danced to Poco Poco which brought everyone together in a joyful expression of unity.





Melodies from Kazakhstan – an international student shares a piece of home through song, adding a personal and emotional touch to the farewell celebration.

Students highlighted their cultural immersion beyond academics—from embracing Bahasa Melayu to falling in love with Malaysian cuisine such as nasi lemak, satay, and kuih-muih. "Malaysia feels like my second home. I've made friends for life and discovered so much about myself here," shared Amira, a student from Indonesia. Thomas from France added, "UiTM gave me more than knowledge—it gave me connection, community, and confidence."



CONNECTING MINDS
Uniting cultures through Global Citizenship



A chorus of cultures – international students from four different countries share laughter and joy in a spontaneous sing-along.

As the ceremony drew to a close, the atmosphere was filled with both gratitude and hope. The farewell marked not an end, but a new beginning—one of global awareness and lasting friendships. UiTM Global remains committed to providing international students with transformative experiences that shape compassionate, culturally aware global citizens.



A proud moment! Certificate of Completion awarded to mark the successful end of a transformative mobility journey at UiTM.



United in friendship – French and Malaysian students celebrate the bonds formed through one enriching semester of learning and living together.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor International shares a joyful moment with international students, reflecting UiTM's commitment to meaningful global engagement.



Department of Strategic Partnerships

Expanding horizons, empowering
UiTM on the world stage

UiTM Global Welcomes San Pedro College for Academic and Cultural Exchange

14th April 2025

On 14 April 2025, UiTM Global had the pleasure of welcoming a delegation from San Pedro College, Philippines, as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen regional academic partnerships. The delegation was led by Clarise Mayu F. Bajao, Internship Coordinator joined by Miralyn Madel A. Quirit (Program Coordinator), Julie J. Tiu (Classroom Instructor), and Shiela Mae C. Pelgrino (Clinic Instructor).

Their visit focused on exploring UiTM's healthcare and academic facilities, particularly the Faculty of Health Sciences and HASA (Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah) at UiTM Puncak Alam. The discussions centered around potential collaborations in clinical training, student internships, and academic exchanges in the field of health sciences.



Associate Professor Dr Idayu Husna, director of the international relations division and representative of UiTM, proudly presented souvenirs to the San Pedro College delegation.

Deputy Head of Mission of the Azerbaijan Embassy's Site Visit for Chess Tournament

17th May 2025

The Deputy Head of Mission of the Azerbaijan Embassy, Dr. Elsevar made a site visit to Hotel UITM Shah Alam on 16 April 2025 to view the preparation for the Chess Tournament. The visit was also attended by representatives from the Malaysian Chess Federation, the Director of the Strategic Partnership and

the Head of Strategic Operations, UITM Global.

The chess tournament was scheduled to take place at Hotel UITM on 17 May 2025 attended by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan as well as representatives from other embassies.



The Director of Strategic Partnership with representatives from the embassy of Azerbaijan and the Malaysian Chess Federation



The delegates' visit to visit Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah was granted and they were welcomed by Mr. Mohd Hafiz Ali Satri @ Almarif Satri

The delegates were invited to join UITM's vibrant celebration of Majlis Sua Raya Aidilfitri 2025 at Dewan Agung Tuanku Canselor (DATC) held on 15 April 2025. The event brought together local and international guests in a festive atmosphere filled with traditional and international cuisines, symbolizing unity in diversity. The participation of San Pedro College in this cultural celebration

not only deepened their appreciation of Malaysian traditions but also reinforced the spirit of cross-cultural friendship and academic diplomacy between the Philippines and Malaysia.



Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Nawazida Mohamed, assistant vice-chancellor for international affairs, together with the head of the MSEUF delegation, Atty. Dario Opistan, VP for Administration, and all guests present.

MSEUF Benchmarks UiTM's Global

Best Practices in Education and Innovation

16th May 2025

UiTM Global also had the honor of welcoming a distinguished delegation from the Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation (MSEUF), Philippines on 16 May 2025 as part of the university's international benchmarking initiative. The visit was part of MSEUF's broader EU FLIGHT (Enverga University's Framework for Leading Innovations in Global Harmonization and Transition) program which aims to equip students

and faculty with global competencies through international exposure. The delegation included Atty. Dario Opistan (Vice President for Administration), Dr. Claudia Odette Ayala (Assistant to the VP for Academics and Research), Dr. Felixberto Mercado (Dean of the DCAV Research and Knowledge Management Institute), and Dr. Jennifer Reyes (Officer-in-Charge of Special Internationalization Projects).

The visit focused on benchmarking UiTM's best practices in global engagement, institutional development, and strategic collaboration. UiTM was represented by several key figures, including Dr. Mohd Raziff Jamalludin, Head of Corporate Communication & Event Management from the Institute of Business Excellence (IBE), along with UiTM Global leadership and strategic units. Discussions revolved around potential collaborations in research, student and faculty mobility, joint

academic programmes, and participation in international conferences. UiTM also encouraged the submission of a Letter of Intent to initiate formal cooperation through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This engagement supports multiple UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 17 (Partnerships), and SDG 9 (Innovation), reinforcing both institutions' commitment to academic excellence and global partnership.



Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Nawazida Mohamed, assistant vice-chancellor for international affairs, accompanied the head of the MSEUF delegation, Atty. Dario Opistan, VP for Administration signing UiTM Global visitor's book.

Chess Tournament: Azerbaijani National Leader Remembrance Day 2025 at Hotel UiTM



Welcome speech by Vice-Chancellor UiTM,
Professor Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin bin Saib



Speech by H.E. Embassy of Azerbaijan,
Irifan Davudov



Embassies and UiTM staff

17th May 2025

A chess tournament was held on 17 May 2025 at UiTM Hotel, Shah Alam, to commemorate the birthday of Heydar Aliyev, former President of Azerbaijan, as part of the Azerbaijan National Leader Remembrance Day 2025. The event was one of the numerous chess tournaments specially held as a recognition of Aliyev's contribution towards the development of chess both within Azerbaijan and internationally. It was also the third consecutive collaboration between the Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) and The Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Kuala Lumpur, and was co-hosted by Universiti Teknologi Mara Shah Alam. The chess tournament was

further enlivened by the presence of the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA and the Ambassadors of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Turkmenistan. Also present were representatives from the Embassy of Türkiye and the Embassy of Russia. The President of the Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) was also in attendance.

Through the spirit of friendly competition and collaboration, the event reflected UiTM's continued support for international engagement, intellectual exchange, and the promotion of cultural diplomacy through sports.



Vice-Chancellor UiTM,
Professor Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin bin Saib
with one of the tournament winners



H.E. Embassy of Azerbaijan, Irifan Davudov
signing the Guest Book



The Vice-Chancellor UiTM
with representatives from the embassies



Competitors at the tournament

UiTM and Northern Illinois University Strengthen Ties in Sustainability and Biodiversity

29th May 2025

On 29 May 2025, UiTM Global hosted a visit by Professor Dr. Melissa Lenczewski from Northern Illinois University (NIU). Dr. Lenczewski is a renowned hydrogeologist and Fulbright Scholar known for her impactful work in

environmental chemistry, groundwater quality, and sustainability education. The visit was part of UiTM's ongoing efforts to strengthen global academic networks and foster meaningful collaborations in environmental science and sustainability.



President of the Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF), Ahrizwan Muzaimi Usaidi, giving his appreciation speech.



Competitors at the tournament.



H.E. Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Ilham Davaletov, with winners of the tournament.



Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Norazila Mohamed, International Assistant Vice-Chancellor with Professor Dr. Melissa Lenczewski from Northern Illinois University (NIU), Director of the Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainability Development, Associate Professor Dr. Siti Aekbal Salleh and UiTM Global staff.



Associate Professor Datin Dr. Norazila Mohamed presenting a UiTM souvenir to Professor Dr. Melissa Lenczewski.

Also present at the event was Associate Professor Dr. Siti Aekbal Salleh, Director of the Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development (IBSD), reflecting UiTM's commitment to advancing research in biodiversity, water security, and ecological resilience. The meeting provided a platform for both institutions to explore potential collaborations in joint research projects,

student and faculty mobility, and sustainability-focused academic programmes. Professor Lenczewski's expertise in contaminant hydrogeology and community-engaged research—spanning regions from Southeast Asia to Latin America—resonates strongly with UiTM's strategic goals in environmental stewardship and global engagement.



Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Norazida Mohamed, Assistant Vice-Chancellor with the delegates from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom and guests at the ceremony.

UiTM and University of Nottingham Strengthen Medical Collaboration Through MoC Signing

30th May 2025

A significant milestone in international academic collaboration was marked on 30 May 2025 as Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and the University of Nottingham, UK, signed a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) at the Level 7 Foyer, Canseleri Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, UiTM Shah Alam. Representing the Vice

Chancellor, Associate Professor Datin Dr. Norazida Mohamed, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (International), proudly officiated the event, underscoring UiTM's commitment to advancing global partnerships in medical education and research.



Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Norazida Mohamed, Assistant Vice-Chancellor with the representative from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

This collaboration, led by the Faculty of Medicine, UiTM, aims to foster impactful initiatives in medical excellence, including joint research, academic exchanges, clinical training, and innovation in healthcare education. The MoC signifies a renewed dedication to strengthening ties between Malaysia and the UK, particularly in areas that support

the development of future-ready medical professionals. The ceremony not only celebrated the formalization of this partnership but also reflected UiTM's broader vision of becoming a globally connected institution that champions excellence in health sciences and beyond.

UiTM - Ohio University Partnership

10th June 2025

On 10 June 2025, a fruitful collaboration meeting was recently held between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Ohio University at Chancellery Building, UiTM Shah Alam reaffirming their long-standing academic partnership and shared commitment to global education. The discussion focused on revitalizing and expanding the Tun Abdul Razak Chair (TARC) program, a prestigious academic initiative established in 1981 under the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia. This program has served as a cornerstone of Malaysia-U.S. academic diplomacy, promoting research, cultural understanding, and scholarly exchange.

The meeting also explored new avenues for joint research, faculty and student mobility, and collaborative academic events, building on the strong foundation laid by decades of cooperation. Both institutions expressed enthusiasm for continuing impactful initiatives that align with global education goals and mutual interests in areas such as culture, politics, economics, and social development. This renewed engagement marks a significant step forward in strengthening the UiTM-Ohio University alliance and enhancing Malaysia's academic presence on the international stage.



Prof. Dr. Gillian Jee, Prof. Dr. Habbib Ashari (former holder of the Tun Abdul Razak Chair, 2013-2014), Prof. Dr. Hayyan Haron (FSKM), Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Norzaida Mohamed (Assistant Vice Chancellery International), representative from UiTM Global, and the Academic Affairs Division (HEA).

Ohio University Hosts Women Seminar 2025:

EMPOWER HER: ENGAGE, ENERGISE, ELEVATE

10th June 2025

On the same day, 10 June 2025, the Ohio University Alumni Association Malaysia Chapter hosted the Women Seminar 2025 in collaboration with UiTM and the Ministry of Women, Family and Community (KPWKM). The one-day seminar was held at Dewan Perdana Nur, KPWKM, Putrajaya, a dynamic and inspiring event dedicated to celebrating and advancing the role of women in leadership, education, and community impact. It brought together students, faculty, professionals, and changemakers from diverse backgrounds to engage in meaningful dialogues, share experiences, and foster empowerment across generations.

The event featured keynote addresses by influential women leaders, interactive workshops, and panel discussions on



U1TM Global representatives with XIV Tun Abdul Razak Chair holder, Prof. Dr. Habbib Ashari (CEO YASA)

topics such as resilience, leadership, gender equity, mental wellness, and professional development. Participants had the opportunity to connect with mentors, explore strategies for personal and career growth, and celebrate the achievements of women in various fields. The seminar also included cultural performances and networking sessions, creating a vibrant space for collaboration and inspiration. The final session featured a talk by UiTM's very own Professor Dr. Habbib Ashari, former holder of the XIV Tun Abdul Razak Chair at Ohio University.

With the theme "Empower Her", the event underscored Ohio University's commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and the advancement of women in all spheres of life.



U1TM Global representatives with Professor Dr. Gillian H. Jee, Incoming Associate Provost for Global Affairs, Ohio University - fostering collaboration and international engagement.

MMU Benchmarks UiTM's Best Practices

in Higher Education and Innovation

11th June 2025

Representatives from Multimedia University (MMU) were in Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) on 11 June 2025 for a benchmarking visit as part of the University's strategic initiatives to enhance academic quality, curriculum design, and institutional best practices. The visit was hosted by UiTM's relevant faculties and administrative units, providing MMU delegates with valuable insights into UiTM's governance, academic innovation, and student engagement strategies.

This engagement reflects UiTM's commitment to knowledge sharing and continuous improvement, while



reinforcing MMU's dedication to benchmarking against leading institutions to uplift its academic offerings and institutional excellence.



Strategic Online Dialogue Unites in Higher Education and Innovation

13th June 2025

On 13 June 2025, an online discussion was held between UiTM Global and the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). The session served as a platform to learn about the process of preparing legal agreements, in line with UiTM's broader vision to become a Globally Renowned University by 2025.



Aafin Samsudin representing the UiTM Legal Department, explained the procedure to the UiTM Global Robson officer.

Strengthening Global Partnerships: UiTM Hosts Strategic Meeting with QVTU and Huawei

13th June 2025

In the afternoon of the same day (13 June 2025), a strategic collaboration meeting was held between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Quanzhou Vocational and Technical University (QVTU) from China, and Huawei Technologies. The session marked a significant step in exploring bilateral cooperation in the fields of digital education, ICT talent development, and smart campus innovation.

The meeting brought together key representatives from all three institutions, including Tea Wang, Director of International Affairs at QVTU, and senior representatives from Huawei's Global Public Sector Education Division. Discussions focused on leveraging Huawei's Digital Training 2.0 Solution, which offers cutting-edge

training in areas such as AI, cloud computing, big data, and smart campus technologies. QVTU shared its success in integrating Huawei's certification programs, with over 790 students certified in 2024 alone, and expressed interest in expanding this model through collaboration with UiTM.

UiTM, in turn, explored opportunities to co-develop joint innovation centers, industry-driven training programs, and student mobility initiatives that align with Malaysia's digital transformation agenda. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to formalizing the partnership through future agreements and pilot projects that support sustainable, tech-enabled education across borders.



Professor Dr. Muhammad Hassan Iqbal, Director of Industry and Government Network Centre (INC) chairs online meeting with Ms. Tea Wang, Director QVTU.

UiTM Global Conducts Pre-Briefing for NILAM Q2 with Liaison Officers From Faculties and Branches

17th June 2025

On 17 June 2025, a Pre-Briefing Session for International Data Reporting (NILAM) - Second Quarter (Q2) was held involving liaison officers from faculties,

branches, and PTJs across the university. The aim of the session is to ensure alignment and readiness for the upcoming NILAM reporting cycle.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Faris Wan Yaacob, Director of Strategic Partnerships with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Husein Hussa Muna, Director of International Affairs with all Union Officer in Pre-Briefing Session for International Data Reporting (NILAM).

Strengthening Strategic Ties: UiTM Collaborates with Sixma Group Consultancy

20th June 2025

UiTM welcomed representatives from Sixma Group Consultancy, Puchong Selangor on 20 June 2025 for a collaboration. The group was led by Dr Syarifah Nurleyana Wasa, Director of International Collaboration and Engagement (ICE). Held at UiTM Global Meeting Room, the meeting aimed to explore potential areas of partnership

and strengthen ties between the two organizations. Discussions focused on strategic initiatives, knowledge sharing, and future collaborative projects that align with both parties' goals. The meeting provided a platform for meaningful dialogue and laid the groundwork for impactful cooperation moving forward.



Associate Prof. Dr Wan Faleah Wan Yusoff, Director of Strategic Partnerships with Mr. Nik Arfan Nik Abdul Rahman, Vice president of Sixma Group Consultancy and representatives from Sixma Group Consultancy

UiTM Melaka Welcomes Spanish Ambassador for Cross-Cultural Teaching Session

20th June 2025

"VIVA ESPAÑA: EXPLORING SPAIN'S CULTURAL AND TOURISM WONDERS"

Collaborative teaching for Geography and Culture in Tourism

20 JUNE 2025
10:00AM - 12:30PM

PLATFORM

+ YOUTUBE
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1y3rW-37t8g&list=PL1y3rW-37t8g>

H.E. JOSÉ LUIS PARDO CUERVO

On 20 June 2025, His Excellency Jose Luis Pardo Cuervo, the Ambassador of Spain presented an online session on Collaborative Teaching for Geography and Culture in Tourism. The session was hosted by UiTM Melaka in collaboration with the Embassy of Spain with the aim to foster cross-cultural academic exchange and promote global perspectives in education. The session featured insightful discussions led by the Ambassador, focusing on Spain's educational landscape, cultural heritage, and opportunities for academic collaboration. Students and faculty members benefited from the enriching dialogue, which not only deepened their understanding of international relations but also opened doors for future partnerships in teaching, research, and mobility programs.

Strengthening Academic Bridges:

MoU Between ASAINDO and UiTM's
Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management

21st June 2025



Representatives from Universitas ASA Indonesia (ASAINDO) and UiTM's Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management at Dewan Sri Alam, Fakulti Pengurusan Hotel dan Pelancongan

A significant milestone was marked on 21 June 2025 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ASA Indonesia University (ASAINDO) and the Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management, UiTM. The ceremony took place at Sri Alam Hall, located within the faculty, and was attended by academic leaders, faculty members, and representatives from both institutions. This MoU signifies a formal commitment to fostering academic cooperation, particularly in the areas of hospitality, tourism, and related research initiatives. The collaboration aims to promote student and staff mobility, joint research projects, curriculum

development, and knowledge exchange, ultimately enhancing the global outlook and academic excellence of both institutions.



Assoc Prof Dr Wan Faris Wan Yusoff representative from UiTM Global, together with representatives from Universitas ASA Indonesia (ASAINDO)

Department of Ranking

“UiTM rises highest from the
smallest steps of its Warga”

Strategic Sharing by DoR at MeTPI-13 Reinforces UiTM's Ranking Goals

15th April 2025

The Department of Ranking (DoR), UiTM Global, was honored to be invited to present at the 13th Mesyuarat Timbalan Naib Canselor (Penyelidikan & Inovasi) (MeTPI-13) held from 15 to 16 April 2025. MeTPI-13 was attended by Deans (Research & Innovation), Deputy Deans (Research & Industrial Linkages), and Deputy Rectors (Research & Innovation).

Held at Hotel Bayview, Pulau Pinang, the session provided a valuable platform for strategic dialogue on UiTM's ranking performance and future direction. Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Rosdiana Hasham @ Hisam, Director of the Department of Ranking, shared key updates on the university's current standing in major global ranking systems, including QS and Times Higher Education (THE). The session also outlined the latest strategies and performance indicators shaping UiTM's global competitiveness.



Director of the Department of Ranking, Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Rosdiana Hasham @ Hisam presenting UiTM's ranking performance and future-focused strategies during the sharing session.

The objectives of the presentation were to share progress, present forward-looking initiatives, and gather feedback from MeTPI members to ensure that UiTM's ranking plans are inclusive, data-driven, and aligned with the university's strategic goals. In particular, the sharing focused on strengthening faculty-level engagement, encouraging cross-departmental collaboration, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement in global performance metrics.

This strategic engagement also explored opportunities for greater synergy between MeTPI members and the ranking department, especially in aligning interventions with high-impact areas and long-term institutional transformation goals. The exchange of perspectives during the session underscored the importance of integrated efforts in elevating UiTM's international reputation.



UiTM's research and innovation leadership team with the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) at the MeTPI-13 Meeting held on 15-16 April 2025 in Pulau Pinang.



Participants from the Ranking Data Cube and Dashboard Workshop (20-22 May 2025), comprising representatives from UiTM Global's Department of Ranking (DoR), University Transformation Division (TRU) and UiTM Digital Office.

UiTM Global Advances Strategic Data Management with Ranking Data Cube and Dashboard Workshop

20th May 2025

In line with the strategic aspirations of UiTM2030 to position the university as a Globally Renowned University, UiTM Global has taken a major step forward with the Ranking Data Cube and Dashboard Development Workshop, held from 20 to 22 May 2025 at the Meeting Room UiTM Global, Shah Alam. The workshop, spearheaded by the Department of Rankings (DoR) in collaboration with University Transformation Division (TRU) and the Digital Office of UiTM, represented a strategic step forward in centralizing and streamlining the university's ranking-related data processes.

As part of UiTM's strategic commitment outlined in the UiTM2030 roadmap, this initiative supports the university's aspirations to become a Globally Renowned University. The workshop focused on mapping institutional data from various stakeholders to meet the requirements of global ranking bodies such as QS and Times Higher Education (THE).

A core focus of the workshop was the development of UiTM Ranking Data Cube, a multidimensional data structure that will enable precise data management and deeper analytical

Strengthening Subject Impact: DoR Engages APB on QS Ranking Strategy

22nd May 2025

The session was well received by the Dean and Deputy Deans of APB, who actively engaged with the DoR team to address ranking-related queries and explore collaborative steps forward. This initiative reflects DoR's proactive approach to faculty engagement, ensuring that each academic unit is empowered to contribute meaningfully to UiTM's international standing. The Department of Rankings appreciates the warm reception and looks forward to continued collaboration with APB to elevate UiTM's presence in international rankings.



Leadership team from DoR and APB pose for a group photo following the engagement session.

The Department of Ranking (DoR), UiTM Global, conducted a strategic engagement session with the Akademi Pengajian Bahasa (APB). Held on 22 May 2022, the session centered on UiTM's standing in the QS World University Rankings (WUR) by Subject, particularly in English Language and Literature. The session aimed to foster a deeper appreciation of the Academy's role in contributing to UiTM's global reputation and subject-specific excellence.

Led by DoR, the session provided clarifications on QS ranking mechanisms, including data mapping, performance metrics, and strategic alignment. Discussions also explored how APB could further contribute to UiTM's ranking aspiration, not only through the English Language and Literature subject, but also as a strategic foundation for potential future inclusion in the Modern Languages subjects.



A productive discussion unfolds as DoR shares data-driven strategies with APB to support international ranking goals.



This initiative demonstrates UiTM Global's proactive approach to institutional performance tracking and its long-term vision for international excellence. By strengthening the infrastructure for data management and visibility, UiTM reaffirms its dedication to transparent, coordinated, and impactful contributions to global rankings. For more updates on this initiative and ranking developments, stay connected with UiTM Global.



A united effort for excellence: participants working together to elevate UiTM's global data strategy.



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capabilities. The Data Cube will support categorisation by dimensions such as faculty, subject, year, and performance indicator, tailored to match the evolving demands of global ranking bodies.

Alongside the Data Cube, a Ranking Dashboard is being developed to provide an accessible and interactive visualization platform. This tool will significantly enhance data maintenance, enable real-time updates, and support data-driven decision-making processes university-wide.



Breakfast@UG Fosters Strategic Alignment for QS WUR by Subject Top 100 Aspirations

28th May 2025

On 28 May 2025, UITM Global successfully hosted the Breakfast@UG program, a strategic engagement platform designed to facilitate informal yet impactful discussions among key university stakeholders. Held at UITM Global, the event brought together Deans, Deputy Deans (Research & Industry Linkages), Ranking Champions (RCs), and Liaison Officers (LOs) from three targeted faculties: the Faculty of Chemical Engineering, the Faculty of



One Vision, One Goal -
UITM Teams at Breakfast@UG

Hotel and Tourism Management, and the Faculty of Art and Design, with the shared goal of advancing their disciplines into the Top 100 of the QS World University Rankings (WUR) by Subject 2026. The session was also graced by the presence of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohamad Faizul Yahya, Director of the University Transformation Division (TRU), along with representatives from his office, further underscoring the importance of aligning ranking initiatives with UITM's broader institutional transformation agenda.



Strategic minds at work: UITM Global hosts key stakeholders in ranking-focused engagement



Collaborating for Global Excellence - Group photo with UITM leadership and stakeholders during the Breakfast@UG session on 28 May 2025 at UITM Global



Led by the Department of Ranking (DoR) at UITM Global, the program served as a crucial platform to align institutional priorities with global performance metrics. The department presented an in-depth analysis on UITM's current subject-level performance in the QS WUR by Subject Ranking, highlighting key strengths, performance gaps and proposing data-informed strategies to guide targeted improvements at the faculty level.

The program commenced with a welcoming address by Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr. Norazida Mohamed, Assistant Vice



Chancellor (International), setting the tone for a morning of data-driven dialogue and forward-thinking collaboration. This was followed by a series of strategic presentations, beginning with Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Rosdiyana Hasham @ Hisam, Director of the Department of Ranking, who outlined recent trends in UITM's QS Rankings performance and subject-specific targets. Further insights were shared by Dr. Norashirene Mohamad Jamil, Head of Strategy and Communication (DoR), who delved into key QS indicators and optimization strategies, highlighting areas where

focused interventions could yield significant impact.

Complementary insights were also shared by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Fairus Wan Yaacob, Director of the Department of Strategic Planning (DSP), and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Idaya Husna Mohd, Director of the Department of International Affairs (DIA). Their presentations underscored the importance of aligning faculty efforts

with UiTM's strategic direction and fostering global partnerships.

The session concluded with an open discussion that facilitated cross-faculty collaboration, reaffirming UiTM's commitment to evidence-based improvement and the strategic elevation of its academic disciplines on the global stage.



UiTM Remains Committed to the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda Through THE Impact Rankings 2025

18th June 2025



of 2,318 universities, demonstrating resilience amid the addition of 355 new institutions, which contributed to a more competitive global cycle. Of the eight SDGs in which UiTM participated, SDG 5 (Gender Equality) remained the university's strongest area, ranked in the 101-200 band. This recognition highlights UiTM's ongoing efforts to champion gender equality, support women's empowerment, and create an inclusive academic and working environment. Additionally, SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) were ranked within the top 300 globally, reflecting UiTM's sustained commitment to supporting communities, promoting sustainability on campus, and upholding socially responsible governance.

The Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings assess universities globally based on their performance in supporting the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations. These rankings employ a set of carefully calibrated indicators to ensure comprehensive and balanced comparisons across four key areas: research, stewardship, outreach, and teaching.

The results released on 18 June 2025 ranked UiTM in the 301-400 band out

UiTM Achieves New Milestone in QS World University Rankings (WUR) 2026

- Strengthening its Academic Standing

19th June 2025

Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) has achieved its highest-ever position in the QS World University Rankings 2026, climbing an impressive 45 spots to secure 542nd globally. This announcement on 19 June 2025 marks a significant milestone for the university, placing it among the top 36% of 1,501 leading institutions worldwide and reinforcing its emergence as a major player on the international academic stage. With a determined focus on strategic transformation, international research visibility, and sustainable campus development, UiTM's rise is more than just a number; it reflects a university that vigorously strengthens its place globally.

UiTM tops its international research network score for the third consecutive year, highlighting its increasingly robust international collaborations. The university's 250% leap in sustainability performance is even more remarkable, revealing UiTM's success in implementing a green campus and consistent sustainability initiatives. On the other hand, the university's academic reputation score remains strong and growing for the sixth consecutive year, advancing 21 positions from 288 to 267. On top of that, UiTM ranks among the top 10 universities in Malaysia for



employer reputation, out of 32 institutions evaluated nationwide.

"This achievement represents more than numerical success; it's an embodiment of determination and togetherness of members of the university in attaining excellence," said UiTM Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Ts. Dr Shahrin Sahib. He added, "As we chart the course of our UiTM2030 vision, we remain resolute in producing future-ready Bumiputera graduates with global aspirations." The accomplishment brings renewed motivation to drive the UiTM2030 aspiration to become a globally renowned university and to continue the mission of empowering future generations through globally competitive education.

Department of Administration

Majlis Sua Raya Aidilfitri UiTM 2025

15th April 2025



Vice-Chancellor UiTM, Professor Dato' Dr. Shahrin bin Mohd. Yusoff visiting UiTM Global's corner

The Majlis Sua Raya was held on 15 April 2025. This year's Aidilfitri celebration at UiTM served an exciting cultural twist with the theme 'International Cuisine'. The UiTM community had the opportunity to indulge in diverse cuisines from different countries. The event received a very warm welcome from the UiTM community. Representing Thailand, UiTM Global presented some well-known dishes from The Land of Smiles including 'tom yum', 'lok ching', 'kerabu maggi thai', and 'pad kra pao'. To top it off, the Thai dishes by UiTM Global were extra special as the staff took the

time and effort into cooking the dishes themselves. Other countries represented at the Sua Raya were South Korea, Indonesia, India, and China, and a few others. UiTM Global was honored by the Vice-Chancellor's visit. Representatives from San Pedro College Philippines, who were in UiTM for a collaboration meeting also dropped by to enjoy the food.

This year's Majlis Sua Raya Aidilfitri was a vibrant platform for cultural appreciation and cultural sharing, while highlighting the spirit of Syawal.



Grilling 'lok ching' (fried rice)



Serving the event attendees



UiTM Global interns preparing the 'kerabu maggi'



Director of the International Affairs Department, Dr. Asyia Husna preparing the 'maggi'



The preservation of the cuisines went on until the day of the event



UiTM Global staff resting after successfully serving all the food





Staff of UiTM Global gathering at the administration office.

UiTM Global Second Half-Year 2025 Gathering

16th June 2025

On 16 June 2025, a gathering of all UiTM Global staff was held at the Administration Office to kick-start the second half of 2025. The gathering was specially held as a reminder for all UiTM Global staff to boost their work efficiency and pace following the upcoming events and changes in the system. Work aside, the gathering also celebrated the arrival of the new Head of the Strategic Partnerships Department, Ts. Dr Juliana Ibrahim, the return of Head of International Student Development, Dr. Farrah Shafeera Ibrahim from her Hajj pilgrimage, and also the departure of an intern from the Department of

Strategic Partnerships, Llyana Mohd Ghazali.

As the gathering approached lunch time, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (International), Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Norazida Mohamed briefly delivered a speech and welcomed everyone to enjoy a filling and hearty lunch prepared by the staff, which featured notable Malay dishes.

This valuable occasion is important for strengthening the bond between staff, which ensures togetherness and harmony in the workplace.



Assistant Vice-Chancellor (International), Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Norazida Mohamed delivering a brief speech.



Islam in the Department of Strategic Partnerships, Llyana Mohd Ghazali (left)



Lunch prepared by UiTM staff

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Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya (RUTS) - Universiti Teknologi Mara MoU Signing Ceremony

11th April 2025

On 11 April 2025, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya (RUTS), Thailand signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their strategic partnership. The signing ceremony was held at RUTS, Songkhla and was officiated by Associate Professor Dr. Ahmad Nizan Mat Noor, Rector of UiTM Perlis, representing the Vice-Chancellor of UiTM, together with Professor Dr. Suwat Tanyaros, President of RUTS.

According to Associate Professor Dr. Ahmad Nizan, the MoU reflects UiTM's strong commitment to enhancing its long-standing relationship with RUTS. He expressed hope that both universities would explore more areas of collaboration to improve the quality of higher education. "This partnership is

expected to create more opportunities for students, lecturers, and non-academic staff, especially in talent development," he said.

UiTM also aims to expand cooperation with RUTS in various areas, including high-impact research projects, student and staff mobility programs, joint academic conferences, and student internship placements. The MoU signing was preceded by a bilateral discussion session between the two universities, joined by delegates from both UiTM Perlis and RUTS.

The MoU exchange was witnessed by Associate Professor Dr. Wan Izhah Nawawi Wan Ismail, Deputy Rector of Research and Industrial Linkage, UiTM Perlis, and RUTS Assistant President, Dr. Lamun Kayurin.



Associate Professor Dr. Ahmad Nizan and Professor Dr. Suwat Tanyaros during the MoU document exchange ceremony.



I-R Dr. Lamun Kayurin, Professor Dr. Suwat Tanyaros, Associate Professor Dr. Ahmad Nizan, Associate Professor Dr. Anwar (MoU initiator), and Associate Professor Dr. Wan Izhah Nawawi.

RUTS Courtesy Visit to UiTM Perlis

15th May 2025

UiTM Perlis welcomed a courtesy visit from a delegation of Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya (RUTS), Thailand on May 15, 2025. The visit served as a follow-up to the recent MoU signing between the two institutions in Songkhla, Thailand.

The RUTS delegation was officially received at the Perdana Meeting Room UiTM Perlis by Associate Professor Dr. Ahmad Nizan Mat Noor, Rector of UiTM Perlis, together with members of the campus' senior management team. The visit aimed to further strengthen academic and research cooperation established through the MoU.

During the visit, a discussion was held with the Faculty of Built Environment, UiTM Perlis. Among areas of potential collaboration discussed were the organization of a joint Survey Camp, as well as student and staff exchange programs.

This engagement marks another step forward in the strategic partnership between UiTM and RUTS. It is expected to pave the way for impactful academic initiatives across different disciplines in the near future.



Delegates from RUTS and UiTM Perlis at the MoU signing ceremony in Songkhla, Thailand.



RUTS President records his visit in the UiTM Perlis guestbook



UiTM and RUTS representatives during a meeting that highlights their ongoing strategic partnership



RUTS delegates received by the Rector of UiTM Perlis

Institute Of Tropical And Subtropical Cash Crops China Visits UiTM Perlis

22nd May 2025

UiTM Perlis also received a courtesy visit from a delegation of the Institute of Tropical and Subtropical Cash Crops (ITSCC), China on 22 May 2025. The program was part of a working visit and benchmarking initiative focused on tropical crop research, particularly the Harumanis mango plantation.

The delegation comprised Assoc. Prof. Zhang Cuixian (Deputy Director of the Institute), Assoc. Prof. Xie Dehong (Senior Researcher), Asst. Prof. Yi Huaifeng (Deputy Director of the Centre), and Asst. Prof. Zhao Aiqiu (Deputy Director of the Centre).

The delegates were accompanied by Mr. Mohd Saiful Akbar Mohamad Sahal, Head of the Center, Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology (FPA). Also present to welcome the delegation were Associate Professor Dr. Ahmad Nilzan Mat Noor, Rector of UiTM Perlis, along with members of the Senior Executive Management, Head of UiTM Perlis' Plantation Unit and FPA lecturers.

This visit opens opportunities for strategic collaboration in tropical agriculture research and technology transfer, particularly related to the Harumanis mango which is a proud symbol of Perlis.



FPA lecturers, Head of Plantation Unit and ITSCC delegates during morning tea session at UiTM Perlis Plantation



ITSCC delegates at UiTM Perlis Harumanis plantation



Rector, Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs and Head of Learning Center FPA with ITSCC delegates

Strengthening International Ties: SWFU-UiTM Inbound Program 2025 a Resounding Success

15th May 2025

Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Pahang Branch successfully hosted an Inbound Mobility Program in collaboration with Southwest Forestry University (SWFU), China, from 15 to 29 May 2025. The two-week program was aimed at fostering academic exchange, cultural immersion, and research collaboration among students and staff from both institutions.

UiTM Pahang welcomed a delegation of 60 students and 2 faculty members from SWFU to UiTM Jengka Campus, where they engaged in a wide range of academic and cultural activities. The program was conducted in two campuses, Jengka and Raub, of UiTM Pahang. In Jengka Campus (15-21 May 2025), the students enjoyed cultural exposure through traditional Malaysian music and craft workshops as well as

sharing sessions with the local student volunteers for some fun games. In Raub Campus (22-29 May 2025), the SWFU students enjoyed language exchange sessions, and excursions to iconic sites in Kuala Lumpur and Pahang, providing SWFU guests with a deeper understanding of Malaysia's rich biodiversity and multicultural heritage.

The program culminated with a closing ceremony where participants received certificates of completion, exchanged tokens of appreciation, and shared reflections on their transformative experiences. This initiative marks another milestone in UiTM's ongoing commitment to internationalization, aligning with its strategic vision to empower global-ready graduates through



Southwest Forestry University Students at UiTM Jengka



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