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### CTWR

#### Broadcasting from UiTM Rembau Campus

#### CTWR NEW SEASON: A FRESH NEW BEGINNING



n 15 December 2021, I ended the CTWR with the 23rd Episode for 2021 virtually from Expo 2020 Dubai, which coincided with my 100 days as the Vioe-Chancellor. Today, CTWR's new season 2022 - Episode 1 started its hybrid broadcast from the Broadcasting Programme Studio, Faculty of Communication & Media Studies, UITM Rembau Campus. With the theme "Managing a Crisis: A UITM Experience", I welcome my guest panellists Mr Ku Hadzrill Jeerfy ku Hamzah, Senior Co-Curriculum Officer and Ms Ros Izzati Mohd Halim, a semester 06 student of the Bachelor of Creative Photomedia (Hons) programme, Faculty of Art & Design, UITM Puncak Alam Campus.

Episode 1 of CTWR was rolled out with a singing performance by Nur Najihah Namisya Johari, Student of semester 03, Diploma in Information Studies from UITM Rembau Campus. The session continued with Mr Ku and Ms Ros sharing their experiences as a staff and a student who were involved as UITM Volunteers during the recent pandemic and flood disaster.

"Risk is something probable, and a crisis is something that has already happened". Risk management is essential in order to avoid a crisis; Ms Ros said it was something out of the ordinary. During the discussion, Mr Ku and Ms Ros expressed with pride that the spirit of volunteerism is well manifested among the UiTM family. Even the Minister of Higher Education and her Deputy rolled up their sleeves to help those affected. This is the value of empathy that we have in ourselves. Looking back, on 23 December 2021, at 4:18 am, I shared on the social media a reflection, a teaching note I gained during the period of 18 December to 23 December 2021. A tumber 11 - I mentioned, "Empathy is a gift, it is not to be questioned but to be sought". "We can cultivate empathy throughout our lives" that was Ros' response when we chatted briefly.

Next, I shared the Sinar Harian article dated 22 December 2021 on the country's history of the two major floods, one in 1926 and then in 1946. However, one can never forget the 1971 flood in Kuala Lumpur as it was considered the worst in the country's

history other than the one in 2014. This should remind us that we have to be prepared for any eventuality. We have to respond to disasters quickly, systematically and safely by following the plan of action. In UITM, a special disaster management team has been formed to operate from a command centre that channels communication during crises. This group

physically undertake field activities. At the same time, they are also the brains behind the scene that manage data, volunteers receipt, distribution and movement of aid as well as develop action plans.

Apart from the flood crisis, UiTM's experience in managing the pandemic crisis involved the university's academic operations and student affairs as well as the setting up of Mega Vaccination Centres (PPV) on campus, providing vaccination access to the general public.

Mr Ku explained that the readiness for volunteerism among UITM was extremely gratifying. When the university requested for volunteers, many of the staff and students voluntarily came forward. I responded to Mr Ku on the issue of the staff's contribution to volunteerism activities by announcing that training hours will be recorded based on their involvement.

Alhamdulilah, CTWR's new season 2022 - Episode 1 went smoothly. I would like to express my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to the lecturers and students of the Broadcasting Programme, Faculty of Communication & Media Studies, UiTM Rembau Campus, the Rector and his management team. My thanks also go to Mr Muhammad Khairin Hazin Abdul Mutalib who recited a poem and Ms Maria Madelina Anak Kiri, who performed a monologue. Both are Semester 03 students of the Diploma in Communication & Media programme.

InsyaAllah, Managing a Crisis: A UiTM Experience will be a document of our experience to be used as reference and guidelines for the future.

Thank you also to all the viewers who were together in this broadcast, be it in the studio or virtually on Livestream. As of this writing, a total of 3,191 viewers have watched this recording. Alhamdulillah, I will see you again in February for Episode 2 of CTWR.- RT







#### Global Goals:

#### Translate General Policies into Reasonable & Adaptable Actions



#### CTWR 2022 EPISODE 2 WITH PROF. DR YARINA AHMAD

andungan Segar, Diskusi Inklusif! This is how I started CTWR 2022 Episode 2. It is very suitable as with CTWR, our goal is to strike a balance between leisure and informative content. This episode took place successfully on UITM's YouTube channel. We broadcast online from Richiamo Café, Bangunan Canseleri Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin UITM.

CTWR 2022 Episode 2 was also graced by a musical performance by a lecturer and a student from the College of Creative Arts, namely Mr. Rizal Ezuan Zulkifly Tony and Mr. Ahmad Lukhman Azhar.

This time, I have invited Prof. Dr Yarina Ahmad to discuss "Globalgoals: UiTM at the Forefront in Policy Development".

Prof. Dr Yarina is an expert in policy development and the consolidation of policy papers. She is a Professor and a member of the Faculty of Administrative Science & Policy Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UITM), and currently serves as the Head of Policy and Law, Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UITM) Shah Alam

In this episode, Prof. Dr Yarina spoke about policy development, policy papers, how students and staff can participate in policy development and consolidation of policy papers, and how they can continue to develop relevant and up-to-date policies. Prof. Dr Yarina and I also discussed the role of UITM for the

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or better known as The Global Goals, particularly in relation to SDG16 and SDG 17.

I am very pleased that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the UITM community have been involved with the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) with respect to policies related to standard operating procedures (SOPs).

According to Prof. Dr Yarina, UiTM is currently conducting a research project with the Institute of Public Security of Malaysia (IPSOM). The research project entitled 'Research on Border Security Index' is very much in line with SDGs 16 and 17.

In summary, Prof. Dr Yarina felt that joint participation and action were needed in policy-making.

In my view, policies are very important in all organizations and very important to all leaders because if an organization and leader are not guided by good policies, then it is difficult to make decisions.

I believe that we need to translate general policies into reasonable and adaptable actions at a particular time and situation.

I also hope that all UiTM staff, especially all UiTM lecturers and

students will better understand the function of research and

At the end of this episode, I received questions from the audience and positive comments saying they were happy with today's topic.

I want to thank and congratulate the entire CTWR members, technical teams, performers from the College of Creative Arts and, of course, today's guest panelist, Prof. Dr Yarina Ahmad.

I'll see you in CTWR Episode 3! ~ RT



#### Global Goals:

#### SUSTAINABILITY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH 7 PILLARS OF INCLUSIVITY





#### CTWR 2022 EPISODE 3 WITH PROF DR HARIRI ABDULLAH & PROF MADYA DR SITI AEKBAL SALLEH

andungan Segar, Diskusi Inklusif! We have once again struck a balance between leisure and informative content. This episode was successfully broadcast on the UiTM's YouTube channel from Campus Bean Café UiTM-MTDC Technopreneur Centre on 17 March 2022.

CTWR 2022 Episode 3 was also graced by a musical performance by 2 lecturers of the College of Creative Arts, namely Encik Mohd Kamrulbahri Hussin & Encik Abdullah Mohd Redza.

This time, I invited Professor Dr Mohamad Hariri Hj. Abdullah, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Industry, Community and Alumni of UITM and Assoc. Prof. Dr Siti Aekbal Salleh, Head of Sustainable Technology from the Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UITM) Shah Alam to talk about "Globalgoals: UITM at the Forefront in Community Development".

In this episode, Prof. Dr Hariri shared about UiTM's collaboration with industry and the community in both internal and external contexts, using the principles of SDG 17 to achieve GRU2025.

Prof. Dr Hariri and I also spoke about the role of ICAN and UITM in creating collaborations and networks by leveraging the strengths of UiTM: namely UiTM

staff, students and alumni, to market expertise and innovative products to empower community development.

In summary, following the motto "Do not deliver the message, create the messenger", Prof. Dr Hariri believes that the involvement of all parties in UITM with UITM Global Goals projects such as Prihatin UITM-Perhilitan, and SEA Rainforest Research Partnership is the best formula to ensure sustainabilit projects and open the eyes of the world that UITM cares and in return recognises UITM's contribution to the achievement of the Global Goals as defined in SDG17.

According to Dr Siti Aekbal, community development shapes the quality of life, which includes aspects of planning to provide better facilities for the community. Community development is an important issue that

requires expert input, intervention and a collective response from all parties to solve a problem.

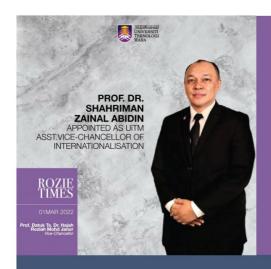
We also talked about UTM's collaboration with the public and private sectors in community development such as the Better Futures project, an international volunteer programme, and the World Merit projects run by UTTM. The involvement of UTTM students in these community service activities at national and international levels will help to align their thinking with GRU2025. IBSD's contribution to SDG17 is through collaborations with big companies like TNB and Ranhill in the areas of data and asset management, as well as disaster risk. Not to forget that IBSD has also had excellent collaborations with Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Jabatan Perhutanan Semenanjung Malaysia, Jabatan Perlindungan Hidupan Liar dain Taman Negara (PERHILLTAN) and Institute for Medical Research (MR).

To conclude, Dr Aekbal said the formula to ensure the sustainability of community development can be achieved through the seven pillars of inclusivity, namely action through access, attitudes, and choices of each individual, sustainability through effective partnership, communication, and the formula through policymaking and opportunities.

I would like to thank the entire CTWR members, the technical teams, the performers from the College of Creative Arts and of course, both panelists, Professor Dr Mohamad Hariri Hj. Abdullah and Assoc. Prof. Dr Stit Aekbal Salleh. I'll see you in CTWR Episode 4! ~ RT

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Professor Dr Shahriman Zainal Abidin is a Professor of Industrial Design and had obtained his PhD in Industrial Design Engineering from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, (NTNU) Norway. He is an Affiliate Member of the Chartered Society of Designers, United Kingdom, and has been active in research with one of his successful grants coming from international Erasmus+ (KA2-CBHE). Professor Shahriman previously held the position of Deputy Director (Logistics and Transportation) at UiTM Research Nexus (ReNeU), Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) and was later appointed as the Dean, Faculty of Art & Design.

Effective March 1, 2022, he is the new Assistant Vice Chancellor (Internationalization) at UiTM Global. In this regard, I would like to congratulate Professor Dr Shahriman Zainal Abidin on his appointment and hope that he will drive UiTM Global in achieving the shared vision of GRU2025.

May Allah SWT give him the strength, knowledge and perseverance to lead and contribute to the progress of the ummah and the country.~ RT

ssociate Professor Dr Mohd Afandi Bin Mat Rani has been a lecturer in Islamic Law at the Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS) Shah Alam since 2006. He obtained a Bachelor of Islamic Studies at Mu'tah Jordan University in 1997, and a Master and PhD in Law (Islamic Property) from the University of Malaya. He is involved as a Syariah Advisor at Koperasi Sahabat Armanah Ikhtiar Malaysia (KCOP-SAHABAH), Syariah Advisor/ Consultant at Yayasan Amal Makruf Malaysia, a committee member of Pertubuhan Profesional Tanah Malaysia (PERTAMA), and an ERC Research & Management Consultant (AS0499106-V). From 2016 to 2018, Dr Mohd Afandi was seconded to the Prime Minister's Department as the Deputy Director of Research Division and from 2018 until 2021, he was a Director at the Institute of Zakat Studies Malaysia (IKaZ), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UITM) Shah Alam. He also served as the Secretary of the Council of Deans of Islamic Studies, Ministry of Higher Education, from 2018 to 2020; From January 2002 he served as an Industry, Community and Alumni Coordinator (ICAN). He is involved as a Member of the Research Initiative Group (RIG) - Centre for Islamic Philanthropy & Social Finance (CIPFS) from 16 September 2021 to the present.

Effective March 15, 2022, Associate Professor Dr Mohd Afandi Mat Rani has been appointed as Dean of the Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS). I would like to congratulate Dr Mohd Afandi on his appointment and I hope that he will drive the Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS) towards achieving a shared vision, GRU2025.

May Allah SWT give us the strength, knowledge, and perseverance to lead and contribute to the betterment of the ummah and the nation.~ RT





of. Datuk Ts. Dr. Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor may your new appointment be a source of greater success and inspiration

Universiti Teknologi Mara

> Prof. Ts. Dr. Wardah Tahir Director Curriculum Affairs Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

rofessor Ts. Dr Wardah Tahir is a Professor of Water Resources and Environmental Systems at the School of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, UiTM. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Cornell University, USA, a Master's Degree from Birmingham University, UK and a PhD from Universiti Teknologis MARA (UiTM). She is a registered Graduate Engineer with the Board of Engineers Malaysia, and a Professional Technologist with the Malaysian Board of Technologies (MBOT). Besides being active in research, consultancy and publication, Professor Wardah had previously held the positions of Deputy Dean of Research and Industrial Linkages (June-Sept, 2010), Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs, Faculty of Civil Engineering, UiTM (2010-2019), and the Deputy Director of Research Nexus UiTM (Energy and Environment) (2020-2022).

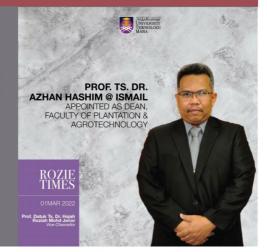
Effective March 15, 2022, Professor Wardah is the new Director of Curriculum Affairs, Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International). My congratulations to Professor Wardah on her appointment. It is my hope that she will drive the Curriculum Affairs Unit to achieve a shared vision, towards GRU2025.

May Allah SWT give us the strength, knowledge, and perseverance to lead and contribute to the progress of the

rofessor Ts. Dr Azhan bin Hashim @ Ismail is a Professor of Physics. He received his PhD in Materials Science from Universiti Putra Malaysia in 2000. He is a Fellow of the Malaysian Solid-State Science and Technology Society (MASS). He is also a Malaysian Board of Technologies (MBOT) certified Professional Technologist and very active in research and publication. Professor Azhan was previously the Deputy Rector of Research and Industrial Linkages (2009-2017) and Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs (2018-2020) of UiTM Pahang Branch.

Effective 01 March 2022, he is the new Dean of the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology. Therefore, I would like to congratulate Professor Azhan on his appointment and hope that he will continue to drive the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology forward to achieve the shared vision for GRU2025.

May Allah SWT give him strength, knowledge, and perseverance to contribute to the progress of the ummah and the country. RT



# Courtesy



#### VICE-CHANCELLOR OF UITM PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF SARAWAK

y visit to UITM Sarawak Branch on 18 February 2022 began with a courtesy call on His Excellency Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sir Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud and Her Excellency Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Hajjah Raghad Kurdi Taib.

During the session, I was with the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Strategy), Rector of UiTM Sarawak Branch, and officials from the Vice-Chancellor's Office. I have presented the current developments and achievements of UITM while also appreciating His Excellency the Governor's historical recount, unique culture, and development of the state of Sarawak.

Indeed, His Excellency's knowledge and experience are precious. I was also informed that UiTM has received a special grant for Wali Songo's research, the result of which was the establishment of Galeri Islam Nusantara at the UiTM Sarawak Branch.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency the Governor for accepting the courtesy call from the UITM delegation. May Allah SWT bless His Excellency, Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, and Her Excellency Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Hajjah Raghad Kurdi Taib. - RT





# A COURTESY CALL BY H.E AMBASSADOR RAVSHAN USMANOV, EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN







n the same day as my Professorial Lecture, I had the great pleasure of receiving H.E Ambassador Ravshan Usmanov's, Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, visit to Universiti Teknologi MARA (UITM). H.E. the Ambassador who was accompanied by Mr Elbek Saidov, Second Secretary of Tourism, Culture, Humanitarian and Education Division and Mr Alisher Gafurov, Consul/Attache Consular Division had earlier discussed with UITM Global in a meeting chaired by Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Students Affairs assuming the duties of Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and International, on potential programmes of collaboration. H.E. proposed firstly for a book donation project for the library of the University of Samarkand, secondly for UITM to provide training in Oil and Gas (GTL Plant), thirdly to embark on International Law projects as well as inbound and outbound student mobility with potential Uzbekistan students coming to study full time in UITM.

H.E Usmanov later proceeded to pay a visit to Galeri Seni Tuanku Nur Zahirah (GESTURZ), where he was given a tour of the University collection made up of artwork by UiTM students and alumni. He was also impressed with the global goals exhibits depicting the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of United Nation that was on display at the gallery.

The Ministry of Education and universities in Uzbekistan have been long time partners of UiTM and have worked on many projects in the past. Resuming talks and discussions on potential cooperation, the Faculty of Hotel Management and Tourism hopes to proceed with programmes on tourism, staff and students exchange, research and publication that had been delayed as a result of the pandemic. I am positive that the collaboration with universities and agencies in Uzbekistan will materialise and place UiTM in an even better position internationally.~ RT





## Walkabouts





n 6 March 2022, I visited the UiTM Johor Branch Segamat Campus. The walkabout started with Ustaz Amir Anuar Abd Aziz reciting verses 11-12 of Surah Al-Mujadila, and then I launched the Ace Module (Accelerated Entrepreneurship Development Programme). The Ace Module is published in two parts: the Facilitator Guide and the Student Guide.

I appreciate the opinions and feedback from Puan Mawar Noor Abdullah, Deputy Chief Librarian, and Assoc. Prof. Dr Akmal Aini, Deputy Rector (Academic & International), as well as from Ustaz Amir Anuar Abd Aziz, who briefly explained the meaning of verses 11-12 of Surah Al-Mujadila, which he recited at the beginning of the event. Summing up, he said that Allah SWT distinguishes between informed and ignorant people and that Allah SWT elevates the rank of knowledgeable people.

Then I went to the Trading Room (Stock Simulation Centre). Mr Syamsyul Samsudin, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Business and Management, gave the briefing. I admired his presentation and recommended all staff and students to learn about investment because we want to produce graduates for the T20 group. This centre is the outcome of the Memorandum of Understanding with CIMB Investment Bank. To date, 2,000 students have been trained to use this platform. In addition, this initiative will be extended through the knowledge transfer programme to empower the community.

I also had the opportunity to visit an 11-acre agriculture project here at the Segamat Campus, which is run entirely by staff volunteers. Ustaz Nawawi briefed me on the crops grown,

entirely by staff volunteers. Ustaz Nawawi briefed me on the crops grown, including durian, banana, and tapioca, and I visited the pineapple farm, the Kelulut honey plant and the chilli fertigation site. This time I planted a Musang King tree before visiting the Entrepreneurship Incubator Centre (Spa & Sauna). Many thanks to Ms Janna Munirah Md Noor for the great Spa & Sauna experience. I recommend anyone who is looking for treatment to visit this centre.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone at the UiTM Segamat Campus. Many thanks to Ms Yam who took care of me during the programme in Johor. We will meet again, InsyaAllah.- RT



### "JANA, JIMAT, JARIAH"

Captured My Attention During the Meet & Greet with Keluarga UiTM Sarawak Branch



ape and Ulu dance are still vivid in my mind. I was excited as I arrived at UTM Sarawak Branch where I felt welcomed at the event that was unique and culturally rich with Sarawak hospitality.

The Samarahan 1 Campus covers an area of 350 acres, while the Samarahan 2 Campus spread on 890 acres with the Mukah Campus covering an area of 500 acres. With a total of 832 academic and administrative staff, UITM CS has 7 professors and 22 Associate Professors. There are 106 staff with PhD and 32 with professional qualifications.

Currently, a total of 8,675 students are enrolled in the three campuses pursuing studies from Pre-Diploma to Doctoral level.

UITM Sarawak Branch
(UITM CS) has a Halal
Analysis Laboratory (DNA) at the Institute
of Endowment and Halal Research which
received initial funding support from Baitulmal
Sarawak that amounted to RM500,000.00. It is
focused on meat and processed food-based sample

analysis activities. In addition, UiTM CS is the first campus to offer the Diploma in Mutawwif Umrah and Ziarah programme.

What caught my attention was the agenda of Jana, Jimat, Jariah (3J) introduced by UiTM CS. It has made significant headway in a variety of activities ranging from asset management to training and education, welfare funds, and product commercialization. Apart from that, UiTM CS also actively collaborates at the international level with various universities such as Beijing Wuzi University China, University of Stavanger, Norway, National Chung Cheng University, Thailand and more. Meanwhile, UiTM CS was awarded an international research grant of RM5,430,269.00. In addition to working on the Smart Lobsters Hatchery Nursery & Grow Out Project, UiTM CS has also entered into a strategic cooperation with TERAJU



Throughout my service at UiTM, that was the first time I visited the Mukah Campus. My perspective has changed; I now see Mukah campus as a possible destination to become a "Learning Lab for the World." When I met Keluarga UiTM in Sarawak, I could see and feel the positive energy coming from the achievers, especially when I got to know the "I week - 1 news" initiative. It became clear that you are all very active, consistent, and dynamic in every initiative that you have undertaken together.

UITM CS is impressive because of the numerous efforts undertaken and achievements accomplished, but I could only mention a few in my latest post in Rozie Times. I'd like to thank the entire Keluarga UITM Sarawak Branch for the excellent hospitality and the efficient coordination of "Rozie takes a walkabout tour to UITM Sarawak Branch." InsyaAllah, we will meet again, and I look forward to receiving the latest updates and achievements from UITM CS, as together we committedly drive the GRU2025.— RT





#### A Meaningful Moment with Keluarga UiTM Sabah Branch on

#### THE 200th DAY AS VC



began on March 24, 2022, with the Tawau campus. I learned that I am the first Vice-Chancellor to visit the Tawau Campus. The 149,993 acres campus was developed in 2009 and began operations in October 2011. There are 207 students enrolled in the Pre-Diploma in Commerce and Pre-Diploma in Science programmes, 8 academic staff, and an administration of 24. The campus hopes to offer Diploma-level programmes this

Meanwhile, on the Kota Kinabalu campus, UiTM Sabah Branch has 442 staff, 192 academic staff and 250 administrative staff. A total of 58 academics currently hold PhDs.

With a total enrollment of 5,461 students who pursued their studies with a total entitlent of 3-dr students with pursued tries students and at the diploma, first degree, PLK & PJJ (Off-Campus & Distance Learning) programmes as well as postgraduates in various fields such as Administrative Science & Policy Studies, Accounting, Applied Sciences, Management & Business, Hotel & Tourism Management, Plantation & Agrotechnology, Computer Science & Mathematics, Academy of Language Studies, Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies, and Creative Arts Studies.

The progressive performance of UiTM Sabah Branch can be seen in academic and research publications, with an increase from year to year of 109 in 2019, 196 in 2020 and 2021 hitting 826 publication

In 2021, the Sabah Branch recorded a total research value of RM1,644,048, covering 17 international and other national grants. In addition, the record value of consultancy from 2017 to 2021 is RM3,873,848.00, with a total of 208 projects. Congratulations to UiTM Sabah Branch for achieving 6 stars, a 90% for 2021 performance, an increase from the previous year of

During the Q&A session, I welcomed the views and ideas from Mrs Marianne Estabella Fung, Lecturer of the Academy of Language Studies (APB), Associate Prof. Dr Test @ Rozita Mohammed, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Management & Business, Mr Husni Mubarak Abdul Ghani, Senior Assistant Engineer (Mechanical), Associate Prof. Ts. Dr Hendry Joseph, Head of Graduate School, Ms Nur Syakinah from the Faculty of Plantation & Agrotechnology and Saudara Shahirul Azri, President of Student Representative Council.

I also had the opportunity to meet Shahirul Azri, President of Student Representative Council UiTM Sabal Branch; Ezlan Wong, Vice-President and Alfonsa, Exco for Recreational Sports and Culture. What caught my attention was the batik shirts donned by them. The design is

contemporary with a very unique motif. Inspired by the Rungus tribe, the batik was produced by k Borneo - a Sabah bumiputera batik entrepreneur. I understand that the Rungus are primarily in the northern part of Sabah, namely in Kudat, Pitas and Kota Marudu.

My visit is not complete without tree planting activities. Here, I have the opportunity to plant cherry blossoms (tabenbuia rosea) and black durian trees (black thorn). I also visited the Freshwater Lobster Mini Incubator, a joint venture with TERAJU. So far, it has managed to create 139 job opportunities for the community where students are involved in research and innovation activities

I went to the HEP Kitchen then to the RS Studio (Resident Studio) and broadcast live virtually with the Keluarga UiTM Sabah Branch RS Studio provides various exciting programmes such as Campus Info, Let's recite the Quran and Entrepreneurship Segment. Thanks to Mr Azry and Mr Ghazali, who handled the live broadcast. Finally, I visited HTTC (Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre), Faculty of Hotel & Tourism Management. Here I had the opportunity to try a coffee prepared by the barista after a guided tour led by Puan Siti

Celebrating 200 days as Vice-Chancellor on March 25 2022, at the Kota Kinabalu Campus, I am delighted to share this significant occasion with Keluarga UiTM Sabah





Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to ev Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in th Walkabout event. Thank you also to PEWANI (UITM Women's Association) and PSKK (Sports & Staff Welfare Association) for organising a get-together dinner with me

I end my Walkabout post at the Sabah branch with a quote from the Rector of the UiTM Sabah branch for us to ponder on, "To create a sustainable success, every one of us plays a part in the responsibilities and trust assigned to us." May we all remain focused on our shared vision of achieving GRU2025.~ RT





### "TAM KELUARGA TiTM'

Dr. Daljeet Singh Sedhu a/l Janan Singh,

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UiTM Perak Branch

iTM Perak Branch (UiTM CP) Seri Iskandar campus has 452 academic staff and 318 administrative staff. The campus also has 8,217 students pursuing their studies under the Faculty of Architecture, Planning & Surveying, College of Creative Arts and iCEPS. Meanwhile, at the Tapah campus, there are 226 academic staff and 131 administrative staff with a total enrollment of 4,606 under the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Accountancy and Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences. At the Bandaraya Ipoh campus, 9 academic staff and 39 students pursue their studies at the Postgraduate level, namely DBA (Doctor of Business Administration) and MBA (Master in Business Administration

In 2021, UITM CP's PI score was 98 per cent. It was recognised as the runner-up winner of the state campus category in the Vice Chancellor's Quality Award (AKNC) based on the focus area, which is service delivery. In addition, the UiTM Perak Branch

has received the UiTM Operational Excellence Award and is the Overall Champion of the UiTM Sustainable Campus Award 2021.

In fact, its Auxiliary Police team won the Best Award in the Invention Category in the Innovative & Creative Circle (KIK)

Since 2018, the UiTM Perak Branch has developed international collaborations with 23 universities, including the University of Essex, Telkom University, and Brunei Polytechnic. Meanwhile, I applaud UiTM CP for its initiative in developing new programmes, including establishing the Perak Institute of Resilient Design and Technology.

Your confidence and fortitude will determine your success. I hope UiTM Perak Branch will continue to focus on producing excellent graduates. Make libraries and librarians your best friends to achieve global competency levels in line with our aspirations to achieve

GRU 2025. To all Keluarga UiTM - staff or students, you must translate UiTM's shared aspirations towards GRU2025.

At the same time, I take administrative staff competency levels seriously. Pyramid-type grade model is now one of the obstacles for us to push for GRU2025. InsyaAllah, I will change it to a matrix model so that those who excel and attain global competence can be promoted.

During my visit to UiTM Perak Branch, I also had the opportunity to plant durian belanda (soursop) trees and officiate the maise cash crop project. This project was undertaken by 15 staff members who received guidance and contributions from the Perak State Department of Agriculture. Thank you to Ms. Hasnida Abdullah, who gave a short briefing while at

During the walkabout, I also had the opportunity

works and products from Art & Design such as ceramics, paintings, photography and fashion. In addition, I also visited the Instrumentation Chemistry Laboratory to look at the infrastructure and equipment available. Earlier, I visited the Dataran Usahawan to enjoy coffee at Kopi Mesin and see the creative products of staff and

My schedule is jam-packed with activities from morning to evening, but it's worthwhile to observe and learn firsthand. Hebat (great) both's worldwinking to Ouserve and learn instantal. Flexat greaty & berbudi bahasa (courteous) that's how I can briefly conclude about my walkabout to visit the Keluarga UiTM Perak Branch on 22 February. When Dr. Daljeet said, "When I'm in UiTM, I'm the UiTM family", his aura evokes the spirit of the entire crowd in the hall

In closing, I'd like to thank Mr Aizat, Dr Daljeet Singh Sedhu, Prof. Dr Roshana Takim, Mr Ishak Ramli, and Mr Khusairi Rashid for their perspectives, thoughts, and questions during the Q&A session.

Thank you very much to all Keluarga UiTM Perak Branch.~ RT









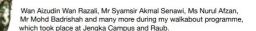
#### IN THE TRUE **SPIRIT OF** ACHIEVERS, UiTM Pahang is Prosperous,

Therefore UiTM Excel, was Chanted **Energetically** 

TiTM Pahang Branch includes three campuses in Kuantan, Jengka, and Raub, with 8,263 students, 374 academic personnel, and 395 administrative employees. There are 15 Diploma programmes, 8 first Degree programmes, and post-graduate programmes available in areas such as the timber industry, sports science, computer science, and others. For 2021, UITM CPHG received a 6-star UITM Score-i and is actively engaged in international collaborations with Princess Naradhiwas University in Thailand, the Institute of Industry and Academic Research Incorporated in the Philippines, Tokyo University of Agriculture in Japan, and many others.

The value of PHG presented by the Rector caught my attention. PHG carries the meaning of Professional, Hospitality, and Glocal. You're on the right track, as long as it is consistent with our shared direction and goal of GRU2025. However, I want this branch to have an 80 per cent Happiness Index and to discover methods and make efforts to make everyone and yourself happy. Meanwhile, we must ensure that the number one problem today is handled, which is public health, since we are still battling COVID-19, together with the financial challenges.

> from Mr Mohd Fauzi Nasarudin, Mr Ahmad ardey Idris, Ts Dr



During the walkabout, I also had the opportunity to spend time with 11 Exco members of PEWANI UiTM Pahang Branch. I also visited the 300 -acre farm. Adam Zakaria, the project leader, informed me that the agriculture projects held here include the mini eggplant 323, pomelo, rambutan, mango, soursop, pineapple, palm oil, stingless bee honey, and cattle farm.

I also had a chance to taste some stingless bee honey. "It's delicious ...more please", I requested as Adam explained the uniqueness of this Stingless Bee honey on this particular farm and how it is different from other honey. After that, I went to the Wood Industry Workshop to see students' furniture (woodwork) products. I then planted the Merbau tree (intsia palembanica). declared a national tree in 2019 because of its solid and durable wood. It is also a symbol of

Finally, I met Faris, a young athlete coached by Mr. Mukhriz in archery. I challenged him, and he proved himself to be an excellent archer. The arrow he shot perfectly hit the bull's eye. His father was a teacher, and they often came to this campus to practise with the coach.

During the session with Keluarga UiTM Pahang Branch, they energetically chanted, "IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF ACHIEVERS, UITM PAHANG IS PROSPEROUS, THEREFORE UITM EXCEL". This act demonstrates their unity as a

I end my note with an ayat from surah Al-Baqarah (201) recited by the Rector of UiTM Pahang Branch, Prof. Ts. Dr Mohd Ilham Adenan, which means "and among them are those who pray: "O our God, give us goodness in this world and goodness in the hereafter, and protect us from the torment of hell'

Thank you Keluarga UiTM Pahang Branch, InsyaAllah we will meet again.~ RT





# YOUR WEAKNESSES ARE NOT YOUR DOWNFALL

There are Strengths within You that You Should Seek and Believe in - UiTM Kelantan







n 12 February, my walkabout tour continued again. I was at UiTM Kelantan Branch this time, visiting Pulau Suri located in Tumpat. Here, the economic development programme of the local community can be seen with activities such as the floating market. I had the opportunity to meet Mr Wan Faiz Wan Mamat and Mr Ghani Dolah, a.k.a Pak Ngah. Mr Wan Faiz Wan Mamat is from the Land and District Office (PTJT) Tumpat, and Pak Ngah, is the Manager of Pulau Suri. I was told that UiTM is working with PTJT and the local community to realise the SDG-based programme here. Led by Dr Syerina Azlin Md Nasir, Deputy Rector of PJI & A, the team highlighted traditional food, the beauty of nature, and the local community's culture.

The second day of my walkabout tour continued with the MoU ceremony for the Dual Degree Academic Programme between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UTM) and Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK). This Dual Degree Academic Programme is the first of its kind in Malaysia that combines two Bachelor's programmes from two Public Universities (UA). This Dual Degree programme combines the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Statistics, Faculty of Computer Science and Mathematics, UTM, and the Bachelor of Entrepreneurship (Logistics and Distributive Trade) with Honours, Faculty of Entrepreneurship and Business, UMK. These two programmes have obtained full accreditation status from the Qualifications Agency Malaysia (MQA) and received approval from the Department of Higher Education (JPT) on 15 March 2019. I'd like to thank Professor Dr Nik Maheran Binti Nik Muhammad, who performs the function of Vice-Chancellor of UMK and Associate Professor Dr Zulkifil Mohamed, the Rector of UTM Kelantan Branch. The success of this initiative was made possible by these two outstanding, hardworking individuals.

While waiting for my session with the management, staff, and students, I recalled the history of Princess Saadong, which was on display in the waiting room. The story of Puteri Saadong elevates the history of Kelantan and Pattani and gives prominence to the great contribution of new generations of women who inherited her extraordinary spirit today. I advised that everyone should find strengths and weaknesses and believe everyone is exceptional.

I applaud UiTM Kelantan Branch for achieving the KPI targets set and getting positive feedback among students in handling ODL. Also, congratulations to the researchers and grant recipients, not forgetting to the VPD of UITM Cawangan Kelantan, Saudara Ahmad Muizuddin, who voiced his views and ideas representing all students during the Q&A session. After the event, I went to the 4 - acre Pineapple and Ginger Farm in Bukit limu. Under the leadership of Puan Hadhifah Fadhlina Ismail and Puan Zaila Idris, the farm is run by staff and students from various faculties. I would like to thank the Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board for donating 17,000 MD2 pineapple seeds and Encik Mohd Zamani Ab Ghani for his consultation services on this project.

My visit ended with a tour around the Kota Bharu 3D Art and Heritage Centre, a collaboration project between the Kota Bharu Islamic City Municipal Council (MPKB-BRI) and UITM Kelantan Branch. Mr Sarman and his team conducted a tour, explaining the three-dimensional works that became an attraction among tourists.  $\sim RT$ 





# UiTM DEPLOYS ITS ASSETS AND PROVIDES FREE HEALTH SCREENING

to the Community of Benut, Pontian







oday, the UiTM Teaching Hospital (HUiTM) team visited the community in Benut, Pontian, Johor to conduct free health and dental check-ups with a mobile clinic. This initiative is conducted under the KPT Prihatin Keluarga Malaysia @ Johor - Zone 4 programme.

⚠ This tour was held at Dewan Muafakat, Sungai Pinggan, Benut and is in conjunction with the opening of the Satellite Community College @ Pontian by YAB Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri Yaakub. This Satellite Community College aims to add value by offering various TVET-based courses for the B40 group, the disabled, senior citizens, indigenous people, youths, and single mothers through a lifelong learning approach to produce highly skilled entrepreneurs from the community.

UiTM is very proud to be able to help the local community in Benut, Pontian, by mobilising 29 volunteers in the fields of health, medicine, dentistry, and safety. They are four lecturers who are also cardiologists, emergency specialists, physicians, and paediatricians. The others are a doctor, two dentists, five paramedics, twelve nurses, a pharmacist, and four auxiliary police officers.

The community is always close to our hearts at UiTM. A programme like this can help the community by using the resources, assets, and social service experts available at the university. The assets provided by the government are not only limited to teaching and learning at UiTM but can also be targeted and effectively extended to the community.

We thank Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad, YB Minister of Higher Education, YAB Dato Haji Hasni Mohammad, Menteri Besar of Johor, and the entire Benut community for their participation in this programme.

My thanks to all the volunteers, especially those from UiTM Teaching Hospital (HuiTM), Faculty of Dentistry, UiTM Health Centre, and UiTM Auxiliary Police. They were led by the Director of HUITM, Prof. Dr Sazzil Shahlan Kasim, and his two deputies, Assoc. Prof. Dr Ahmad Izuanuddin Ismail (Deputy Director of Clinical) and Dr Izzat Ismail (Deputy Director of Clinical Support).— RT



# THE UNIQUENESS OF PLUS TAHFIZ BECOMES AN ADDED VALUE TO UITM FOUNDATION PROGRAMME



Paid a visit to the Foundation Centre, UiTM Selangor Branch, Dengkil Campus, on March 29, 2022. The Director gave the presentation in a hybrid format that included the management team from the Foundation Centre.

The campus was founded in 2005 and presently offers undergraduate degrees in Science, Engineering, Law, and TESL. It has 198 academic staff and 93 administrative employees and is developing a few foundation programmes in social and humanities.

The UITM Foundation Center is the only foundation centre to have the Plus Tahfiz programme, which is an additional programme with 224 selected tahfiz students continuing their studies

The latest enrollment of Foundation Centre is 3,670 students for the 2021/2022 session. Students who completed the foundation programme are offered First Degree programmes at faculties such as the College of Engineering Studies, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Accounting, Faculty of Architecture Planning & Surveying, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences, Academy of Language Studies, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Applied Sciences and others.

I encourage the Foundation Centre to continue with the Guest Professor initiative to attract students to enrol in the UiTM Foundation programme. I thanked the academic team for their endeavour to publish 96 Scopus articles in 2021. Furthermore, I urge the Foundation Centre to collaborate with School Counsellors to deliver information on Foundation programmes comprehensively and effectively.

and effectively.





Meanwhile, I welcomed feedback from students and staff, including Farah Aulia, Irfan Danial, Nur Amirah Nadirah, and Puan Norlida Che Rose, before concluding my walkabout tour with a visit to the library, followed by planting of Ixora trees.

~ RT



#### PROF SUZANA APPOINTED AS UITM NEW DVC OF ACADEMIC & INTERNATIONAL

rofessor Datin Dr Suzana Sulaiman is a professor at the Faculty of Accounting, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). She holds a PhD in Management Accounting from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom. As a Chartered Accountant, he is a Fellow of Chartered Management Accountant (FCMA), UK, a member of Chartered Global Management Accountant (FCMA), UK, a member of Chartered Management Accountant (MIA). Professor Dr Suzana has also been appointed as a Council Member of MIA and is a member of the Research Committee of CIMA (UK), the first academic member to be appointed from Asia. With more than 30 years of experience in academia, she has held several leadership positions in the university and is very active in both research and consultancy. For this reason, she was honoured with two CIMA UK Research Excellence Awards in 2021.

Most recently, she was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for the Institute of Quality and Knowledge Advancement (InOKA) before being appointed as the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International) by the Ministry of Higher Education, effective 01 March 2022.

UiTM is honoured by the appointment announced by the Ministry and hopes that Suzana will continue to drive the Academic and International Office to achieve the shared vision of GRU2025.

On this note, I would like to congratulate Professor Datin Dr Suzana Sulaiman on her appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic and International

May Allah SWT provide you the strength, knowledge and perseverance to lead and contribute to the betterment of the Ummah and the nation. $\sim RT$ 

# Joint



# A Natural Disaster and the Enduring Human Spirit

n the morning of 18 Dec 2021, it started raining relentlessly in the Klang Valley and several other places in Peninsular Malaysia. By late evening, several parts of Shah Alam and surrounding areas were inundated. Water quickly rose to unprecedented levels; vehicles and travelers were stuck on the road, residents in affected housing areas and villages were caught unawares and had no time to save their belongings. Many had no time to evacuate from their homes and were trapped for hours, even days. The whole nation was in shock.

However, being Malaysians, we quickly rallied back. In the days following the disaster, the true spirit of giving and togetherness were seen, as communities united and offered help in any way that they could. UTIM, always keen to be of service, started the ball rolling at once. On the 18th of December itself, Bahagian Zakat, Sedekah dan Wakaf UTIM created a "Whatsapp Hotline" that flood victims from among Warga UTIM could contact for assistance. The next day, the UTIM Volunteer Brigade (Briged Sukarelawan UTIM) was formed by the UTIM Disaster Task Force, calling for volunteers from among Warga UTIM. Staff and students eagerly joined, selflessly buying cleaning tools, rolling up their sleeves, putting on rubber boots and heading to affected areas.

The Vice-Chancellor, together with teams from the Communication Department and the Department of Student Affairs made a joint effort to help the communities at nearby Padang Jawa, staying on until the early morning assisting with whatever they could. On another day,

#### efforts





the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Higher Education too came to lend a hand, working together with UiTM volunteers.

Faculties, centres and departments in UiTM also did their part by having donation drives, collecting funds and goods and delivering them to the victims. To show its solidarity with the community, UiTM allotted more than RM400k to aid flood victims, generated from a Trust Fund sourced from the university's income generation activities such as commercialisation, expertise & services, training, seminar, donations and consultancy projects approved by the university. On top of that, more than RM70k were collected from the generous contributions of Warga UiTM.

UiTM Shah Alam campus was also designated as a temporary Flood Relief Centre, opening up Kolei Kediaman Perindu, Kolei Kediaman Melati, Kolei Centre, opening up Note; Neural and Fernand, Note; Neural and Meaux, INTEKMA and the Al-Wathiqu Billah mosque for the victims. The campus also hosted the Southern Volunteers, who came all the way from Johor to help with relief efforts. The Minister of Higher Education YB Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad herself came to visit the flood victims on campus, and later attended the Food Basket Donation Drive programme in Melaka.

The year 2021 ended on a solemn note as the nation, and particularly residents of affected areas, slowly picked themselves back up and moved on. On a brighter side, in the midst of

calamity, new heroes were discovered - made up of ordinary souls, concerned citizens and enterprising bodies. From UiTM, 1,250 volunteers made up of students and staff worked together with the Ministry of Higher Education, other public universities, government agencies and non-governmental organisations to do their best in lessening the burdens of the flood victims. For everyone involved, along with the painful memories of the flood, are the new connections made with one another, and the precious lessons learnt.  $\sim RT$ 

#### Lessons learnt between 18th to 23rd December 2021:

- Anality to ductes the leaf which connects with the filling to guide our actions.

  We have to be aware of what is happening around us. We need to affirm that nothing is worthy of our worship and thanks besides the mercy and might of Allah s.w.t

To myself, my family, friends, acquaintances, leaders, team members and all those affected, remember that we are not chosen for this without purpose. Live life with a conscience and in atonement. Life is full of lessons to be learnt.









#### OUR INDEBTEDNESS GOES TO MORE THAN 1,250 VOLUNTEERS

uring the post-flood mission, UiTM managed to mobilise more than 1,250 students and staff who voluntarily came forward to assist the flood victims in the affected localities. These volunteers were responsive and committed to helping clean the houses and surroundings, remove the damaged furniture, clean household utensils and equipment, as well as distribute food baskets to the community.

Also involved in the mission were groups of volunteers from all levels, namely the Minister and Deputy Minister of Higher Education, ministerial officials, public universities, government agencies, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

To all volunteers, we are humbled by your unwavering support, volunteerism spirit as well as your selfless act and we cannot thank you enough.

May Allah SWT grant you His goodness in this world and in the hereafter. ~ RT



# Japiril an Inspiring Entrepreneur: The Story of a UiTM Alumnus from Kundasang

r Japiril Sulaiman, 57, is an UiTM graduate who now lives and manages a company in Kundasang, Ranau Sabah. He obtained his Diploma in Public Administration in 1985 and then went on to pursue a Degree in Public Administration Science in 1988. His passion to continuously seek knowledge and to develop himself led to his successful completion of a Master's Degree in Business Administration from UiTM in 2004.

Japiril is committed to not only running his businesses in tourism and hospitality, construction, restaurant and agriculture industries, but also to being involved in community activities. His reputation as a leader who is highly committed to whatever responsibilities entrusted to him, has made him the preferred candidate to lead several non-governmental organizations such as the appointed Chairman of Ranau District Durian and Fruit Farmers Association, Chairman of Kundasang Tourism and Culture Association, and Chairman of Kundasang Tourism and Cleanliness Club. His more recent appointments include Deputy Chairman of the

Oil Board, the Sabah government's biggest GLC (Government Linked Company).

With 32 employees, Japiril has created business opportunities in his enterprise as well as produced local Kundasang entrepreneurs through his initiative training and knowledge sharing programs. For all his undivided commitment and selfless contribution, it is timely and apt that UiTM Sabah Branch honour him as Alumni in the Spotlight during my visit to Kundasang to meet with him and other local businesses. Meanwhile, I was also told that his son, a UiTM law graduate; Benazir Japiril Bandaran, has established his own legal firm.

I am extremely proud of both their accomplishments; perhaps, their story of success can inspire UiTM students to excel and contribute to the nation. Congratulations Japiril Sulaiman! On a promotional note, Keluarga UiTM on vacation in Kundasang should not miss out on the Kundasang Guesthouse and Kundasang Cafe by Japiril. You'll be enthralled by the breathtaking surrounding here.— RT





#### JOM MASUK IPT ZONE 3 SARAWAK AND UITM-PTPTN MoU CEREMONY WERE HELD AT BCCK



ITM recently co-hosted the Jom Masuk IPT Zone 3 Sarawak held on 19 and 20 February at the Borneo Convention Centre, Kuching (BCCN). I would like to thank the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) for trusting UITM Sarawak Branch to co-organise events that enable applicants and parents to learn more about the academic programmes offered by public and private higher learning institutions

Officiated by YB Datuk Roland Sagah Wee Inn, Minister of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, who represented Sarawak Chief Minister YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, 60 exhibitors from 21 public and 31 private higher learning institutions and 8 related agencies participated in the Jom Masuk IPT. I myself had the opportunity to visit all the booths and talk to the officials on duty who provide information and admission guidelines.

During the ceremony, 5 students received tablets donated by UiTM Sarawak Alumni Association (MITSA), 5 students received internet data plan and 3 other students received offer letters for admission into UiTM Pre-University Programme.

I then attended the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UiTM and PTPTN (National Higher Education Fund Corporation). This

strategic collaboration aims to improve financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Encik Ahmad Dasuki Abdul Majid, Chief Executive of PTPTN, was with me and the session was observed by YB Datuk Roland Sagah Wee Inn. Prof. Datuk Dr Jamil Hamali, Rector of UiTM Sarawak Branch, and Puan Mastura Mohd Khalid, Chief Operating Officer of PTPTN, were also present. - RT







#### THE FIRST FREE WiFi AND INTERNET SERVICE USING TV WHITE SPACE TECHNOLOGY IS LAUNCHED

ocated at the Multipurpose Hall, Seri Sulong Industrial Park, Parit Sulong, Johor, the launching ceremony of WiFi and free internet using TV White Space technology was officiated by YB Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad, Minister of Higher Education.

The ceremony, which was held on 05 March 2022, was organised by UiTM Holdings Sdn. Bhd. (a subsidiary of UiTM) and Axicom in collaboration with the Malaysian Communications & Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and technology experts, namely Microsoft Malaysia and Allo Technology Sdn. Bhd. (a subsidiary of TNB) who sponsored this programme.

Internet connectivity and communication networks that can be accessed anytime and from anywhere are becoming increasingly important in today's digital age. In a pandemic scenario, we also need accurate and timely information and internet connectivity to perform everyday tasks such as work and education.

Therefore, today's initiative can provide internet access through analogue television frequencies that are no longer in use after the switchover to a more modern digital TV system. Among other things, this technology can contribute to the digital growth of local communities by enabling White Space Hotspots with a range radius of up to 30 kilometres, modern and smart agriculture, improved transport efficiency and rural connectivity, and much more. In remote locations, TV White Space is more viable and provides better access and benefits for local communities.

Meanwhile, UiTM is pleased to announce that it will build two more substations in the Lubok and Jamek Syukur Al-Falah Mosque areas (proposed sites) through its subsidiary UiTM Holdings. After the ceremony, attendees had the opportunity to virtually meet Datuk Rizalman Ibrahim, a member of the UiTM Board of Directors, via video call and enjoy WiFi and internet via TV White Space technology.

As the Vice-Chancellor of UiTM, we are excited and honoured to be a pioneer in this mission to help the local community grow and improve. Therefore, UiTM would like to thank all those present, especially YB Minister of Higher Education, Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad, as well as UiTM Holdings Sdn. Bhd. and the strategic partners involved. - RT







#### DIVERSITY IS IDENTITY

Differences are Strengths that Should be Celebrated

fter finishing the event at Parit Sulong, I had lunch at Remaja Restaurant (Café and Restaurant) in Bandar Baru Uda, Johor Bahru (JB), owned by a young couple, Ezwan Haffez and his wife Ungku Aishah. The asam pedas ikan (spicy tamarind fish), chicken curry and other side dishes are super tasty. The restaurant's décor is very modern and contemporary. So, do not forget to drop by Remaja Restaurant when you visit JB. Afterwards, I went to the next place, which was not far from the restaurant.

I then attended the launching ceremony of the Keluarga Malaysia Aspirations Tour by the Prime Minister, YAB Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri, held at Dataran Angsana Johor Bahru, Johor, at 30m.

The tour has been extended to the state level and for the first time, Johor is the first selected venue for this event which offers a variety of exciting and useful activities for different age groups.

There are exhibition booths from government agencies providing targeted services to the local community, including a booth from the

Ministry of Higher Education. During the ceremony, I had the opportunity to speak with YB Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad, the Minister of Higher Education, and Prof. Datuk Dr Husaini Ornar, the Director-General of Higher Education, as well as other countries.

The concept of Keluarga Malaysia was

the brainchild of our YAB Prime Minister which he announced on 22 August 2021 during his inaugural speech as the 9th Prime Minister of Malaysia. The concept of Keluarga Malaysia embraces the aspect of the phrase and its inclusive nature. It inherently transcends religious, racial, and

Diversity is identity. Differences are strengths that should be celebrated. In the face of Covid-19 and the challenges of the world today, together we will restore our beloved country and create a better future for our family, Keluarga Malaysia.— RT

ethnic boundaries







#### UiTM SMRI PROACTIVE IN PARTNERING WITH KTMB & MGTS





ITM and Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) recently renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA). This strategic partnership continues the collaboration between the two parties, especially in the field of smart manufacturing technologies and other areas of expertise. I am optimistic that the research and innovation activities taking place between UITM and KTMB will provide students with insights and meaningful learning experiences. This will better prepare students to work in the rall industry after graduation. I applaud the proactive initiative of the UITM Smart Manufacturing Research Institute (UITM SMRI) which will later benefit the 500 participants who will enrol for industrial training as well as other programmes under this collaboration. I thank Mr Suhaimi Yaacob, Chief Corporate Officer of KTMB, and the KTMB delegation who were present at the ceremony.

The UITM Smart Manufacturing Research Institute (UITM SMRI) is once again taking a proactive step in partnership with the Malaysia Green Technology Society (MGTS), a registered entity with HRDCorp. Both parties will form a committee to study the Green Technology Index for buildings and sectors to be given a "star" rating, similar to what is done in the hotel industry.

In addition, this collaboration will support MGTS in research to develop EV and solar technology to make access to this technology affordable for low-income and rural communities, as well as in the development of water pollution prevention technologies and innovations in water harvesting. We thank Dr M. Chandrasagaran, Chairman of MGTS, and his delegation for their participation in the signing ceremony held recently at UiTM.- RT

#### UiTM - McD's MALAYSIA COLLABORATION WILL BENEFIT KELUARGA UiTM



am pleased to receive a courtesy call from McDonald's Malaysia, led by Datuk Seri Mohammed Nasir, Director (Government Relations), and his team which includes Mr Azhar Darbi, Vice President of Human Resources, Mr Mohd Nasri Mohd Nordin, General Manager of RMHC (Ronald McDonald House Charities), and Ms Zarina Osman, Director of Human Resources

McD's Malaysia shared with us its Talent Development Plan (Pre-Employment) which includes the Management Apprentice Programme (IMP), Internship Training Programme (IP) and Graduate Employability Programme (GEP), as well as the background of McD's corporate and franchise businesses around the world and in Malaysia.

UTM is also very pleased to know that many of McD Malaysia's employees are UiTM alumni. Examples such as Zarina Osman (Diploma in Science), and Mohd Nasri Mohd Nordin (International Preparatory Programme). They are part of McD Malaysia's 19,000 employees who work in 319 restaurant outlets and management headquarters.

In short, the presence of UiTM has shown its value-adding effect on local economic growth. For example, the existence

of McDonald's restaurants in various locations in the local community creates over 50,000 jobs for Malaysians.

Therefore, the meeting at GESTURZ, UiTM will not only provide opportunities to the students and future graduates of UiTM, of which there are over 185,000 today, but the collaboration with McD on a synergistic CSR project will also benefit the over 18,000 employees of UiTM. Ultimately, it will benefit the more than 13.5 million customers per month who visit Malaysians' favourite franchise restaurant.— RT



#### Musi and Izzat's First Day as Richiamo Coffee's Crew

zzat, 24, his friend Musi 21, are both OKU (persons with disabilities). Today is their first day of working at Richiamo Coffee, UiTM Shah Alam. They can work at the café despite their disabilities because of the guidance given by Hafiz who is also a crew at the cade. As persons with special needs, the opportunity to work at Richiamo Coffee is something.

meaningful to both. Izzat and Musi confided that they are grateful to have their fathers who help them commute to the workplace. Indeed, they have very dedicated parents who always support their development to be independent and ready to work.

Located at the lobby of the Bangunan Canseleri Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, the 3rd outlet of the Richiamo Coffee, UTIM Shah Alam is now open to public. Through a collaboration with the OKU Unit, UTIM, this cafe provides employment opportunities for the OKU community in the field of food services. In total Richiamo Coffee now has 70 branches nationwide. Alhamdulillah, today a total of RM6,237.71 was donated to Tabung Cakna OKU UTIM; an amount generated based on sales profits only in the last two months. This is an exemplary model, that is mutually beneficial and should be replicated in future university-industry collaboration.

Presented by Mr Adam Kassim, Director of Marketing at a simple affair organised by Richiamo and OKU Unit. Accompanying me were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Development) and Assistant Vice Chancellor (MASMED). Congratulations to the Director and Team from the OKU Unit for their continuous efforts to empower the OKU community.

To all Keluarga UiTM, as you pay a visit to Richiamo Coffee at the chancellery, you will definitely be warmly greeted by Musi, Izzat and friends,  $\sim RT$ 





### ITALL BEGAN HERE



ollowing the Walkabout programme at UiTM Sabah Branch, I had the chance to spend time at the Jalan Othman Campus in Petaling Jaya on March 28, 2022. This campus has a capacity of 2,000 people. I was taken on a tour of the academic, administrative, and multipurpose spaces by Mr Khairul, Mr Rodzian, Mr Mohd Hamidi, Mr Moohd Shazalee, and Mr Syafirul Azre, before enjoying afternoon tea with them and getting input on this campus.

Jalan Othman is no stranger to ITM (now UITM) members because this is where the early generation was born and known as the Jalan Othman Generation or, in short, 'J.O'. Opened on February 14 1957, under the name of RIDA Training Hall, and later followed by laying the foundation stone of the MARA College's Annex Building on September 12 1966. Jalan Othman Campus records the vital history of the establishment and progressive development of UITM to date.

Thank you to Mr Khairul, Mr Rodzian, Mr Mohd Hamidi, Mr. Mohd Shazalee and Mr Syafirul Azre for their input. InsyaAllah, there will definitely be a transformation on this campus soon.~ RT





#### Tengku Permaisuri Selangor Officiated

# 'A VOYAGE OF MOMENTS'

Voyage of Moments" is a compilation of moments from a 15-year journey through the eyes of Wan Jamila Wan Shiaful Bahri a.k.a ArtJamila. The exhibition, on display at the UITM Creative Media and Technology Hub, covers the artist's earliest to most recent collections, conveying messages through visual narratives in Jamila's artistic signature of doodles and naïve art. In this way, she creates a world from her perspective in surrealist approaches.

The exhibition, jointly organized by Galeri Shah Alam and UiTM's Creative Media and Technology Hub, was officiated by DYMM Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin, Tengku Permaisuri Selangor.

UiTM is honoured to be part of this social support by providing an exhibition venue for the remarkably skilled, self-taught artist ArtJamila. Wan Jamila, who was diagnosed with autism at the age of four, had difficulties with verbal communication and social interaction. Her mother, Noorhashimah Mohamed Noordin, a

former lecturer who retired from UiTM, has always been her best mentor and companion on her journey to become an award-winning



UITM is a caring institution committed to the advancement of people with special needs. Various programmes have been implemented by UITM, especially through the National Autism Resource Centre (NARC), the OKU (Persons with Disabilities) Services Unit or UPO and the Faculty of Health Sciences (FSK)

With this in mind, I would like to thank all those who made this exhibition a success. It is hoped that the platform provided here can highlight the creative talents of people with special needs.~ RT







continued my travels in Sabah to Kundasang, Ranau. The journey took two hours from Kota Kinabalu. There, I spent my time with Mr Julapiril Sulaiman, a UiTM alumnus with local entrepreneurs under his guidance.

During the launch of the Kundasang community agroagricultural project plan, the 
Sabah-UiTM bumiputera 
entrepreneur development 
programme together with industry 
partners and alumni, I saw there 
was an opportunity that should be 
taken advantage of. Therefore, I am very 
pleased to announce the first UiTM Living 
Lab in Kundasang that signifies academiaalumni-community collaboration towards achieving 
the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) as outlined 
by the United Nations.

This aligns with MOHE's aspirations in the context of 'university for the community'. The Rector of UITM Sabah will lead the UITM Living Lab in Kundasang, and I hope that this model will be adopted by other UITM branch campuses.

Among the local entrepreneurs I met were Mr Marx Gandawoi, Mr Francis Nandoh, Puan Aina K Alias, Tuan Haji Muhd Razali Haji Mohamad, Puan Siti Zoraini Atin, Puan Izzaiqa Nurwafiqah Gilin, Puan Sitiaziah Kusop@Mohd Jamil, Mr Delson Bondilik, Mr Jusimeh Baranting, Mr Jubair Juhinin, Puan Suhaini Suhaimin,

Encik Shahril Samson Boon, Mr Jasni Rijan and Mrs Barbara Bongkok.

Mrs Barbara Bongkok operates a coffee company under the Apai Kopi Ranau brand. I had the opportunity to try her coffee products and they were very refreshing. Following that, I went to Puan Aina K Alias' Mesilou Highland Farm & Berries Residence. What drew my interest was the fact that she practised the theories she had learned. In the visual I am sharing here, a sign informs

that her strawberr farm follows the following work processes: predict, plan, observe, weed and water,

measure, calculate and research. If you get the chance to visit, don't forget to try the strawberry ice cream from Mesilou Highland Farm & Berries Residence while exploring the strawberry orchards there.

Finally, I paid a visit to Dairy Farm Village. Desa Dairy Farm, which boasts spectacular views of Mount Kinabalu as the background of farms and plantations surrounded by natural landscapes, gets an average of 800,000 tour tourist sites. We got the chance to explore the surroundings while enjoying the famous DESA gelato ice cream. Desa Dairy Farm is an agrotourism destination that should not be missed while visiting Kundasang.

I would like to express my gratitude to Encik Ahmad Fareez Yahya, Puan Nurul Huda Roslan and all JKEN members of UITM Sabah Branch for ensuring the smooth coordination of my visit to Sabah that was altogether meaningful, inspiring and touching. Thank you also to the 1973 drivers (or here they are called pilots), Mr Saiman and Mr Salam, for making our journey safe and pleasant. To Dr Sharffah, Deputy Rector (ICAN) of UITM, I congratulate you on the success of events in Kundasang.~ RT









UiTM Holdings Presents 2022-2031 Strategy,

Explore a More Sustainable Potential

n 30 March 2022, I paid a visit to UITM Holdings Group of Companies. The visit began with a presentation on the current developments of the group of companies by Encik Muhammad Mubarak Ishak (Group Chief Executive Officer) with the management team namely Cik Afidatul Aisyah Ahmad (General Manager, UITM Art & Design Sdn. Bhd), Puan Wan Nazifah Wan Abdullah (Chief Executive Officer, UITM Private Health Care Sdn.Bhd.), Assoc. Prof. Rahidzab Talib (Group Chief Technology Officer), Dr Ainul Azreen Adam (Group Chief Corporate Development Officer), Encik Farisan Mokhtar (Group Chief Financial Officer), Dr Heazar Ismail (Chief Executive Officer, Technology Division).

Also present at the session were two members of the Board of Directors - Prof. Dr Sulaiman Shaari and Encik Mohamad Zulkhairi Abdull Rahim.

I asked UiTM Holdings to hold a meeting with the University Executive Council (MEU) every month to report on current developments and present in advance any proposed initiatives to the MEU. It is important that they remember that the existence of UiTM is also to positively impact the economy of local communities. In the meantime, I was also informed that UiTM Holdings is actively conducting working visits to branch campuses.

I have high hopes that the 2022-2031 strategy by UiTM Holdings in four phases - business restructuring, project deployment, maintenance and support, and lastly business expansion through four branches namely energy division, healthcare division, technology division and creative division, as well as facilities management, can be successfully accomplished.

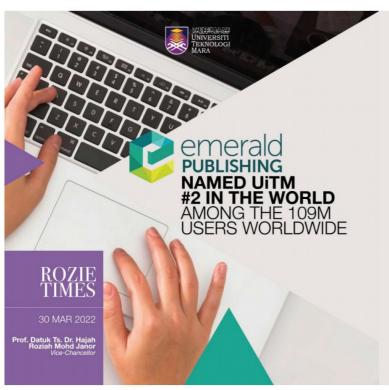
UITM Holdings must focus on income generation to ensure the sustainability of the university to provide quality education to present and future students. Practice good governance and high transparency in management so that we can transform the ecosystem in which Bumiputera-owned businesses operate, and achieve our shared aspirations of becoming a globally renowned university.

Following the presentation, I had the opportunity to take a tour of the office space, meet the team, and observe the ambiance of their workspace.

InsyaAllah, I will also pay a visit to UiTM Art & Design Sdn. Bhd. and UiTM Private Health Care Sdn. Bhd. in the near future.~  $\it RT$ 



**UITM HOLDINGS** 



00K researchers in over 130 countries are engaged is Emerald Publishing and UITM is #2 on the Top 20 global institutions list. This demonstrates the academic and research culture that has been at the heart of every Keluarga UITM member.~ RT

### Achievements

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Menjunjung Kasih Tuanku

Ihamdulilah, I am truly grateful for the conferment of Darjah Kebesaran Panglima Mahkota Wilayah (P.M.W.), carnying the title Datuk, from His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah in conjunction with Federal Territory Day 2022. Ampun Tuanku. Sembah takzim,



# In UiTM we have 5962 academic staff, 4218 administrative staff, 122 227 students who are

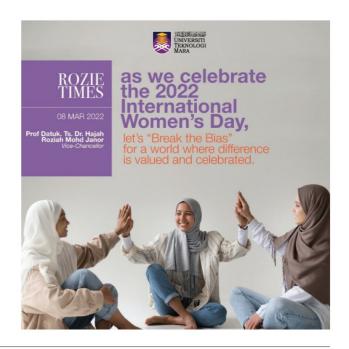
women

In Malaysia, 47.7% of the 32.5 million population are women. In UITM we have 5,962 academic staff, 4,218 administrative staff, 122,227 students who are women, while the Vice-Chancellor, 2 Assistant Vice-Chancellors and 2 Deputy Vice-Chancellors are women in leadership positions.

We are very proud of our women academicians who are deans, directors, lead researchers, innovators and their potential successors who have consistently demonstrated their worth in leadership and scholarship. Not forgetting, we have female students who excel in many fields like Anis Syafika Zumi Azlan (scored the highest marks in Malaysia and in the world for Management Information in the ACCA FIA), and Fatin Najwa Azman who was named the world's top 10 in ACCA, CAT exams.

To facilitate women's concerns, PEWANI, a UITM Women's Association helps support and empower women through its activities focused on welfare, community, health, and others. Providing a fair chance, the first female students football team was formed under the UITM Sports Centre on 25 November 2021.

All these are in line with SDGs 3,4,5 and 10 to empower women and female students in UiTM. As we celebrate the International Women's Day, let's "Break the Bias" for a world where difference is valued and celebrated.~ RT



# Here's the good news for Keluarga LiTM

ased on the key findings of QS World Rankings by Subject 2022, In Academic Reputation, UiTM's best performance is in Law, scoring 58.3. Meanwhile, in Employer Reputation, Architecture/Built Environment earned a score of 65.7. In Citations Per Paper, Hospitality & Leisure Management hit the highest score of 74.7. Lastly, in H-Index, Business & Management Studies received a score of 75.9.

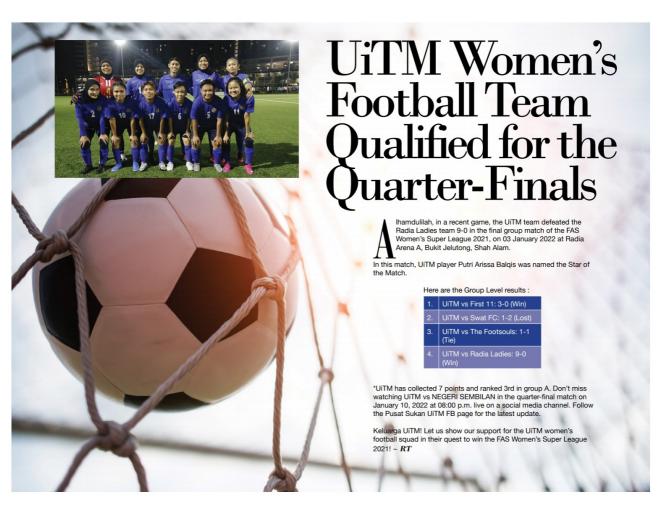
Meanwhile, I'd like to remind you that the citation will ensure the standability and sustainability of our presence in the world of academia. The announcement session, which was held for the first time this year, allowed the audience to voice their thoughts on how we may improve UiTM's position in the future.

During the event, the Dean of Faculty of Hotel & Tourism Management, shared their recipe for success to be named #42 best in the world. Meanwhile, the Dean of the Faculty of Law was ecstatic about their new accomplishments. See shared the experience of how synergy and togetherness play an essential

The importance of synergy in developing global competencies requires us as Warga UiTM to "Unleash the Human Magic". Let me mention it again, the 2022 Vice-Chancellor's Address, #2 - We must accelerate the transformation that mobilises the synergy of all warga to achieve GRU2025.

Rankings ensure that we remain competitive and relevant. Yet, we must make the world see us as a renowned university that goes beyond rankings. We must change our mindset to believe in our capability and competency to achieve GRU2025.  $\sim RT$ 





# THE PRIDE OF KELUARGA UiTM: DR ANNA RECEIVED THE NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARD





r Prasanna Ramakrisnan has been with UiTM since 2005 and is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Computer Science & Mathematics (FSKM). As the Head of Information Technology Services at iCEPS, Dr Prasanna Ramakrisnan is in charge of developing UiTM's e-learning platform - UFUTURE. UFUTURE is the university's core platform for teaching and learning activities, giving access to UiTM courses, MOOCs, and Micro Oredential courses.

Dr Anna leads a team that is constantly striving to improve teaching and learning technologies that provide meaningful experiences to students. In UiTM at AAU (University Academic Awards) she has received the Dynamic Lecturer award, 2015, e-Learning Award, 2018 and Teaching (Technology) Award, 2019.

Subsequently, on March 24, 2022, she was named the recipient of the 14th National Academic Award, the Teaching Award (Applied Sciences Group), for her contribution and commitment to academic excellence.

Since its inception in 2006, 10 UiTM lecturers have received the National Academic Award. Among the recipients were Assoc. Prof. Dr Tazul Izan Hasaan, Assoc. Prof. Dr Jaafar Jantan, and Prof. Dr Muliyadi Mahamood.

With the ceremony officiated by the YAB Prime Minister of Malaysia, accompanied by the YB Minister of Higher Education, AAN is the highest national recognition for academics.

Indeed, Dr Anna's achievement is the pride of UiTM. I believe it should motivate us to work towards our shared goal of GRU2025. Congratulations Dr. Anna  $\sim RT$ 

## Events

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n January 26, I delivered the 2022 Special Address to Keluarga UTM, highlighting the significant events of 2021 and taking the opportunity to congratulate our collective achievements and recognition. Under the theme "Global Competencies," I outlined five actions we can take to achieve GRU2025 despite the current problems and uncertainties in the world. UTM will continue to ensure that the 23 previously established KPIs are met in 2022. I believe that we can achieve the best results if we give it our all.

Alhamdulillah, recently, on February 10, I gave a Professorial Lecture titled "Managing University Data for Quality: From the Lens of a Practitioner". This time, the event was held at the same venue in a hybrid format with both external and internal guests attending. Thus, I would like to thank Dato' Sri Dr Haji Irmohizam Haji Ibrahim, Member of UITM Board of Directors, Dato' Dr Haji Mansor Bin Haji Salleh, former Director of MARA

Director of MARA Institute of Technology (ITM), former Vice Chancellor of UTM, Prof. Emeritus Dato' Dr Hassan Said, Prof. Dr Nik Maheran Nik Muhammad who is performing the functions of Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, executive management, senior management of



Universiti Teknologi MARA, academicians and administrative staff. And not forgetting my dear family members and the entire Keluarga UiTM who have come to support me.

Why do I believe that these two events are equally significant? Because they convey an important message based on three key words: Strategies, Data, and Qualities that can ultimately help improve a university's position.

In the lecture, I spoke about "Representation and Misrepresentation of University Data," focusing on the challenges, the real-world implications



for the university, and solutions that can be implemented using technological approaches such as Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence (Al), Blockchain, and Personalised Learning.

I encourage you to get a copy of my book from UiTM Press for a more detailed explanation of the lecture that I gave during the event.

Unleash the power of data with knowledge and insights because it can drive the mission and vision of the organisation. Our focus is on technology and data. We are talking about humanising technology and now it's time for us to humanise the quality of data. ~ RT





## Here are Some Throwback Images of Rozie Times Exhibition



ake the opportunity to visit Galeri Seni Tuanku Nur Zahirah (GESTURZ) located at Menara SAAS UITM Shah Alam. Currenlty the centro is exhibiting Rozie Times- a visual and textual documentation on developments, events and achievements during the one hundred days of the Keluarga UiTM with me.

Using creative presentation techniques inspired by the anatomy of a newspaper publication, among the contents documented include stories of Keluarga UiTM, aspirations and views as well as new ideas from staff and students. Snippets of the Coffee Talk with Rozie (CTWR) talk show programme are also included, which cover a wide range of themes, including academic and general issues.

So, here are some throwback images from the event for everyone to enjoy, including the Malaysian Batik fashion presentation by fashion designer Azam Osman, who is also an alumnus of UiTM.

I would like to thank YB Senator Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Dr. Ahmad Masrizal Muhammad, for taking the time to attend the ceremony. Also present were guests from the creative industry.~ RT









#### UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

Batik has always been an iconic Malaysian heritage, passed down through the generations, steep in traditions. Today, the art is rejuvenated by contemporary artists, making it more accessible to the community. The TEJA batik kit, for example, has brought the art nearer to the people, making it a treasure truly shared by the masses, while at the same time preserving its uniqueness. TEJA x Made in UiTM is another collaboration effort that promotes Malaysian art and culture, ensuring its sustainability and longevity by passing the venerable batik art to the next generation. Founded by a UiTM alumna with a degree in Textile Design, TEJA is proof that the university works as a living lab where entrepreneurs are cultivated, who then go on to transfer their knowledge and skills to the communities to produce even more entrepreneurs. This social enterprise of empowerment by giving back to the community lies at the heart of the establishment of UiTM.





Instruction UiTM Malaysia











Rozie Times memorialises the days in office for UiTM Vice-Chancellor, Datuk Professor Ts Dr Roziah Mohd Janor, fondly known as Rozie. Featuring a collection of stories posted on her Official Facebook page, Rozie Times is a creative idea from the Vice-Chancellor, inspired by the newspaper concept in which the anatomy and key design elements of a newspaper have been adopted.

Rozie Times II picks up where the first volume left off, documenting some of the more significant occasions that have taken place since then, right up to the VC's 200th day in office. From her postings we learn of new endeavours, advantageous partnerships, impactful appointments, social enterprises, charity and empathy, among others, all glimpse through her candid reporting. Once again her love and pride for Keluarga UiTM were evidenced, as she jotted down the names and personally thanked individuals from various faculties, departments, centres, offices, organisations, and communities that have made an impression. Rozie Times shares the essence of the Vice-Chancellor's distinctive leadership and viewpoints.

Have a pleasant read! - RT





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