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Global Goals:

UiTM at the Forefront in Green Initiative

This is how I started CTWR 2022 Episode 4. These words are apt because CTWR strives for a balance between relaxed but information-rich content. This episode was successfully broadcast live via UiTM's YouTube channel from the Tun Abdul Razak library (PTAR).

For this CTWR, I have invited two (2) panellists to speak on the topic of "Global Goals: UiTM at the Forefront in Green Initiative", namely Prof. Dato' Ir Ts. Dr Haji Mohd Fozi Ali, Vice-Chancellor, Universiti Teknologi MARA and Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Annis Asmat, Director of UiTM Green Centre (UGC).

In this episode, Prof. Dato' Fozi spoke about the role of the Office of Infrastructure & Infostructure Development (PPII) in creating a green, sustainable campus ecosystem through the Green Initiative and Energy Saving for UiTM, in line with the UiTM 2025 Strategic Plan (GRU2025).

In total, PPII has designed six (6) initiatives for the period of 2020-2025. One of these is Campus Visibility and Sustainability, which focuses on improving infrastructure facilities, campus beautification, building upgrades and planned energy, water and waste management.

This long-term plan aims not only to increase financial savings and reduce UiTM's operating costs, but also to reduce its impact on the environment. For example, UiTM has an expenditure of about RM140 million on paying electricity bills every year. Through this Green Initiative and Energy Saving for UiTM, PPII has successfully achieved electricity cost savings of 10% through the UiTM Solar Farm Project (in Gambang and Pasir Gudang) and the Renewable Energy Photovoltaic Project for UiTM-owned campuses. This is indeed a very significant achievement for UiTM.

In addition, the installation of the solar panel system, which became operational in May 2021, has successfully reduced UiTM's carbon footprint by 74,000 tonnes per year. These efforts also reduced some of UiTM's dependence on TNB power supply and will ultimately reduce carbon emissions into the air.

However, it is unlikely that these initiatives can achieve their goals without the awareness and support of all Keluarga UiTM. Therefore, awareness of the importance of energy conservation needs to be promoted, starting with the Responsibility Centres (RC/PTJ), units, faculties and branch campuses to ensure that the goal of making UiTM a carbon neutral university can be achieved.

Apart from this, Prof. Dato' Fozi also shared about some other energy saving initiatives that are currently being actively implemented by the PPII. These include the installation of photocells and timers in the corridor of the Engineering complex, switching the right tariff according to the profile of energy consumers (C1 Commercial tariff to C1 OPR tariff), switching energy efficient appliances using existing service contracts, and installing motion sensors in the toilets of all UiTM buildings. Moreover, the PPII also regularly monitors the use of the central air-conditioning units and promotes Earth Hour at RC/PTJ level.

Next, Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Annis explained the efforts of the Green Centre or UGC, which was established under the PPII and is responsible for mobilising initiatives to green the university.

Overall, the UGC, which was established in October 2020, aims to support the sustainability agenda not only at the university and community level, but also globally. According to her, one of the roles of the UGC in general is to coordinate all activities, initiatives and innovations to create a holistic ecosystem for a green, sustainable UiTM campus. In addition, the UGC serves as a hub for collecting, analysing and reporting 'Big Data' on sustainability for various purposes, including university rankings at national and international levels.

Thanks to these initiatives, UiTM is very proud to be ranked 9th among higher education institutions in Malaysia in the UI Green Metric World University Rankings 2021 (UIGM 2021). UiTM's participation in 2021 has improved its position by 34 places compared to the previous year. Congratulations and well done Keluarga UiTM!

Apart from that, the third participation of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) in the Low Carbon City Challenge 2030 (LCC 2030 Challenge) made its own history when five UiTM zones/buildings won 5 Diamond Awards for Zone 1 UiTM, Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences (FSKM), Faculty of Architecture Planning and Surveying (FSPU), Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Chancellery Building and Health Centre.

For the second year of participation (2020), UiTM received 6 Diamond Recognition for Best Practices Between 5-25% for Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Chancellery Building, Engineering Complex, Health Centre, Faculty of Architecture Planning and Surveying (FSPU), Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences (FSKM) and Zone 1 UiTM. UiTM also received a Provisional Certificate (2018) and Diamond Rating recognition for Best Practices for the Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Chancellery Building (2019).

I was intrigued by Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Annis' phrase: "Green is expensive". Without the efforts, support and backing of every member of Keluarga UiTM, it is not easy to create a culture that sustains life and the environment. Therefore, each RC/PTJ must take the initiative to optimise collaboration with internal strategic partners such as faculties and student associations as well as joint ventures with local institutions or agencies to achieve the targets set under SDG 17. Therefore, it should be reminded once again that awareness or "cakna" on the initiatives to achieve "net zero carbon emissions" for the sustainability of this beloved university needs to be further strengthened.

I would like to thank the entire Coffee Talk With Rozie team, especially the technical team and of course today's guest panellists, Prof. Dato' Ir Ts. Dr Haji Mohd Fozi Ali and Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Annis Asmat.

See you again on CTWR Episode 5! ~ RT



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Global Goals: UiTM at the Forefront in Pioneering Quality Education

This episode was successfully broadcast live via the UiTM YouTube channel from the UiTM Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Chancellery Building on 18 June 2022. CTWR 2022 Episode 6 also featured a musical performance by Encik Abdul Hamid Abdul Halim, a lecturer from the Faculty of Business and Management.

This time I invited two guest panellists to talk about "Global Goals: UiTM at the Forefront in Pioneering Quality Education", namely Prof. Datin Dr Suzana Sulaiman, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Encik Rasydan Mohd Hassan, President of Student Representative Council (MPP), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

In this episode, Prof. Datin Dr Suzana spoke about the efforts and methods UiTM uses to achieve quality education based on three elements: the quality of lecturers, the quality of teaching and learning processes and the quality of graduates. This quality of education is measured against UiTM's key initiatives so that lecturers can do their best to serve both internal and external stakeholders. Each stakeholder has different expectations of UiTM, such as whether the graduates it produces are well-rounded, meet industry requirements and conform to expected standards and norms.

Prof. Datin Dr Suzana and I also talked about the role of the Centre for Innovative Delivery & Learning Development (CIDL), whose mission is to drive innovation in teaching and learning, keeping pace with the latest technological developments. The CIDL provides a comprehensive

learning platform for students and adults through 18 types of services that utilise creative and innovative technologies. UiTM has also established a collaborative teaching framework where lecturers can introduce team-teaching methods with experts within and across disciplines, such as industry professionals, to provide quality education to Keluarga UiTM.

In summary, Prof. Datin Dr Suzana believes that the current thinking and unwillingness of academics and students to move away from traditional approaches to teaching and learning

should be re-evaluated. In order to achieve the SDG4 goals, UiTM has introduced new perspectives and methods using the 5C strategy: Champion, Communication, Collaboration & Collective Effort, Culture, and Credit & Compensation. Efforts have also been made to implement collaborative teaching, experiential learning and a competency-based education landscape (HETVEC, EXCEL) while promoting ADAB, Amanah, ESI and i- DART.

In this episode, YDP MPP Encik Rasydan discussed the impact of quality education on students and the teaching methods UiTM uses in preparing graduates to meet industry demands. He explained that educational requirements change over time and that the university's curriculum must go through a process of "reset, recover and restore" to ensure that everyone receives a quality education. Students also need to be aware of what is required and what they need to do to make the most of the opportunities offered by the university.

Encik Rasydan and I also talked about extracurricular learning, which has a big impact on students. He said that the method of learning outside the classroom through collaborative activities sets UiTM students apart from other universities. For example, UiTM was the first university to volunteer during the flood disaster not long ago. Students need to be more ambitious and open by being of use to the betterment of the environment and the community. This in turn will bring the community, business and industry closer to the students and take the student experience to a whole new level.

Summing up, Encik Rasydan said that in order to maintain quality education, it is necessary to determine whether the university's curriculum is still relevant, and furthermore, to provide facilities and services that meet the requirements of IR 4.0 and Education 5.0.

I also hope that Keluarga UiTM, especially all UiTM lecturers and students, have a better understanding of the quality of education that UiTM provides and the methods used to ensure that these efforts remain relevant to the needs of industry and employers.

I would like to thank and congratulate the entire Coffee Talk With Rozie team, the technical team, the College of Creative Arts lecturers and of course the guest panellists, Prof. Datin Dr Suzana and Encik Rasydan Mohd Hassan.

See you in CTWR Episode 7! – RT



Global Goals: UiTM at the Forefront in Ensuring Food Security

Alhamdulillah, this episode was successfully broadcast live via UiTM's YouTube channel from Bangunan Canseleri Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, UiTM Shah Alam. For this CTWR, I have invited two panellists to speak on the topic of "Global Goals: UiTM at the Forefront in Ensuring Food Security", namely Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr Mohd Rasdi Zaini, the Rector of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Melaka Branch and Prof. Ts. Dr Asmah Awal, the Deputy Rector (Research and Innovation), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Selangor Branch.

In this episode, Assoc. Prof. Dr Rasdi talked about the importance of food safety and explains how it encompasses various aspects, including the guarantee of food produced from the farm to the consumer's dining table. It covers the process of producing and manufacturing agricultural products, packaging, marketing, and storing food.

A food crisis can occur when the country is unable to supply itself with staple foods such as rice, wheat, and grains, and it ultimately has a major impact on the sharp rise in prices. The country spent, the country spent RM55.5 billion on food imports in 2020 alone, compared to the country's exports of RM33.8 billion. The increase in imports has increased by 24.9% compared to 2019 due to the pandemic.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has outlined four indicators to ensure that a country's food security is at a safe level. First, is the availability of food. Second, is the purchasing power of consumers. Third, is the convenience or access to food. Fourth, is the convenience or access to a supply of nutritious food.

Based on these indicators, UiTM has developed several initiatives to assist the country in ensuring the sustainability of food security. For example, the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology (FPA) has increased the number of programmes offered from three to 17 to meet industry demand for semi-professional labour and increase national productivity. FPA also intends to offer micro credentials to upskill and retrain farmers and herders in the face of future challenges such as lack of jobs and food. It is also able to meet industry needs in the areas of production, policy, and research.

In addition, the UiTM initiative also includes the development of 1000 acres of unused land around the branch campuses for teaching and learning, research and commercialisation. Food yields are also constantly monitored and audited at the farm level, not only on the basis of productivity but also to ensure clean and guaranteed healthy and safe food yields through the basic principles of good agricultural practices.

Given the challenges and problems we face today, we note that there are several aspects that can be improved to further increase the level of food security in the country. For example, the need to focus on developing young talent. The younger generation today is a little less interested in getting into agriculture and plantation farming. However, they are very interested in gadgets and technology applications. Therefore, Keluarga UiTM can take advantage of this opportunity by using technology to attract students through the digitisation of agriculture, such as smart technology, urban agriculture and precision farming.

In addition, research and development must become more aggressive and proactive to ensure national food security in line with the UiTM 2025 Plan. Each of us has our role to play,

be it as an educator, a stakeholder or a government agency, to achieve the government's aspirations of ensuring a continuous supply of food and not relying too much on imported food.

Prof. Ts. Dr Asmah Awal spoke on quality research and innovation to ensure safety and supply of adequate and nutritious food throughout the year.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) standard, food must be sufficient, safe, nutritious and ensure that a person can actively participate in daily activities. This means that Global Goal 2: Zero Hunger is a state where the food consumed has an impact on a person's physicality and improves life performance. In the context of Malaysia, we are fortunate that food security in the country currently ranks second in Asia after Singapore. In other words, we have no problems with the adequacy of food.

As for the Global Food Security Index (GFSI), Malaysia is currently ranked 39th. The GFSI takes into account issues of food affordability, availability, quality and safety, as well as natural resources and resilience in 113 countries. I agree that this is also a good indicator. I also agree that food research needs to be refined in the future.

In terms of food research, innovation and commercialisation, UiTM is a university that produces many plantation graduates and is nationally and internationally renowned. This includes collaboration with the Indian Institute of Plantations Management (IIPM) in India under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). UiTM is also well positioned for research in agricultural commodities, cash crops and future crops. Thus, we are contributing not only in the present but also in the future in the field of crops and nutrition.

I also very much agree with the words of Prof. Ts. Dr Asmah that we are all agriculturists and that food related research must be in line with the Dasar Agromakanan Negara 2021-2030 (DAN 2.0). DAN 2.0 was enacted as an effort by the government to ensure food security by transforming the country's food system.

According to Prof. Ts. Dr Asmah Awal, UiTM Selangor Branch has been commissioned as a research-oriented campus and appointed as a consultant to the Lembaga Pertubuhan Peladang Malaysia in the Eleventh Malaysia Plan 2016-2020. Because of this reputation, UiTM has received many invitations from various parties to conduct joint research with the industry on modern agriculture. Recently, studies have begun between the industry and our own Attatur-Rahman Institute for Natural Products (AuRIns).

Current research priorities include the study of Black Turmeric (*Curcuma Caesia*), which is also a crop of the future. UiTM will also research the Ketum plant or its scientific name, *Mitragyna speciosa*. I am happy to see that UiTM is making rapid progress in smart and modern agriculture. We also need to push seed-based research.

In relation to action, sustainability and formula to ensure food security and achieve GRU2025, Prof. Ts. Dr Asmah Awal stated that we need to be smart in selecting the crops of the future like Pokok Kabong (*Arenga pinnata*). Collaboration with other faculties, such as the Faculty of Business Management and the Faculty of Information Management, must also be strengthened to ensure that precision agriculture and precision health are among UiTM's priorities in the future.

Thus, in my opinion, food security is not only linked to basic nutrition, but also to economic stability and empowerment, long-term health and the environment.

I would like to thank the entire Coffee Talk With Rozie team, especially the technical team and of course today's guest panellists, Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr Mohd Rasdi Zaini and Prof. Ts. Dr Asmah Awal.

See you again on CTWR Episode 6! ~ **RT**

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Global Goals: UiTM in Championing Sustainable Cities & Communities

This episode was successfully broadcast live via UiTM's YouTube channel on 14 July 2022 from Dewan Resital Panca Sakti, Bangunan Pusat Kebudayaan, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

This time, I invited two panellists to talk about "Global Goals: UiTM in Championing Sustainable Cities and Communities", namely Prof. Ts. Dr Norazah Abd Rahman, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM); and Prof. TPr. Dr Jamalunlaili Abdullah, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

CTWR 2022 Episode 7 also featured a musical performance by Kumpulan String Quartet, led by Encik Radzali Mustafa from the Conservatory of Music, College of Creative Arts, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). In this episode, Prof. Ts. Dr Norazah Abd Rahman shared the efforts and role of the TNCPi office to ensure the sustainability of research and innovation in relation to Sustainable Development Goal 11 at UiTM, especially to achieve GRU2025 status.

Prof. TPr. Dr Jamalunlaili Abdullah gave his views on the efforts and roles that need to be played to ensure that UiTM achieves the Urban and Community Sustainability Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal 11.

Prof. Ts. Dr Norazah explained that her office is very committed to supporting the sustainability of research at UiTM based on 4 components namely People, Operation, Ecosystem, and Output.

The UiTM research group is also in a position to make a significant impact on the global community. For example, a UiTM research group has conducted research to improve the living standards of B40 to M40 families. UiTM also established the Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development (IBSD) on the 3 June 2020 as a driving force for sustainable development and will therefore highlight UiTM's role in Global Goals 11.

Currently, UiTM is taking a leading role in supporting the Sustainable Development Goals in general and Sustainable Development Goal 11 in particular. A book titled 'The Global Goals' reports on UiTM's SDG activities from 2019 to 2021. In relation to Global Goal 11, UiTM

also has 102 research consultancy projects worth RM5 million, 268 research grants, and a total of 101 copyright protections.

SDGTriangle@UiTM was also established and UiTM members conducted research activities at 4 prominent locations, namely Taman Negara Pahang; Taman Negara Ledang, Johor; Royal Belum, Perak; and Pulau Tuba, Kedah. A total of RM2 million was allocated to UiTM researchers to conduct 116 research projects in support of SDG 11. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Research @ Borneo was also established to support Global Goals 11 in various research activities in collaboration with other universities in the Borneo archipelago.

UiTM researchers also participated in the Kajian Indeks Keselamatan Sempadan Negara (IKSN) and Kajian Indeks Keselamatan Kebangsaan (IKK) linked to SDG 11. This is one of the indicators of UiTM's success in supporting the sustainable development agenda in the community. It is therefore not surprising that UiTM was recently listed among the top 101 - 200 institutions in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022. I also hope that all UiTM staff will support the '1 Staff with 1 Publication as Corresponding Author' plan. We hope to reach the target of 3,800 journal publications and 4,700 conference proceedings this year.

Through these various achievements and initiatives, I am confident that the TNCPi office will continue to contribute to the sustainable development agenda for cities and communities in Malaysia.

Prof. TPr. Dr. Jamalunlaili Abdullah said that the sustainability of cities and communities is a state where a high level of social, economic, and physical development is achieved and sustainable for the next generation. I agree with Prof. TPr. Dr. Jamalunlaili Abdullah that a sustainable city must ensure the safety of its residents in the event of disasters as declared by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). UN-Habitat is mandated by the United Nations to promote socially and environmentally sustainable cities and communities with the aim of creating adequate housing for all.

I also agree that people need to be made aware that urban planning, urban sustainability, and community



sustainability require public participation. A sense of belonging and ownership is essential for the development of a harmonious community.

I am also pleased that the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying has ensured that its teaching and learning programme covers the urban sustainability component, whether it is "design-based" or "non-design-based".

In addition, all academic programmes in the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying are accredited by various professional organisations, such as the Board of Architects Malaysia and the Board of Town Planners, among others. The faculty was also recognised by UiTM Technoventure as the faculty that achieved the highest consultancy value in UiTM in 2021.

I hope that the Faculty will continue to be the driving force in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 11 in this country, especially with regard to sustainable building and master plan design, construction projects that include waste reduction and cost reduction as well as the circular economy aspect, the maintenance of sustainable buildings, affordable housing and much more. I also believe that the faculty's plan to collaborate with other stakeholders in the field of agriculture and the smart city will make UiTM widely known.

Well done to both invited panellists and everyone at UiTM. I would like to thank and congratulate all the Coffee Talk With Rozie team, the technical team, the lecturers and students of the College of Creative Arts and of course the guest panellist, Prof. Ts. Dr Norazah Abd Rahman and Prof. TPr. Dr Jamalunlaili Abdullah.

I'll see you on CTWR Episode 8! ~ RT

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Courtesy

TUANKU AGONG DROVE HIMSELF TO RAUB CAMPUS, TO CELEBRATE RAYA WITH THE RAKYAT



I am here at the UiTM Pahang Branch Raub Campus for the Hari Raya Aidilfitri Banquet hosted by the Raub District Office. Everyone seems very excited to meet His Majesty The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and His Majesty's son, the Tengku Mahkota.

When Tuanku Agong's car arrived at the Raub campus, it was clear that His Majesty was at the wheel and Tengku Mahkota had taken a seat next to the King. Tuanku's humble demeanour definitely warmed the hearts of those attending the Raub District Hari Raya Aidilfitri Banquet. The exemplary character and charisma of His Majesty's family have always been the talk of the rakyat. The friendly and humble nature of the Royal Family has always been an inspiration to us all.

37 stalls of agencies and organisations in Raub contributed to the success of the event by offering an array of delicious traditional and local delicacies for all visitors. *putu mayam*, *apam balik* and *putu piring* seem to be Tuanku's favourite kuih. I saw that His Majesty enjoyed them very much.

In case you are curious, the atmosphere of the ceremony was really lively and joyful. Tuanku was fascinated by the talented children of Sekolah Kebangsaan Gali, Raub. They performed a *joget* (a traditional Malay dance) while singing "Seloka Hari Raya", a song made famous by Uji Rashid & Hail Amir.

During the ceremony, Tuanku recounted a friendly football match he had played at the UiTM Jengka on 12 October 2009. In fact, while preparing for today's Raya banquet, the UiTM Pahang Branch team had even prepared a special souvenir for the King, who happened to remember that memorable event. Tuanku's face lit up with joy when he received it. "Tuanku, my birthday is also on 12 October". I turned to the King warmly. "Happy birthday," the King replied to me. That was my Raya's experience at the Raub campus. Tuanku's kindness is on everyone's lips and endears His Majesty to the rakyat. For the record, the photo was taken by Encik Mohd Hanifah Hashim, Assistant Registrar, Student Affairs Division, UiTM Pahang Branch. - RT





UiTM WELCOMES TUANKU RAJA MUDA PERLIS' CALL to Establish a Woodball Team

Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail, His Royal Highness the Raja Muda of Perlis, recently travelled to the UiTM Perlis Branch Open Woodball Tournament 2022, held in conjunction with the 79th birthday celebration of His Royal Highness Tuanku Raja Perlis at Dewan Sri Semarak, UiTM Perlis Branch.

UiTM welcomed Tuanku Raja Muda's suggestion to encourage staff and students to participate in the Woodball game. Tuanku Raja Muda also shared the uniqueness of the woodpecker sounds created by Abu Hassan Adam, a member of the Perlis Woodpecker team. Besides, Woodpecker is also the official mascot of the team. The team has achieved great success in various categories in which they have competed. In a statement, Tuanku Raja Muda also announced that I am the first Vice-Chancellor to attend the Woodball tournament. InsyaAllah, each UiTM campus will field a Woodball team coordinated by the Sports Centre and the Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation. Menjunjung Kasih Tuanku.

His Royal Highness Tuanku Raja Muda, who is also the royal patron of the Perlis Woodball Association, hopes

that organising this tournament will be a preparation for bigger tournaments like the Malaysian Woodball International Open Championship. The UiTM Perlis Branch finished third in the open mixed doubles category of this event thanks to players Bahrain Ismail and Norazah Halib. I think this is a good starting point for us to improve in the future. Pahang, Penang, Terengganu, Kuala Lumpur, Johor and Perlis were represented with 19 groups and a total of 223 participants.



Finally, I would like to thank Ms Elaine Tan, President of Woodball Malaysia, and Datuk Kamarudin Hussin, President of Woodball Perlis, for their cooperation in organising this event. Congratulations to Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr Shukor Sanim, Mohd Fauzi, Rector of UiTM Perlis Branch, and the staff and students who contributed to the success of the UiTM Perlis Branch Open Woodball Championship 2022 in conjunction with DYMM Tuanku Raja Perlis' 79th birthday. To the main sponsors, PriMA and other sponsors, we thank you for your support.~ RT



Support from the Malaysian Ambassador to

TURKIYE WILL INCREASE UiTM'S REPUTATION IN THAT COUNTRY



I am very honored to receive a courtesy call from His Excellency Sazali Mustafa Kamal, the Malaysian Ambassador to Turkiye on 24 May 2022. The meeting held at my office discussed the programmes to be organised by the Association of Statutory Bodies of Malaysia (PBBM), as well as numerous projects being worked on by the Accounting Research Institute (ARI), Arshad Ayub Graduate Business School (AAGBS), and UiTM Penang Branch.

During the discussion, UiTM will look at the potential of academic and research collaboration, especially in the fields of Islamic Finance, Digital Technology, and Languages. As the Yang Di-Pertua (President) of PBBM, I would like to see PBBM collaborate with ARI on training, sharing expertise that may assist academics, innovation, research, and transformation of service delivery to universities and other statutory bodies.

Famous for its historical heritage and uniqueness which is partly in Asia and partly in continental Europe, the country has become one of the main destinations for tourists from all over the world. His Excellency Ambassador Sazali informed that before the pandemic, Turkiye recorded a total of 137,000 tourists from Malaysia in 2019.

Thanks to Prof. Dr Jamaliah Said, Director of ARI, Prof. Dr Balkish Zakaria, ARI Fellow, Encik Mustaza Mohamad, Acting Chief Executive Officer of PBBM, Encik Mohamad Syazwan Mohd, Special Officer (Special Tasks) to the Vice-Chancellor, who is also the Honorary Secretary of PBBM and Cik Zuridah Samion, Administrative Assistant of PBBM who coordinated this courtesy call session.

We hope to leverage the ambassadorial connection for mutual benefits particularly when UiTM delegations travel abroad for academic visits, research projects, and industrial partnerships. It is hoped that via this relationship, Malaysian and foreign embassies would support us in attaining the GRU2025 aspirations.~ RT

A Noteworthy Moment with Apple:

WHERE CREATIVITY MEETS TECHNOLOGY



I am delighted to welcome the Apple Malaysia team, which includes Puan Wan Noraini Wan Daud (Leadership & Learning), Encik Imran Shahid (Enterprise & Education Lead), and Encik Abdul Muiz (Channel Business Development Manager).

Apple has been in the market for over 40 years to produce exceptional products that enrich people's lives. Puan Wan Noraini and Encik Imran's presentations also shared new roles in jobs such as Chief Listening Officer. Listening is imperative in managing an organisation, whether the business provides services or offers products to customers.

Apple is consistently improving the technology of its products. Its innovations help prepare students for the future workforce in the new millennium. In the sharing session, the Apple team presented the various programmes that benefit the educational community consisting of students, educators, researchers and even education officials. Creativity, engineering, and medicine fields can take advantage of Apple technology that will improve the individual's quality of work and competencies, ensuring the country's competitive productivity.

Therefore, through my RT posting here, I would like to get feedback on the number of staff and students who are currently using Apple products for their teaching and learning purposes. InsyaAllah, we will hold Apple Day in UiTM to provide a more dynamic teaching and learning experience through various innovative programmes under Apple Education. ~ RT



TIME dotCom Delegation Shares

EFFICIENT & SECURE MODERN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

I was honoured to receive a visit from the TIME dotCom delegation namely Encik Azhar Adnan, Executive Vice President, Encik Daud Abu Hanipah, Head of Education Sector, Encik Kamal Hsiham Kamaruddin, Director of Business Development (Education), Mr. Wong Eu Joe, Head, Product Solutions Specialist, and Mr. Mohd Hilmenizam Halidi, Product Solutions Specialist, upon returning to the office after the Eid holidays.

to thrive in the digital economy with an efficient and secure modern digital technology ecosystem immediately caught my attention.

Thanks to the TIME dotCom delegation. Hopefully, we can collaborate to empower Bumiputera's education at UiTM. ~ RT

A strategic partner of TIME dotCom; the Chief Executive Officer of Infosys, Encik Abdul Rahman Abdullah, and the Chief Operating Officer of Infosys, Puan Izzati Rasheeqa Abdullah, also attended the meeting.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development) and Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Infrastructure) were with me during the meeting to listen to the presentation by TIME dotCom team on "Exploring Transformation via Platform as a Service". Time dotCom's initiatives and solutions that move organisations in Malaysia



**PROF. DR
AZIZAH ABDULLAH
APPOINTED AS
THE NEW AVC
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Prof. Datuk, Ts. Dr. Hajah
Roziah Mohd Janor
Vice-Chancellor

Professor Dr Azizah Abdullah has served as an academic administrator at the Institute of Quality and Knowledge Advancement (InQKA) since 2017. She started as the Head of Self-Assessment and was later appointed as the Director of Internal Quality Assurance and entrusted with the role of Acting-Assistant Vice-Chancellor of InQKA. She obtained her PhD in Accounting from the University of Portsmouth in 2007 and her research interests are in Corporate Governance, Risk Management, Corporate Social Responsibility, Ethics and Accountability. She has conducted extensive research and published in several major journals and won various innovation awards. Professor Dr Azizah is also a Certified Quality Assurance Officer in Higher Education and a Certified Trainer in Strategic Case Studies (CIMA). She is also a postgraduate supervisor and examiner and is involved in various student and community development programmes.

I am pleased to announce her appointment as the new Assistant Vice-Chancellor of InQKA, effective 1st May 2022.

May Allah SWT give her strength, knowledge and perseverance to lead and contribute to the progress of the Ummah and the nation. ~ RT

Professor Datuk Dr Mizan Hitam has been a lecturer at UiTM since 1988. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, USA (1986). He later earned a master's degree in the same field from Ohio State University, Columbus (1988). He then obtained a PhD in Urban Development Policy and Strategy from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom (1997).

With his extensive experience in university administration, he was appointed Rector of UiTM Melaka (2005 to 2012). He was later seconded to the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) as Deputy Rector of Student Affairs from September 2012 to 2017. In 2011, he was awarded the Tokoh Maal Hijrah Award in the Public Service category by the Melaka State Government.

He was also entrusted as a Member of the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) Special Public Hearing Committee for the Draft DBKL Structure Plan 2040 and the Draft Kuala Lumpur City Changes 2020. He has also been a Member of the Melaka State Town Planning Appeal Board, Town and Country Planning Act (Act 172) since 2011 - a recognition of his academic expertise.

I would like to congratulate Professor Datuk Dr Mizan Hitam on his re-appointment as Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Institute of Leadership Development) effective from 15 April 2022.

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



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Vice-Chancellor

**REAPPOINTMENT OF
PROF. DATUK DR MIZAN
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THE CONFIDENCE OF 6 UAE UNIVERSITIES *will Improve UiTM's Reputation*



During my visit to Dubai in conjunction with the Global Good Governance 3G Awards 2022, I had the opportunity to pay courtesy calls to several institutions until the fourth day. Then the visit was continued by a delegation of UiTM Prof. Dr. Haryani Haron, Dean, Faculty of Computer Science & Mathematics (my representative), Associate Prof. Dr. Amirul Afif Muhamat, Deputy Dean, Research & Innovation, Faculty of Business and Management, and Dr. Hayati Abd Rahman, Director of Strategic Communications Division, Communications Department.



Adjunct Professor for both universities

We arrived at City University College of Ajman (CUCA), where we were greeted by Mr. Imran Khan, President of CUCA. During the visit, Ms. Salma Senaran, Director of Student Recruitment, gave a briefing by introducing us to the latest facilities available at CUCA, such as Dentistry Simulation Laboratory, TV Studio, Physiology and Anatomy Laboratory, and Media Laboratory. Mr. Imran Khan was accompanied by Mr. Anas Al-Kassab, Student and International Recruitment Officer and Ms. Saadiah, Human Resources & Administration Officer. This is a follow-up visit from the MoU signed during the Dubai Expo 2020 in December 2021. Aside from academic collaboration, research, and professional certification, both parties agreed to issue the appointment of adjunct professors that will enhance the scholarly impact between UiTM and CUCA.

"Hello!" said Pepper, to us

I would like to thank Professor Dr Naseem Abidi, the Dean of Business Studies, Professor Dr Ghasaan Issa, the Dean of Information Technology Studies, Associate Professor, Dr Deepak Kalra, the Director of Learning Resources, Dr. Beenu Mago, Assistant Professor of Computer Science Studies and Mr. Rasheed Khalid, the Head of Corporate Affairs department from SKYLINE University. Being greeted by Pepper was memorable. Uniquely, Pepper is a robot who is also a staff member of the university. UiTM and SKYLINE have generally agreed to organise mobility programmes, academic conferences, the appointment of members of the academic advisory panel, and digital technology collaboration. In addition, SKYLINE introduced UiTM to EUMMAS (European Marketing & Management Association); an organisation that connects world business and academic leaders with key activities supporting research, running of conferences, training and certification.



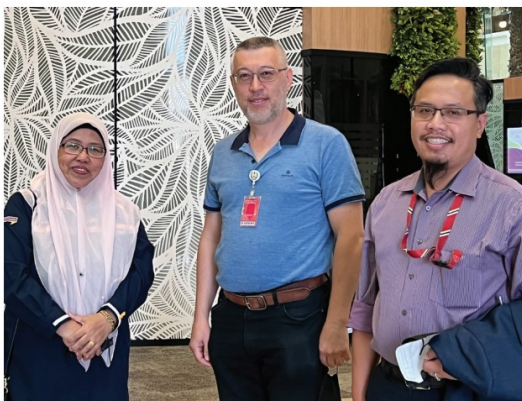


There's something for everyone!

At Middlesex University, Dubai (MDX), I met with Dr. Cody Morris Paris, Deputy Director (Academic Research & Planning), Professor Ajit Karnik, Professor of Economics, and Dr. Sreejith Balasubramaniam. Here we were also greeted by robots and the opportunity to visit the state-of-the-art facilities such as MDX Icon Studio - a fashion studio, MDX iStudio - Film Lab, HUB19, Robotics Lab, and Gaming Room. Our discussions were to strengthen collaboration in supply chain research, economics, finance, entrepreneurship, conference and training collaborations. MDX and UiTM will also organise seminars specifically for the Master of Data Science students. Thanks to MDX for providing us with a guided tour of your university.

Joint-Supervision and Joint-Publication

At Zayed University, I was represented by Prof. Dr Haryani Haron, Dean, Faculty of Computer Science & Mathematics, Assoc. Prof. Dr Amirul Afif Muhamat, Deputy Dean, Research & Innovation, Faculty of Business and Management, and Dr Hayati Abd Rahman, Director of Strategic Communications Division, Communications Department. They were greeted by Professor Dr Syed Malek Fakar Duane, from Information Studies and Management Technology, Dr Munir Majdalawieh, Chairman of the Department of Information Studies and Management Technology. Appointments for joint- supervisors in student research and holding joint publications were the outcome of the discussion. Thanks to Zayed University.



Dual-Degree in Mathematical Studies

On 19 May 2022, the UiTM delegation was greeted by officials from the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) comprising Professor Farrukh Mukhamedov (Mathematical Sciences), Professor Maamar Benkraouda, Dean, College of Science, and Associate Professor Dr Adama Diene, Department of Mathematical Sciences. The UiTM delegation discussed the MoU cooperation in student mobility, joint teaching and learning activities, research, and publications, and offering dual degrees in Mathematical Studies and academic appointments from both parties. Thank you! UAEU.

UiTM & Al-Ain University lecturers became research partners

The UiTM delegation, led by Dr Faycal Farhi, Associate Professor, College of Communication & Media, pays a courtesy call on Professor Dr Ghaleb A. El-Refae, President of Al-Ain University. The delegation met with Dr Qutaibah Anwar Althebyan; Dean of the College of Engineering, Professor Dr Zafar Husain; Dean of the College of Business, and Dr Mohammad Sharairi, also from the College of Business. The visit was then followed by a meeting with Dr Rahima Aissani, and Associate Professor Dr Riadh Jeljeli, both academic staff from the College of Communication & Media. Al-Ain University and UiTM will continue their mobility, research, and publication programmes that focus on Islamic finance. Dr Mosab Tabash, for example, has been invited to participate in research led by our lecturer, Dr Roslina Mohamad Shafi, with her colleagues, Associate Professor Dr Amirul Afif Muhammad, Dr Norhashimah Shaharudin, and Ms. Norsaliza Abu Bakar. InshaAllah, UiTM and Al-Ain University will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) soon.~ R7





UiTM SMRI PROACTIVE IN PARTNERING WITH KTMB & MGTS

UiTM 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 rail 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 En. 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

Good Opportunity for Keluarga UiTM to Collaborate with Staff & Students from the University of Ottawa, Canada



On 25 May 2022, I had the privilege of welcoming Professor Dr Jacques Frémont, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ottawa Canada (uOttawa), and his delegation at the signing of the Letter of Intent (LoI) between Universiti Teknologi MARA and the University of Ottawa.

The ceremony was also attended by Professor Dr Jacques Beauvais, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at uOttawa,

Professor Dr Shahrizan Zainal Abidin, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Internationalisation) of UiTM, Encik Khairil Azwan Abu Mansor, Senior Deputy Director, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia, and Professor Dr Yamin Yasin, Rector of UiTM Negeri Sembilan Branch, as well as the management of the College of Engineering and UiTM Global.

I believe that the meeting will provide an opportunity for both parties to further discuss cooperation in the form of staff and student mobility programmes, sabbatical programmes and industry networks that include academic, research and consultancy activities.

Congratulations to the Rector and staff of UiTM Negeri Sembilan Branch for making this collaboration a success. ~ RT



Photo source : Communications Department

EMPOWERING BUMIPUTERA IN THE GLOBAL ARENA,

UiTM Entices Collaboration with Universities in Jordan & Kuwait

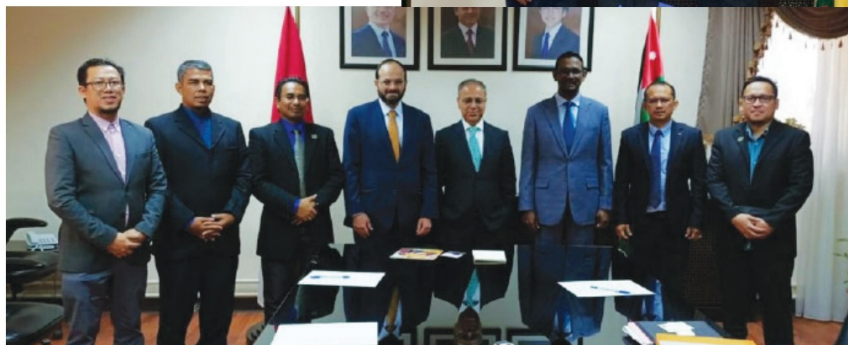
A UiTM delegation led by Associate Professor Dr Mohd Afandi Mat Rani, Dean of the Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS), travelled to Jordan and Kuwait from 19 April to 22 April 2022. The purpose of the visit was to seek collaboration with Jordanian and Kuwaiti universities in the areas of international mobility, partnership programmes, visiting professor initiatives, research and consultancy collaborations, and initiatives to attract top professors from Jordan to lecture at UiTM in order to enhance our academic standing internationally.

In addition to Contemporary Islamic Studies, other areas of study such as Halal Industry Management, Muamalat and Islamic Finance Studies, Bachelor of Applied (Al-Quran), Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Arts, Business, Archaeological Tourism, Agriculture, Engineering, Rehabilitation, Science, Information Technology System, Hotel Management and Marine Science are also considered highly suitable for attracting international students to UiTM. This follows the positive response from visitors to the education fair held in conjunction with Yes2Malaysia - The Biggest Education Malaysia Fusion EXPO Edition 2022 organised by Education Malaysia Amman & Global Assist REEXPO. During the programme, I understand that a total of 27 applicants have registered with the UiTM Institute of Graduate Studies (UiTM IGS).

The UiTM delegation also had the opportunity to meet with Professor Dr. Nidal M. Al-Ramahi (President of Zarqa University), Professor Dr. Hani H. Al-Dmour, (President of Al-Bayt University), Professor Dr. Mohammad A.S Alkhalailah, (President of World Islamic Sciences &

Education University (WISE) and Professor Dr. Zaid Eyadat (Vice President of International Affairs, University of Amman Jordan).

I was also informed that the Malaysian Embassy in Jordan strongly supports UiTM through the Director of the Malaysia-Jordan Education Division, Associate Professor Dr Radzuwan Rasyid, who is also an alumnus of UiTM. Alhamdulillah, I am happy to hear that our graduates are doing great things for the nation in a foreign land. Thanks also to His Excellency Dato' Mohd Ali Selamat, the Malaysian Ambassador to Kuwait who also organised a Ramadan Iftar for the UiTM delegation. ~ RT



UiTM Young Digital Entrepreneurs Enliven Lazada4Youth



Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) has partnered with Lazada Malaysia to empower Malaysian youth in digital commerce. Through Lazada4Youth, UiTM's young digital entrepreneurs will participate in various beneficial programmes that will provide them with new experiences while enhancing their knowledge and skills in digital entrepreneurship.

I would like to thank Mr Cheng Kiat Cheong, Chief Financial Officer of Lazada Malaysia, and Dato' Seri Abdul Razak Jaafar, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Higher Education, for their presence at the event on 14 April 2022 at Puncak Alam Campus.

Going forward, Lazada4Youth will continue to expand nationwide and reach out to students at other UiTM campuses, especially in the southern and northern regions as well as in East Malaysia. This will be followed by other local universities in Malaysia.

It is hoped that the strategic collaboration between UiTM and Lazada Malaysia will strengthen the Lazada4Youth programme, which will raise the potential of e-commerce to a more dynamic level and boost the growth of the local digital economy. ~ RT

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UiTM GEO FORENSICS PARTNERSHIP

*with UPCSB Will Offer Alternative
Solutions to the Nation*



The partnership between UiTM and Usahasama Pakar Cerun Sdn Bhd (UPCSB) will be able to provide alternative solutions to the National Slope Master Plan 2009-2023 agenda, including assessment and evaluation: georisk and geohazards, and slope monitoring and maintenance. At the same time, through this collaboration, both parties can support the nation by enhancing the skills and competencies of young graduates to develop relevant key technologies for the future.

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.

On this note, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Tuan Lob Muhammad Abdul Shukur, CEO of UPCSB, and his delegation for their presence at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UiTM and UPCSB on 18 April 2022 at UiTM Shah Alam. - RT

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MULTIPLY THE CAPACITY OF UiTM START-UP COMPANY



In a meeting with 5 UiTM start-up companies, I resolved that together, we must ensure that these five companies will flourish to become 50 or more. When that happens, the university will then be established as an entity that empowers the continuing excellence of the nation, one that is respected by all.

We may start small, as long as we keep the goal in mind – to change the way we think and do things. Success may come with 1001 challenges, but we must focus, and remember that *rizq* (provision) is bestowed by Allah SWT upon His faithful believers.

I trust that the variety of goods produced by UiTM Start-Up Company makes it competitive, therefore we must go the extra mile and push even farther. Hence, I hereby pledge my support and encouragement from the aspects of teaching, learning, and research, publication, commercialisation of research outputs, as well as the formation of networks and transparent governance, in order to establish a distinct UiTM ecosystem.

UiTM is not a B40 institution, but a university that will transform the B40 communities into a T20 populace, through knowledge and self-determination, in sha Allah. Thus, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the founders of the following start-up companies:-

1. Dr Aida Mohd Azmi (Start -up) - FAVFOOD INDUSTRIES, founder of Una Coffee, Senior Lecturer at Faculty of Applied Sciences.
2. Dr. Mohd Azri Bin Ab Rani (Start -up) - YOUR SCENTS ENTERPRISE, founder of Azri's Perfume. Senior Lecturer at Faculty of Applied Sciences.
3. Assoc. Prof. Ts Dr. Rahmah Mohamed (Start -up) - RM POLY PACK (M) SDN BHD, manufacturer of BioDegradable Resin and Packaging Products. Associate Professor at Faculty of Applied Sciences.
4. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd. Zaki Salleh (Start -up) - ZAKESY BIOTECH SDN. BHD for technology Test and Consultation services for Precision Health, Professor at Integrative Pharmacogenomics Institute (iPROMISE).
5. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanafiah Yusoff (Spin-off)- ROBPREENEUR SDN BHD, owner of Robot-mediated Tele-rehabilitation for Autism Therapy System, Associate Professor at College of Engineering.

In a nutshell, Start-Up Company (Syarikat Pemula) is a company established by UiTM staff with the permission of the University to conduct businesses according to intellectual property licensed by UiTM. The monitoring of Start-up Company will be carried out by UiTM BITCOM (Business Innovation & Technology Commercialization Center) on a regular basis.

Photo source : UiTM BITCOM

UiTM Mission to UK To Strengthen Cooperation & Bilateral Relations with Various Influential Parties

Delegates from UiTM were recently on an academic trip to the United Kingdom to exchange ideas with Oxentia, Oxford's Global Innovation Consultancy, and the University of Glasgow, led by Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation, Professor Dr Shahrman Zainal Abidin.

The collaboration with the University of Glasgow (UoG) will enable qualified UiTM students to continue their studies at UoG's postgraduate programmes. The two parties will also collaborate on postgraduate student supervision and initiatives to appoint visiting professors, external examiners, and guest speakers. At the MoU signing ceremony, UoG was represented by Professor William Cushley, Assistant Vice Principal of Internationalization, and witnessed by Professor Jason Gill.

Meanwhile, in a meeting with Oxentia, Oxford's Global Innovation Consultancy, both parties agreed to collaborate in the area of social entrepreneurship to improve the sustainability of Malaysian sports associations and clubs and make them less dependent on government funding. To begin with, the Sport Social Enterprise certification programme will be launched immediately. Oxentia was represented by its CEO, Dr Steve Cleverly, and its Director, Dr Tim Hart.

Prof. Dr Shahrman and the UiTM delegation also discussed the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Liverpool John Mores University (LJMU). In addition, a courtesy call was made to HE Zakri Jaafar, the Malaysian High Commissioner to the UK, followed by a visit to Education Malaysia London, MARA London Office, and a meeting with UiTM lecturers and students at Education Malaysia London.

I have noted the issues raised by UiTM London staff, such as the review of allowances, the impact of COVID-19 disrupting laboratory work, suggestions for improving hybrid programmes, and publication incentives. Insya-Allah, I will discuss the issue at the next meeting of the MEU (University Executive Council).



Congratulations to the UiTM delegation for carrying out the mission of empowering the Bumiputeras, especially in promoting the potential of the sports industry through education, research and innovation. Professor Dr Mohad Anizu Mohd. Nor, Dean of the Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation, Mr Rahmat Adnan, Coordinator of the Sports Business Unit, En. Mohd Sadek Mustaffa, Senior Lecturer, and En. Mohammad Syazwan Mohd, Special Officer (Special Tasks) to the Vice-Chancellor, were also part of the UiTM delegation in London.

On that note, I end my RT post with "YNWA"! – RT

PRAYERS FOR BALING

On 4 July, we learned about the flash floods in Lembangan Sungai Kupang and Sungai Tiak in Baling, Kedah. According to a statement by the Prime Minister on 5 July, this disaster claimed three lives (Al-Fatihah and deepest condolences to the victims) and affected a total of 1,490 people, including 112 heads of households (KIR). Three temporary evacuation centres (PPS) were opened, namely PPS SMK Jerai, PPS Surau An-Nur, and PPS SMK Agama Al-Khiriah.

We knew that the victims of the Baling flash flood needed immediate help and support. Therefore, UiTM Kedah Branch came as early as 5 July to mobilise its volunteers. Then on 7 July, we dispatched an additional team of volunteers from four campuses, namely Shah Alam, Penang, Kedah, and Perlis, for two days as part of the KPT Prihatin - UiTM Post-Flood Relief Mission. We hope to help the residents affected by the flash flood through the clean-up work involving UiTM staff and volunteers.



This flood tragedy showed me the real situation and the challenges faced by the victims in Baling. Life is full of ups and downs, and our hardships can sometimes feel endless. There are several passages in the Qur'an where Allah talks about the different types of trial we have



to go through, but He also gives us a package of help to get through these tough times. Nothing happens except by the will of Allah. Despite all they have been through, I can see that the people of Baling can accept these trials and difficulties with a "life goes on" spirit. As a lesson from this, I would like the UiTM Council of Professors to be aware of its role beyond the boundaries of academia and research.



We should be prepared at all levels for the challenges we might face because we are responsible to the religion, race, and nation.

On 11 July, we (UniMAP Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UUM Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UiTM Kedah Branch Rector, and I), together with YB Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad, Minister of Higher Education, met the students and residents of Baling affected by the floods. During the visit, the YB Minister of Higher Education donated cash and daily necessities to the victims. UiTM distributed around 200 bags of rice (10 kg each) and a total of 200 food baskets during this mission.

Dear people of Baling, Kedah, please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you find strength and comfort in the face of these challenges. With this in mind, we send this prayer to you, "O earth!, swallow up your water; and O sky! withhold your rain." (Surah Hud, verse 44). – RT



UiTM SDAV Team & Hexagon-MSC TO HAVE A TRAINING HUB FOR ASEAN

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and MSC Software (S) Pte Ltd. establishes the University-Industry Training Hub for ASEAN. UiTM will proudly house the training hub. This milestone will witness the collaboration of UiTM College of Engineering and MSC Software on talent development in Computer-Aided Engineering (CAE).

To share with you, UiTM has had a long and beneficial connection with MSC Software, particularly in computational simulations, via various workshops and seminars organised by both parties. For example, both parties previously co-organised a workshop on Modelling and Analysis of Structural Vibration with Indonesian universities, namely Universitas Lampung and Universitas Andalas. Another is a workshop on Non-Linear Training for the Indonesian Automotive Industry, with P.T Pakoakuina of Karawang Tidur, Indonesia. In addition, two UiTM academicians have been appointed as Hexagon-MSC trainers.

With the signing of the MoU, UiTM and MSC Software will be able to collaborate more closely on furthering continuous collaborative innovation and establishing sustainable and agile talent. I think that both organisations will be able to capitalise on their expertise while also using new resources and technology to handle current and future challenges.

The UiTM SDAV team specialises in analysing complex structural vibrations, a high demand skill in the automotive, aerospace, and shipbuilding sectors. UiTM SDAV is currently developing a novel approach for finding non-linearity in structural dynamics. This project involves researchers from MSC-Hexagon, the University of Cyprus, and the Middle East Technical University.

Furthermore, the UiTM SDAV team has collaborated closely with institutions in India and Indonesia on structural vibrations. At the national level, the UiTM SDAV team is a founding member of the Malaysian Society of Acoustics and Vibration (SVAM). I look forward to both parties pursuing many more worthwhile ventures in the future, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Lim Boon Choon, President of Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence, Korea, ASEAN, and India, and Mr. Rajagopalan Varadarajan, Senior Director of Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence, Design and Engineering, as well as the delegation from Hexagon-MSD Software Corporation, for their presence at the signing ceremony held on 18 April 2022. Also, I'd like to thank UiTM College of Engineering, particularly the Structural Dynamics Analysis Validation (SDAV) team, for making this partnership a success. ~ RT

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#KITAKAWAN A Symbolic Hashtag to Mark the Friendship Between UiTM & TikTok



After the live broadcast of CTWR Ep.4 at PTAR (UiTM Library), Puncak Alam Campus, I returned to Shah Alam Campus to attend the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and TikTok.

This collaboration was initiated by UiTM Sabah Branch through a fun learning programme with TikTok called "TikTok Guru Bahl". I am happy to see the commitment of UiTM Sabah Branch to actively take the initiative to explore new opportunities. I congratulate the Rector, staff and students of UiTM Sabah Branch for using social media technology as a new approach to creative knowledge sharing.

TikTok is not only a news and entertainment channel, but also provides learning content co-curated by TikTok users around the world. Today, many educators and students use TikTok to share information, research findings, research methods and educational tips in a unique and dynamic approach to capture audience attention, in addition to

its concept of short, compact, and interactive content.

The joyful and energetic atmosphere during the ceremony inspired me to spontaneously use the phrase #KitaKawan as a symbolic hashtag to mark the friendship between UiTM and TikTok. I am confident that the collaboration with TikTok will achieve the "three degrees of separation" through the curation of content by students, researchers and lecturers that will not only benefit academia but also provide education to the community through the TikTok platform.

Congratulations to the Industry, Community, and Alumni Network Division (ICAN), UiTM Sabah Branch and TikTok for their efforts in organising the UiTM - TikTok MoU Ceremony.

Many thanks to Mr Darrent Quek Yi Fong, TikTok Malaysia Operations Strategy Manager, Mr Conrad Edmund Bateman, Head of Communications, Tiktok Malaysia, Singapore and Philippines, and Mr Stephen Lim, Co-Founder of Internspoon Sdn. Bhd. #KitaKawan! ~ RT



UiTM Among 8 HLIs Collaborating with MQA to Empower Lifelong Learning Agenda



The Stand-Alone Microcredentials (SAMC) pilot programme was recently launched under an MoU initiative in a collaboration between the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and eight Higher Learning Institutions (HLIs).

This collaboration will enhance efforts to provide flexible and dynamic study materials for those attending short-term courses to promote lifelong learning in society.

This initiative will enable individuals to receive recognition benefits such as credit transfer, which will allow them to qualify for a graduation after meeting the conditions set by the respective HLI.

Witnessed by YB Datuk Seri Datuk Noraini Ahmad, Minister of Higher Education, the MoU ceremony was held at the Ministry of Higher Education in Putrajaya. ~ RT

Photo source : ICEPS

UiTM Welcomes 22 New Partners from the World's Leading Hotels



10 JUNE 2022 - Immediately after the event with McDonald's Malaysia at UiTM Shah Alam, I headed to Kuala Lumpur to attend the signing ceremony of the MoU between UiTM and Marriott International (Malaysia) at the Westin Kuala Lumpur with 22 new strategic hotel partners.

The participating hotels include;

1. Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral
2. Aloft Langkawi Pantai Tengah
3. Courtyard by Marriott Penang
4. Element Kuala Lumpur
5. Four Points by Sheraton Chinatown
6. Four Points by Sheraton Puchong
7. Four Points by Sheraton Desaru
8. Kota Kinabalu Marriott Hotel
9. Le Meridien Kuala Lumpur
10. Le Meridien Putrajaya
11. Miri Marriott Resort & Spa
12. Mulu Marriott Resort & Spa
13. Palm Garden Hotel, A Tribute Portfolio
14. Putrajaya Marriott Hotel
15. Renaissance Johor Bahru Hotel
16. Sheraton Petaling Jaya Hotel
17. The Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi
18. The St Regis Kuala Lumpur
19. The St Regis Langkawi
20. The Westin Kuala Lumpur
21. The Westin Langkawi Resort & Spa
22. W Kuala Lumpur

This important collaboration will enable UiTM to enhance the potential of future talent in the hospitality and tourism industry and strengthen the relationship between the university and the industry, particularly in the hospitality sector. Participating students will have the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge outside the lecture hall/laboratory/studio through practical training programmes, part-time employment opportunities and offers as management trainees, known as MUSE. Meanwhile, the MAPE programme aims to improve staff competencies through Training of Trainers (TOT) methods, professional training and guest lectures in the industry.

Congratulations to the Faculty of Hotel & Tourism Management for the success of this initiative and many thanks to Ms Emma Jones, Vice President of Marriot International for Singapore, Malaysia and Maldives. We hope that this collaboration will increase the marketability of UiTM graduates and enhance the reputation of UiTM worldwide. ~ RT

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ITS NEW 22 PARTNERS
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Marriot Market Analyst
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The Iconic MAS Kebaya & Mhexplorer



Recently, I received a courtesy call from a delegation from Malaysia Airlines, introduced by Dato' Sri Dr Haji Imohizam Haji Ibrahim, UiTM Board Member. Ms Lau Yin May, Group Marketing and Customer Experience Chief Executive Officer, told me about the benefits of MHexplorer, a student travel programme that offers discounts of up to 30% on MH and Firefly flights throughout the year, with an additional 10kg baggage allowance and more.

Through this programme, students who wish to travel domestically or abroad as part of mobility programmes, research or academic exchange activities can enjoy the benefits of returning to their hometown. The programme will also be extended to Alumni with a discount of up to 25%. In the meantime, UiTM and MAS will sign an MoU in the near future.

Today's visit reminded me of the iconic Malaysia Airlines Kebaya designed by a fashion design lecturer at ITM (now UiTM) in 1983. The uniforms designed reflect pride in Malaysian tradition and culture, with their batik motifs and design elements incorporating local flowers such as *cempaka*, jasmine and hibiscus.

Many thanks to the MAS delegation Ms Lau Yin May, Encik Roslan Ismail, Ms Rowena Abdul Sitra and Encik Azizlan. We hope that this meeting will start a new beginning for the cooperation between UiTM x MAS. ~ RT



MSN Agrees to be Strategic Partner and Sponsor 20 UiTM students for "Sports Social Enterprise Certification"



On 14 July, I met with Dato' Ahmad Shapawi Ismail, the Director General of the National Sports Council (MSN). He presented a formal agreement on UiTM's intention to invite the MSN as a strategic partner of UiTM and Oxentia Oxford University to implement the professional certification programme for "Sports Social Enterprise".

As part of this collaboration, MSN has agreed to sponsor 20 UiTM students to attend the course in the UK and to cover the cost of the attendance fee of £2400 per person. Following this, MSN and UiTM will sign a Memorandum of Understanding that will define their collaboration in terms of branding, programme management, appointment of facilitators, opportunities for the young athletes to pursue higher education, access to sports facilities, and research into sports social enterprise for the development of national sports industry policy.

The UiTM-MSN-Oxentia Oxford University strategic collaboration aims to strengthen the sports industry through higher education and produce a future generation of transformative and competitive sports managers. The programme will be managed and coordinated by the Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation (FSR). It is a continuation of the UiTM delegation's visit to the UK last April to achieve our common GRU2025 goals through sport. ~ RT

132 STUDENTS RETURN TO KAMPUNG Through 2022 Salam Raya Mission



The UiTM Shah Alam Student Representative Council Session 2021/2022, in collaboration with the Student Affairs Division, Transportation Unit in Shah Alam and Selangor and Bintong Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd took the initiative to send students back to their hometowns under the Misi Salam Raya 2022 Programme from 27 April to 30 April 2022.

Out of concern for the welfare of students as well as the congested situation and high demand for public transport during the festive season, this programme aims to provide some relief by offering targeted bus transport to hometowns, including destinations in Perlis, Kedah, Penang, Perak, Kelantan, Pahang, and Johor with stops at nearby branch campuses.

Congratulations to the Student Representative Council, Student Affairs Division, Transportation Unit and Bintong Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd who together with UiTM made the Salam Raya Mission 2022 a success. ~ RT

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The emphasis on soft skills initiatives and required work skills in the 21st century is described in Strategy 1: Strengthening Talent Excellence in the Graduate Employability Strategic Plan 2021-2025. In line with that, on 02 July 2022, UiTM Sabah Branch, in collaboration with Yayasan Juwita, held a #gradflex programme: "Confident Communication for Career Success". It focuses on communication and soft skills through seminars and workshops, intending to prepare students' competencies and skills in these two areas before they enter the workforce.

UiTM targets 90% of its graduates' employability through initiatives that drive towards achieving the shared aspirations of GRU2025. Such efforts are among the best examples of us producing highly competitive graduates. I believe that the activities held can add value to students' academic quality and development, providing a meaningful learning experience for them.

Congratulations to the Rector of the UiTM Sabah Branch and Keluarga UiTM in Sabah for successfully organising the event. I hope the participants benefit greatly from the activities that have taken place.

Many thanks to YB Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad, Minister of Higher Education, for officiating the event. Thank you also to Dato' Rosni Zahari, Chairman of Yayasan Jiwa, for collaborating in this programme. We look forward to the next one. ~ RT'





Tuanku Agong Proclaims
UiTM Hospital as

AL-SULTAN ABDULLAH HOSPITAL



Keluarga UiTM. Menjunjung
Kasih Tuanku.

On the historic day of July 23, 2022, corresponding to 23 Zulhijjah 1443H, His Majesty The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong consented to the proclamation of UiTM Hospital as Al-Sultan Abdullah Hospital. This is another iconic landmark that will benefit and prosper the *rakyat*, in line with the Ministry of Higher Education's strategic focus; driving the community's well-being.

Al-Sultan Abdullah Hospital, which covers 46 acres, was completed in 2020 and commenced operations on April 5, 2021. The design is inspired by the molecular element of zam-zam water, which includes nutrients and treatments for numerous maladies, as narrated by Jabir bin Abdullah, "The Prophet Muhammad SAW said, Zamzam water depends on the purpose of drinking it" (Ibn Majah. Sunan Ibnu Majah. Vol. 4, page: 249).

The hospital has 400 patient beds, whereas its academic and medical complex is also equipped with interactive computer labs, clinical skills labs, and simulation wards for a capacity of 750 students. UiTM Al-Sultan Abdullah Hospital offers emergency and trauma care, critical care, internal medicine, cardiology, general surgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, orthopaedics, pregnancy care, paediatric care, health care for adolescents and adults, as well as

oncology medicine, geriatrics, forensic medicine, mental health, rehabilitation, and dialysis. These will surely drive this hospital toward becoming a "Premier Teaching Hospital."

On that note, the entire Keluarga UiTM expresses their gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah, and Her Majesty Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah, as well as to His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj, and Her Royal Highness the Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin. Indeed, Your Highnesses' presence means a lot to the whole



Meanwhile, thank you also to Selangor's Menteri Besar, YAB Dato Seri Amirudin Shari, YB Senator Datuk Seri Utama Tengku Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Minister of Finance, YB Tuan Khairul Jamaluddin, Minister of Health, and Dato' Seri Abdul Razak Jaafar, Secretary General of the Ministry of Higher Education.

Our appreciation goes to the UiTM Pro-Chancellors and Board of Directors, the TRIPIC Berhad concessionaire, the Public Works Department, the UiTM Management, the District Health Office, the Kuala Selangor District and Land Office, the Selangor state PBT (Local Government Authorities), members of the media, and everyone who contributed to the success of today's event.

Finally, the whole Keluarga UiTM would like to thank YB Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad, Minister of Higher Education, for her unwavering and never-ending support for UiTM. In fact, her leadership and vision have always inspired and motivated us all to ensure that the university accomplishes its shared goals of GRU2025, simultaneously improving the quality of our national higher education on a global scale. ~ RT

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Proclamation of Tengku Permaisuri Selangor as UiTM

PRO-CHANCELLOR



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Her Majesty Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor was proclaimed as a Pro-Chancellor of UiTM at the university's 93rd Convocation on 14 June 2022. The proclamation was made by His Majesty The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, the Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin will be a pro-chancellor for the period from 18 October, 2021 to 17 October, 2024.

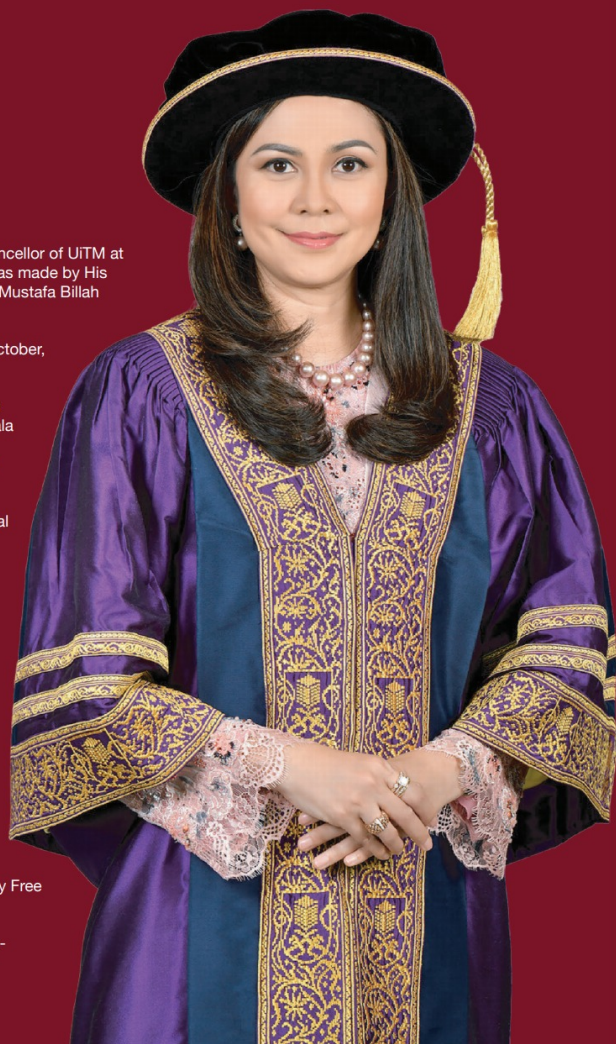
Born in Melaka in 1971, Her Majesty is the third child in her family. She received her primary education at Sekolah Rendah Jalan Raja Muda Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur, and secondary education at Sekolah Menengah (P) Convent Bukit Nanas. Her Majesty was proclaimed as the Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor on 8 September 2016.

Her Majesty is the active Royal Patron of several charities and non-governmental organisations such as follows:

- Stray Free Selangor
- Sekolah Seri Puteri Cyberjaya
- Yayasan Jantung Penyayang
- Persatuan Kanser Network Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan (KanWork)
- Pertubuhan Anak-anak Yatim/Miskin Klang (Peyakin)
- Persatuan Pandu Puteri Malaysia Cawangan Selangor
- Persatuan Untuk Orang Kurang Upaya Akal, Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan
- Persatuan Veteran Radio Televisyen Malaysia (PVRTM)

Her Majesty's calm and collected demeanour endears her to the public, a testament to her career with Malaysia Airlines (MAS), and 20 years with Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM). In 2019 a book titled *My First Year Journey, from TV News Anchor to Tengku Permaisuri Selangor: An Anecdotal Experience* was launched, in which she shared her captivating story, written by her sister Datin Dr. Norely Haji Abdul Rahman. A portion of the book sale goes to the Stray Free Selangor campaign in aid of strays.

UiTM is honoured to have Her Majesty Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin as the Pro-Chancellor and is certain that her presence will inspire the institution to greater heights. ~ **RT**





27,287 UiTM GRADUATES CELEBRATED AT THE 93rd CONVOCATION



Alhamdulillah, the 93rd UiTM Convocation which started on 14 June has ended with the last sessions on 6 July 2022. After a two-year delay due to the pandemic, graduates together with their family members could physically be present for the conferment of professional programmes, diplomas, first degrees, master's degrees and PhDs.

The first session was graced by 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, Tuanku Chancellor of UiTM. On that day, His Majesty consented to proclaim Her Royal Highness the Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor, Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin, as the new Pro-Chancellor of UiTM. The ceremony took place at the Dewan Agung Tuanku Canselor (DATC), Shah Alam. Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah Binti Almarhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj and His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj Ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj were also present.

In the meantime, I was also very excited because it was the first Convocation for me as the 6th Vice-Chancellor of UiTM.

This time around, UiTM held a convocation centrally at the Shah Alam campus for all campuses throughout West Malaysia. A total of 24,896 graduates attended the event between June 14 and June 28. Meanwhile, UiTM Sabah and Sarawak campuses held separate convocations between June 30 to July 6, 2022. A total of 728 UiTM Sabah graduates and 1,663 UiTM Sarawak graduates received their scrolls at the ceremony. The 93rd UiTM Convocation graduates received their academic scrolls from the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellors and the Vice-Chancellor during the sessions, where a total of 14 graduates received the Best Graduate Awards.



Scrolls Awarded to Graduates at the 93rd UiTM Convocation

169

Doctor of
Philosophy Degrees

1,243

Master's Degrees

163

Postgraduate
Diplomas

9,024

Bachelor's Degrees

62

Professionals

16,626

Diplomas



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I was involved in the conferment of degrees to 13,756 graduates at this convocation and am exceptionally proud of all our graduates for their achievements. Congratulations to all the graduates, parents, families and Warga UiTM. Though the road has not been easy, Alhamdulillah we have endured all the hardships and emerged stronger than ever.

However, on a more sombre note, in the midst of celebrations we were deeply saddened by the passing of Allahyarham Tun Arshad Ayub on the first day of the convocation. As the father of UiTM, Allahyarham Tun was a respected and revered national education figure who led the early development of ITM (now UiTM). Let us recite Al-Fatihah in his memory, and may his soul be showered with blessings and placed among the righteous. - **RT**

Photo source : Communications Department





UiTM PEWANI CELEBRATES ORPHANS

On 29 April 2022, I had the opportunity to speak to 17 orphans between the ages of 5 and 16 as part of a Ramadhan fundraiser organised by the UiTM Women's Association (PEWANI). Also, a total of RM 2000 from the fundraiser organised by the association was handed over to the Asyura Charity Nursing Home.

We would like to thank Prof. Dr Hajah Hamidah Mohd Saman, Deputy President II (PEWANI), Ustazah Solehah Saiful Rashid (representative of Asyura Charity Nursing Home), PEWANI Exco members and all the participants of the event.

In conjunction with the upcoming Syawal, we hope that the donation will bring joy to the UiTM orphans and the orphans of Asyura Charity Nursing Home. ~ RT



In the Name of Silaturahmi, UiTM & ALUMNI GATHERED FOR BUKA PUASA



As Malaysia's largest public university, UiTM currently has 600,000 alumni. The university dominates Malaysia's competitive job market in fields such as business, accounting, engineering, architecture, creative industries, science and technology, hospitality, design, and public administration.

According to "PERSPECTIVE - A summary of UiTM 20-year Impact Study (2021)", the marketability of UiTM graduates is 83%. This clearly shows that UiTM, founded as Dewan Latihan RIDA over 65 years ago, is contributing to the sustainability and progress of the country, especially in empowering the Bumiputeras.

In the spirit of *silaturahmi* (friendship) during the blessed month of Ramadhan, the Office of Industry, Community and Alumni Network (ICAN) recently took the initiative to organise a breaking fast event with the alumni on 20 April 2022 at Hotel UiTM, Shah Alam.

This event will definitely strengthen the relationship between UiTM and alumni to enhance collaboration and reaffirm the important role of alumni in implementing the UiTM agenda to achieve GRU2025. I hope that the UiTM platform MyAlumni and the Alumni House can be fully utilised so that alumni can offer their support in a family spirit that we call Keluarga UiTM. I thank everyone who attended and look forward to hearing new perspectives and ideas from alumni that will help us move UiTM forward together. ~ RT



UiTM Holdings & UiTM Johor Branch Hosted Iftar for Fitrah Qaseh Children

On 16 April 2022, I had the opportunity to break the fast with 30 children from Fitrah Qaseh Shelter Home at the Islamic Centre, UiTM Johor Branch, Pasir Gudang Campus.

In the spirit of Ramadhan, the Iftar programme at Pasir Gudang Campus was to bring joy to the orphans and less fortunate children of Fitrah Qaseh. Besides the iftar, they also received *duit raya* from UiTM Holdings. In addition, 10 UiTM students and 4 UiTM employees also received *duit raya* from UiTM Johor Branch.

I would like to see UiTM students and staff as well as UiTM Holdings employees continue to participate in volunteering activities for the children of Fitrah Qaseh.

I believe that such events organised on campus will bring the community closer to the university while empowering the Bumiputeras through the Ministry of Higher Education's "University for Society" programme. Moreover, this is UiTM's 5th Focus and Target for 2022, where student participation is important to advance the university's agenda.



Congratulations to UiTM Holdings who took the initiative during Ramadhan to partner with UiTM Johor Branch Pasir Gudang Campus to celebrate the children of Fitrah Qaseh Shelter Home with an Iftar and *duit raya*. ~ RT



UNITY IN BYTES

Celebrates ASEAN Cultural Diversity on a Digital Platform

On 18 June 2022, I attended the launch of the ASEAN Cultural Digital Ambassador Transformation Programme 2022: Unity in Bytes by YB Datuk Seri Dr Santhara Kumar, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, at the Mah Meri Cultural Village, Orang Asli Craft Centre, Sungai Bumbum, Carey Island, Selangor.

At this event, Malaysia hosted 20 Cultural Digital Ambassadors (CDA) from ASEAN countries including Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines, and Vietnam.

The CDA delegations spent six days on Carey Island and Melaka and participated in edu-cultural activities with indigenous people and local communities.

Unity in Bytes provides an excellent opportunity and platform for ASEAN youth and cultural practitioners to become more adaptable, resilient, and technologically savvy in supporting the regional economy through edu-culture and creative digital content. I believe this will enhance their creativity, diversity, and cultural appreciation.

In my latest speech at UiTM, I stressed the need to integrate Big Data analytics. Data is

everything in this age of information technology. Therefore, we need to harness the use of scientific data such as machine learning, artificial intelligence and blockchain technology. This can also greatly improve the employability of graduates. However, to find a balance in the digital age, we also need to find a way to humanise technology.

In doing so, Unity Bytes is promoting the sustainability agenda of the United Nations.



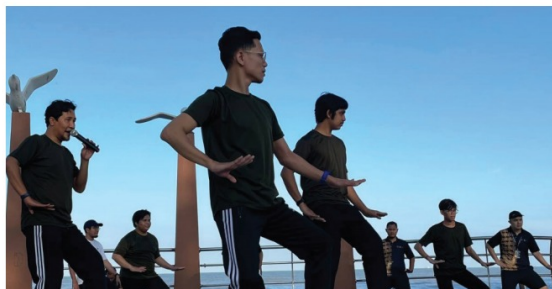
Therefore, this programme will focus on SDGs 3, 4, 8, 11, 15 and 17.

The CDA delegations also participated in a seminar and masterclass on regional cultural economies, where participants learned about practical activities such as digital content development and its role in the promotion and socio-economic upliftment of the region.

We hope that this initiative will further strengthen friendships through a digital approach while celebrating the cultural diversity of the ASEAN family.

Thank you to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture for the opportunity and cooperation to make this programme a success. Congratulations to all who contributed to this project, whether from academia, industry or the community. ~ RT

Photo source : Unity in Bytes



Go Beyond the Graduation Experience:

1186 OFFICIALS ENSURE THE SMOOTH- RUNNING OF 93rd UiTM CONVOCATION CEREMONY



At the 24th session of the 93rd UiTM Convocation, which took place on 28 June 2022, I expressed my appreciation and gratitude for the commitment and cooperation of 590 staff comprising various committees at UiTM Shah Alam. At the same time, I would also like to thank the 308 UiTM Sabah Branch staff and the 288 UiTM Sarawak Branch staff.

From ceremonial assistants, announcers, emcees, *gamelan* musicians, health officers, safety and traffic officers, ROTU officers, engineers and assistant engineers, camera operators, videographers, cleaning staff, sound engineers, social media crew and more. These are the workforce behind the scenes that ensure the smooth running of the 93rd UiTM Convocation, which started on 14 June and ended on 6 July 2022.

After a two-year delay due to the pandemic, graduates, together with their family members, could physically be present for the conferment of professional qualifications, diplomas, first degrees, master's degrees and PhDs. This ceremony involved 27,287 graduates; their attendance was amplified by the presence of family members, which means that the total number of visitors present could exceed 100,000. With that number, I'm impressed with the spirit of teamwork demonstrated by 1,186 convocation staff consisting of administrators, academicians and UiTM students. They are the ones who ensured that the graduates and guests have a meaningful experience beyond the graduation ceremony. The spirit of "UiTM Di Hatiku" (UiTM is where my heart is, it's where my home is) has motivated them to give their best to celebrate the success of UiTM graduates who have now become UiTM alumni. - RT

Photo source : Communications Department





FOOD PRICE MONITORING AT DATARAN CENDEKIA & MENARA SAAS *during Meet and Greet with Student*



In view of the current rising cost of living, the YB Minister of Higher Education on July 4 decided to introduce a moratorium on rent payments to operators and food providers on the campuses of public higher learning institutions for six (6) months from July 2022.

Hence, yesterday I visited Dataran Cendekia and Menara SAAS to look at food prices and talk to students. Cafe owners in all 35 UiTM branches will be offered two alternatives:-

- (a) Moratorium on the renting of the premises for (6) six months if they comply with the maximum rate of RM3.50 for each quality meal served to students; or
- (b) Sale of meals at the maximum rate set by the UiTM but without the benefit of the moratorium.

At the same time, I directed the Food Monitoring Committee to investigate and submit a plan for the introduction of an RM3.50 quality meal menu. Previously, the UiTM Standing Finance Committee had set a maximum price for each meal sold on campus, ranging from RM5.00 to RM6.50.

Meanwhile, UiTM is very grateful for the announcement by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) to continue with the initiative to provide free meal vouchers to B40 students in higher education institutions. Food@Campus Keluarga Malaysia 2.0 was funded by the Yayasan Kebajikan Siswa Keluarga Malaysia (YKS) and provides packaged food to UiTM students. In addition, UiTM continues to receive support from industry partners and through its nationwide network of alumni.

I am concerned about this situation and hope that the measures taken will help underprivileged students to ensure that their learning sessions are not affected by the impact of rising prices of goods in Malaysia. This moratorium will also serve to reduce the operating and commodity costs of food premise operators on the UiTM campuses. #uitmcares ~ RT

Combined Input Module from
UiTM and McD Malaysia Will

ADD VALUE TO ACADEMIC QUALITY, PREPARING NATION'S FUTURE TALENTS



June 10 2022 - On a blessed Friday, the Apprenticeship Programme and Memorandum of Understanding between UiTM and McDonald's Malaysia was signed by both parties. The event was opened with "Raikan Senyuman" in collaboration with UiTM GESTURZ and RMHC (Ronald McDonald's House Charities). I was delighted to see 19 of our student volunteers together with 20 orphans from Pusat Jagaan Cahaya Kasih Bestari participate in a batik activity led by Ms Noriza Arzain, Fellow (Curatorial Affairs) UiTM GESTURZ, and UiTM Alumni, Ms Aida Batrisyia Azliman, Creative Director of Teja Art & Crafts.

I saw YB Senator Dato' Dr Ahmad Masrizal Muhammad, Deputy Minister of Higher Education, and Dato' Azmir Jaafar, Managing Director and Local Operating Partner of McDonald's Malaysia, doing batik activities with the workshop participants. Dato' Azmir even bought the best batik work of the participants worth RM5,000 which was donated to Pusat Jagaan Cahaya Kasih Bestari. Many thanks to Dato' Azmir who is also the President of RMHC.

Dato' Azmir's story was incredibly inspiring to all of us. He started his career as a restaurant worker at Sungei Wang Plaza branch in 1992 and lo and behold, he is now number one at McDonald's Malaysia. He also shared how UiTM can enhance the marketability of graduates. YB Dato' Masrizal's speech was very encouraging to all of us. His appeal for "budi" and his comments on the deep meaning of "reconnect" in UiTM TVC were much appreciated. In his speech, YB Dato' Masrizal said, "Success depends on the individual, not the story or the place he/she is in." He urged UiTM to explore the impact of the apprenticeship programme so that more private companies can come on board.





I will ensure that research begins with consideration of the key components he mentioned, which include knowledge, skills, attitudes, and symbiotic connections of Keluarga Malaysia to ensure the sustainability of the country. Meanwhile, the combined input module from UiTM and McDonald's Malaysia will add value to the academic quality that will prepare the future talents of the nation.

The main campus in Shah Alam and the other 12 branch campuses; Samarahan, Kota Kinabalu, Machang, Dungun, Raub, Arau, Merbok, Permatang Pauh Seri Iskandar, Seremban, Segamat and Melaka City attended the event, together with the McDonald's outlets nearby where earlier a briefing session was held by Ms Amirah, a representative of McDonald's Malaysia.

The collaboration between UiTM and McDonald's Malaysia is coordinated by the Vice-Chancellor's Office under VCOSP (Vice-Chancellor's Special Projects) and consists of three programmes: the Management Apprentice Programme (MAP), the Graduate Employability Programme (GEP) and the Internship Programme (IP), all of which aim to provide career opportunities to students from diverse backgrounds, including B40 students and people with special needs (OKU).

UiTM is targeting the participation of 4,000 students from 35 campuses in this programme, which is in line with the University's agenda to strengthen the employability of graduates in line with the Ministry of Higher Education's Strategic Plan 2021-2025, resulting in competent graduates as envisaged in GRU2025.

McDonald's will play its part in youth employability. The company aims to create 50,000 new jobs by 2026 and intends to invest RM300 million in training and development programmes.

I would like to thank everyone from UiTM, McD Malaysia and RMHC for helping to make this event a success and coordinating the MoU projects and activities between the two.

Finally, I would like to thank Datuk Seri Haji Mohammed Nasir, the Director of Government Relations of McDonald's Malaysia, Prof. Dr. Mohamad Hariri Abdullah DVC of ICAN, Mr. Hilmy Sulaiman, the Senior Director of Legal & Franchise of McD Malaysia, and En. Mohd Nasri Nordin, the General Manager of RMHC. - **RT**





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Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr Janudin Sardi @ Hj Mohd Yusop holds a Bachelor (Hons) degree in Arabic from Al-Azhar University, an M.A. in Islamic Studies from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and a PhD from Universiti Malaya. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and was the Deputy Dean (Research & Industrial Linkages). Prior to that, in 2017, he was appointed as Deputy Dean (Academic). In the past 22 years of his work at UiTM, he has received more than ten national research grants as a leader or project member. He has published more than 45 journals, proceedings, books, book chapters, electronic publications, etc. He is the first Arabic language lecturer to be recognised by the Malaysian Board of Technology (MBOT) as a professional technologist, based on his previous experience in the field of Information and Computer Technology (ICT). His research areas are Arabic language and linguistics, Arabic for Professional Communication, Educational Technology, Instructional System Design, e-Learning and e-Content Development. He is involved in the creation of innovative materials and participates in national and international competitions. He is also an academic advisor, external examiner, policy maker, reviewer for books and journals, judge, speaker and master trainer.

I am pleased to announce his appointment as the Dean, Academy of Language Studies, effective on 01 July 2022.

May Allah SWT give the strength, knowledge, and perseverance he needs to lead and contribute to the progress of the Ummah and the nation. ~ **RT**



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Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor
Vice-Chancellor

ASSOC. PROF. DR. JANUDIN SARDI APPOINTED AS THE DEAN OF ACADEMY OF LANGUAGE STUDIES.

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ASSOC. PROF. DR AIDA NUR ASHAKIN ABD RAHMAN APPOINTED AS THE DEAN OF DENTISTRY FACULTY



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Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor
Vice-Chancellor

Assoc. Prof. Dr Aida Nur Ashakin Abd Rahman specialises in Orthodontic in Orthognathic, Orthodontic material, Orthodontic mini-implant, Medical & Dental Education, Cleft Lip and Palate, Salivary Proteomics, Fake Braces and Teledentistry. She previously worked for the Malaysian Ministry of Health and has been an academic at UiTM since 2007. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the World Federation of Orthodontics and many other organisations. In addition to her academic activities, research and publications, Assoc. Prof. Dr Aida has received several recognitions and awards for excellence in her field.

I am pleased to announce her appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, effective on 3rd May 2022.

May Allah SWT give the strength, knowledge, and perseverance she needs to lead and contribute to the progress of the Ummah and the nation. ~ **RT**

Associate Professor Dr Norzuwana Sumarjan (CHE®) has been serving UiTM since 2002 at the Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management. She earned her doctorate in Hospitality Management from Iowa State University, United States of America; her Master's in Education at University Teknologi Malaysia; Bachelor's Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Middlesex University, United Kingdom; and Diploma in Institutional and Catering Management from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia.

As a Certified Hospitality Educator (CHE), Dr Norzuwana has served the faculty as the Deputy Dean of Academic and the Head of Postgraduate Studies. In addition, she spearheaded various academic development projects that have elevated the faculty's academic excellence. On top of that, Dr Norzuwana is not a stranger to educational quality management. She is currently a fellow at the Academic Assessment and Evaluation Division (BPPA), where she plays a vital role in assisting the division in developing the assessment and evaluation monitoring instrument (Instrumen Pemantauan Pentaksiran dan Penilaian). She is also involved in policy and module developments for academic assessments in UiTM.

Dr Norzuwana has vast experience as Programme Advisor, External Examiner, and Visiting Professor for various public and private universities in Malaysia. She has also been invited as a speaker for multiple topics on academic management and research methodology across the country, locally and internationally. She also serves on a panel for the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA), specializing in hospitality programmes.

Throughout her academic career in UiTM, Dr Norzuwana has achieved prestigious awards such as the Research Excellence Award from Iowa State University and the Excellence Service Award from UiTM (2004, 2014, 2018). On top of that, she was listed as one of the Top 10 Inspiring Educators in UiTM. Dr. Norzuwana's research interest includes Hospitality Management, Hospitality Education, Quality Management and Ageing Population, focusing on the qualitative approach. She has acquired more than RM700,000 from national and international grants, with more than 45 publications.

I am pleased to announce her appointment as the new Dean of the Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management, effective 15 July 2022.

May Allah, SWT give her strength, knowledge and perseverance to lead and contribute to the progress of the Ummah and the nation. ~ **RT**



ASSOC. PROF. DR. NORZUWANA APPOINTED AS THE NEW DEAN OF HOTEL & TOURISM MANAGEMENT FACULTY.

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Vice-Chancellor

PROF. DR. HAJI ABDOL SAMAD NAWI APPOINTED AS THE RECTOR OF THE UiTM KELANTAN BRANCH

Photo source Communications Department

I'd like to congratulate Prof. Dr. Haji Abdol Samad Nawi on his appointment as the Rector of the UiTM Kelantan branch. The appointment takes effect on July 01, 2022.

May Allah SWT give strength, knowledge, and perseverance he needs to lead and contribute to the progress of the Ummah and the nation. ~ **RT**

Striking a Balance Between

DUNIAWI & UKHRAWI IN A FILM THAT EVOKES UNITY & REPENTANCE

I had the opportunity to watch the film "Mat Kilau: The Rise of a Hero", inspired by the story of the struggle of a Malay warrior, Mat Kilau, his father Tok Gajah and his comrades against British colonisation. This film was made possible by the Digital Content Fund (DKD), Malaysia's National Film Development Corporation (FINAS).

I would like to thank Tuan Haji Muhamad Nizam Nordin, Registrar of UiTM, for taking the initiative to organise this session with the UiTM Executive Council, UiTM Senior Management and Officers and the Student Representative Council on 17 July.

In a subsequent session, I invited staff from the Vice-Chancellor's Office and members of the VCOSP team to a special screening of this film on 23 July. The staff of the Vice-Chancellor's Office play an important role in ensuring the smooth running of my official duties as Vice-Chancellor and provide executive secretarial services to the management. The VCOSP team is composed of academics and administrative personnel from various departments and disciplines who help to drive numerous special projects and initiatives. It focuses on empowering Bumiputera through higher education, graduate employability, staff and student welfare, global presence, rankings, sustainability, OKU (persons with disabilities), counselling, application development, and collaboration in the areas of technology, creativity, heritage, and culture, all of which contribute to achieving our common goals towards GRU2025.

This is a little reflection for those of you reading this post. The film is peppered with dialogue about Malays and Islam, about unity and the conflicts that lead to disunity. "Mat Kilau: The Rise of a Hero" awakens our minds and touches our souls through the mocking conversations of the antagonists. It reminds us all of the instability of today. The scenes shown in this film evoked feelings of anger and remorse because the Malays were portrayed in the film as if they had never been united and therefore had become weak and wanted to tear each other down. But when (the Malays) unite, even a million guns become ineffective, because unity is the strongest weapon. Quoting Surah Al-A'raf 7:128 - Moses reassured his people, "Seek Allah's help and be patient." Indeed, the earth belongs to Allah alone. He grants it to whoever He chooses of His servants. The ultimate outcome belongs only to the righteous."

The essence of this film is thus revealed in conveying a message that evokes unity and 'tawbah' (repentance) through profound conversations, thus creating a balance between 'duniawi' (worldly existence) and 'ukhrawi' (afterlife).

This is one of the mandates I have maintained to this day, giving me the strength to empower the Bumiputera through education. I believe that those who accompanied me to this screening feel the same. The aim of this event is to provide a platform for the staff and team members to motivate them to achieve the goals of the university. I believe that this film provides the understanding I described earlier, as well as a self-reflection on one's identity and the importance of moving oneself, family, organisation, race, religion and country forward to ensure economic, political and social sustainability.

It is hoped that the session will help create a healthy ecosystem among the staff and team members involved - through engagement with leaders, social recognition that encourages staff, builds social relationships among colleagues, strengthens friendships and prevents burnout by focusing on work-life balance. These sessions can also be seen as a new alternative to traditional training and seminars. After the screening, all participants were asked to share their experiences and opinions. They were also given an explanation about the aim of the session and the unique approach of the session, which conveys an essential message and at the same time has a meaningful significance.

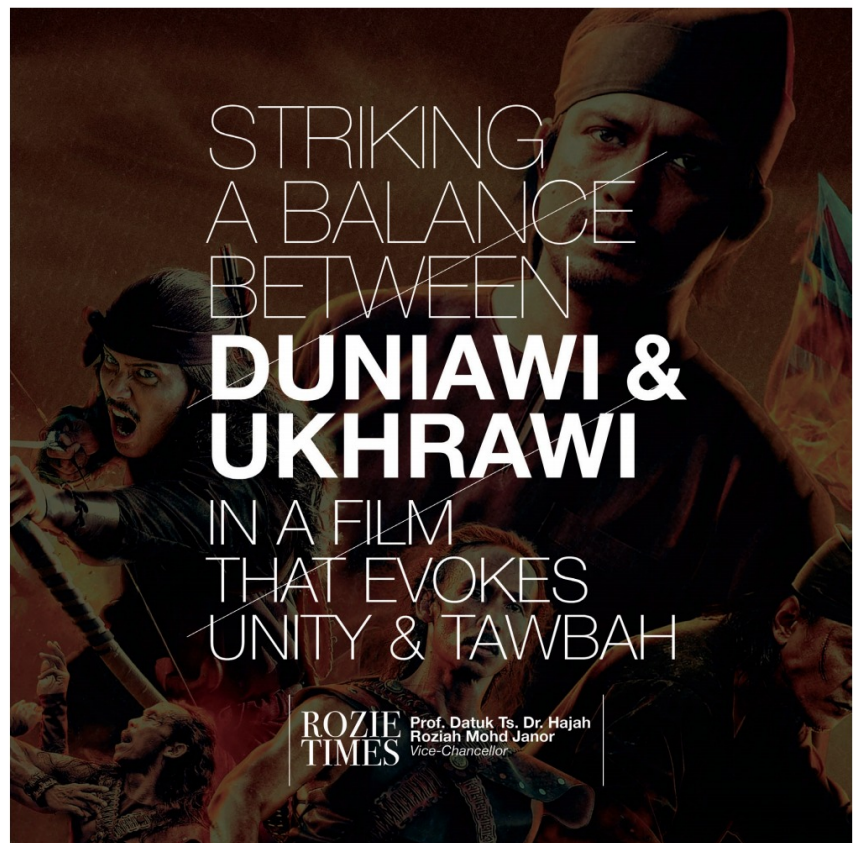
For the record, the film cost RM8 million and was shot in 100 days in Perak and other places such as Pahang, Melaka and Selangor. The story in Mat Kilau took place in the year 1892, when the British colonial rulers occupied the land in Pahang.

This epic biographical film on Malaysian history is produced by Kembara Studio in association with Skop Production. It is directed by Syamsul Yusof with a cast of great actors including Dato' Adi Putra, Beto Kusyairy, Johan As'ari, Fattah Amin, Dato' Rahim Razali, Dato' Jalaluddin Hassan, Namron and many more.

As of today (26 July), the film has grossed RM90 million, which is absolutely amazing. What made us watch the film and think about it at home and draw lessons from it? The bravery of the two brothers (the writers) Shahrudin Dali and his brother Abdul Rahman Dali certainly encourages us in our endeavour to win Allah's favour. "From Him, we come, and to Him, we return."

Al-Baqarah 2:156

Al-Fatihah for our hero, the late Mat Kilau.~ **RT**





Merbau & Pomegranate Among 15 SPECIES OF TREE PLANTED TO SYMBOLISE THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN UiTM & THE EMBASSY OF AZERBAIJAN



UiTM is very pleased to collaborate with the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Malaysia under the TREE4FUTURE programme. This initiative aims to create more green spaces to achieve our goal of making UiTM a green campus by 2025.

Merbau, pomegranate, and penaga linin are among the 15 tree species planted. The merbau, or its scientific name, *'Intsia Palembanica'* was chosen because of its hardiness and because it is the national tree. The pomegranate, known by its botanical name *'Punica Granatum'*, represents the prosperity of Azerbaijani life. Through the friendly cooperation between the UiTM and the Azerbaijani Embassy in Malaysia, the combination of merbau and pomegranate became a symbol of the unity of friendship between Azerbaijan and Malaysia.

Therefore, I would like to thank The Honourable Mr. Elnur Mammadov, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and H.E. Ambassador Irfan Davudov for their participation in the TREE4FUTURE event on July 13. We hope that this joint effort will contribute to a more sustainable world. ~ RT

Achievements

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The 3G SDGs Championship:

UiTM RECEIVED YET ANOTHER WORLD RECOGNITION

Last year I joined the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education in Expo 2020 Dubai and was one of the Future Digital Education forum panellists. This year I was very honored to receive an invitation from Cambridge IFA and Hawkamah Institute of Corporate Governance to attend the Global Good Governance 3G Awards 2022, which was also held in Dubai.

At this auspicious event Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) was announced as recipient of the 3G SDGs Championship for facilitating digitisation as a solution and an enabler to deliver quality education beyond the borders of nations. The event was held on 18th May 2022 at the Conrad Hotel, Dubai. The 3G Awards is a premier awards programme that highlights excellence in good governance and commitment to social welfare in 3 major streams; Government & Politics, Corporate Sector and Social Sector and Philanthropy. It celebrates individuals, governments, public and private institutions, and NGOs that demonstrate governance and sustainability as a strategic priority in their organisations.

*"Keluarga UiTM!
this is yet another
world recognition
of us!"*

Having been established in 1956 with the mission to provide quality education to the less privileged people in underserved communities in Malaysia, UiTM had changed the lives of many by producing a myriad of professionals to fill the workforce demand from engineers to designers, simultaneously reshaping the landscape of human capital in the industry and economic capabilities of communities that it serves.

UiTM was the only university from Malaysia to win an award in a lineup of 51 winners, apart from three other Malaysian winners namely, RHB Bank Berhad, Sinar Mas Land, and DRB Hicom. UiTM's strengths lie in its 1 UiTM:multisystem governance of agility and sustainable practices in order to govern over 35 campuses, 31 faculties, and academic centres with more than 500 academic programmes including 111 certified professional qualifications and more than 200 postgraduate programmes.

Poised to become a globally renowned university in 2025 (GRU 2025), UiTM is positioning itself on the global stage with the backing of its contribution to the national agenda as a catalyst for the development of local economies.

This is proven in the UiTM 20-Year Impact Study which evaluates the economic impact of UiTM's existence. UiTM's focus on the Twelfth Malaysia Plan 2021-2025 (12MP) is to further catalyse growth through talent development. Realising the need to re-strategise in the post-pandemic scenario and in moving forward, UiTM has adopted the 3R strategy; reset its existing target, recover by re-strategising, and restore stakeholders' confidence by mapping to the next generation research needs - guided by SDG Mapping, and 10-10 MySTIE (Malaysia Science, Technology, Innovation and Engineering) Framework.

Prior to the awards ceremony, I was invited to speak on a panel with



H.E Sawzan Al-Fahoum Jafar, Chairman of the Board and Founding Member of Friends of Cancer Patients, and Prof. Dr Rahell Qamar, Director, Organisation of Islamic Education, Science, and Culture. Our discussion, moderated by Mr. Mufaddal Khumri, focused on global issues in Technology and Digital innovation, such as Good Governance for Diversity and Social Inclusion, Good Governance in achieving the United Nations' SDGs, as well as Sustainable Philanthropy and Capacity Building to Drive Long-Term Social Impact. In addition, panel members responded to the Moderator's question about women's empowerment. In short, I believe that women generally are to have more interest in detail.

Also, I addressed the audience saying that, I want the university (UiTM staff and students) to understand and realise the importance of the SDGs, therefore UiTM is committed to ensuring that *the.global.goals* reporting is published annually, so that we know where are going in moving forward into the future. As a result, understanding the current state and measuring it using the appropriate methods is critical in our efforts to lead a successful transformation.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Mr. Ahmad Darul Akmal Mohamed Ali (Education Malaysia, Dubai) and Mr. Khairul Nazri Mohamad Taib (Diplomatic Officer, Malaysian Consulate in Dubai) for their presence at the award ceremony to support UiTM. ~ RT





PRAY FOR OUR 17 ATHLETES' SUCCESS

Let's pray for the success of the 17 UTM Athletes selected to represent the country at the SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 12 to 23 May 2022. They will compete in Pétanque, Kayak, Chess, Sepak Takraw, Ten-pin Bowling, Archery, Football and Shooting. In addition to students, three staff members are also involved as team players and coaches.

In a recent meet & greet session at the KLIA2, I met with Pétanque and Sepak Takraw athletes. Also with me was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs). UiTM has offered pocket money of RM3,200.00 to the athletes as a gesture of support. Should the athletes return with medals for the country, the university will surely provide additional incentives to acknowledge their achievement and contribution.

Eleven athletes are from the Faculty of Recreational Sports Science; two are from the Faculty of Business Management. The rest are from the faculties of Computer Science and Mathematics, Architecture, Planning and Surveying, Plantation and Agrotechnology, and Education. This incentive is part of UiTM's agenda to empower Bumiputeras in the global arena through sports.

The following is the list of UTM athletes competing in the 2022 SEA Games :

1. Muhammad Ubaidullah Shamsul Fazili (Football)
2. Princess Rifqah Fahada Azhar (Chess)
3. Puteri Munajjah Az-Zahraa Azhar (Chess)
4. Nur Syafiqah Zainal Abidin (Futsal)
5. Ahmad Azfaruddin Lukman (Kayak)
6. Aimi Ayuni Azwan (Kayak)
7. Aisyah Farhanah Azwan (Kayak)
8. Khairul Naim Zainal (Kayak)
9. Mohamad Syafiq Md Ariffin (Archery)
10. Muhammad Ezuan Nasir Khan (Shooting)
11. Sharifah Aqilah Farhana Syed Ali (Pétanque)
12. Syed Afiq Fakhri Syed Ali (Pétanque)
13. Nurul Hazirah Izzati Hussin (Pétanque)
14. Athirah Sareh (Pétanque)
15. Syed Akmal Fikri Syed Ali (Pétanque)
16. Zuhri Muhammad Zin (Sepak Takraw)
17. Nevern Netaneel Marcellinus (Tenpin Bowling)



The World Digital Economy Distinguished Entrepreneur Lifetime Achievement Award: A SYMBOL OF RECOGNITION FOR UiTM'S CONTINUOUS EFFORTS



Last year, I was invited as a panellist to the Penang Future FWD Summit 2021 organised by KSI in Penang. This year, the KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific hosted the World Digital Economy & Technology Summit 2022, which was held at The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur from 28-29 June 2022. The event was held in collaboration with the Economic Club Kuala Lumpur and the Pacific Basin Economic Council. It was also supported by various organisations such as the Asia Leadership Roundtable and CyberSecurity Malaysia.

Themed "Creating Opportunities, Endless Possibilities", the World Digital Economy & Technology Summit 2022 brought together key players in the digital economy to discuss current key trends, strategic challenges, major issues and risks impacting our digital future. This event has become a gathering of technologists, digital entrepreneurs, business leaders, policy advocates, digital natives, health experts, educators, and the general public to take stock of the future digital economy and be prepared for tomorrow.

YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy), delivered the keynote address in the morning, followed by a discussion and forum session with distinguished panellists from Malaysia and abroad.

Praise be to Allah SWT, at the gala night, I was named the recipient of the World Digital Economy

Distinguished Entrepreneur Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented by His Excellency Tun Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, the Governor of Malacca. This award recognises the efforts and contributions that have been and are being made to make UiTM a globally renowned university by 2025. We have achieved various goals and initiatives, some of which are continuously improving, and others have just begun. This recognition shows that our collective efforts are acknowledged and referred to by many external stakeholders, which in turn builds confidence and enhances the University's reputation.

UiTM will contribute to the development of competent talents in the field of digital economy. As a result, STEM and digital technology-based initiatives such as data analytics and artificial intelligence will continue to expand, in addition to collaborations with global companies such as Huawei, Apple, Microsoft, Google and Adobe.

Meanwhile, I would like to congratulate Dato' Sri Dr Haji Irmohizam Haji Ibrahim, a member of the UiTM board of directors, who was also honoured in the Corporate CEO Lifetime Achievement category.

I thank everyone for their unwavering support of UiTM in fulfilling the national mandate of strengthening the Bumiputera through higher education, especially in the digitalisation agenda.
~ RT

UiTM Senior Lecturer, Dr Malvern Abdullah Won a Bronze Medal for Malaysia at the Hanoi SEA Games

In the men's 65kg category, experienced athlete Dr Malvern Abdullah, who is also a senior lecturer at UiTM, won a bronze medal in the bodybuilding competition.

Malvern is not only an athlete but also an academic staff at the Faculty of Business Management, UiTM Sarawak Branch, and his area of expertise is Marketing. Malvern had previously prepared for the competition with intensive training, armed with the spirit of 'Agi Idup Agi Ngelaban', which literally means 'As long as I live, I will fight on'. His success for Malaysia will surely bring encouragement and joy to the entire Keluarga UiTM.

The last time bodybuilding was represented at the SEA Games was at the 2013 edition in Myanmar, where Malaysia won one gold, one silver and one bronze medal respectively. ~ RT

Photo Source : Bernama



UiTM REIGNS AS THE GOLD WINNER OF READER'S DIGEST TRUSTED BRAND AWARDS FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS



JUNE 14 2022-I remember attending the award ceremony back in 2018, as the Assistant Vice-Chancellor of the Institute of Quality and Knowledge Advancement (InQKA) when UiTM received the same award.

It has been 12 consecutive years now that Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) has yet again been awarded Gold in the Reader's Digest Trusted Brand Awards, in the public university category.

Alhamdulillah, this year as the Vice-Chancellor, I attended the award ceremony held at The Grand Hyatt on 14 June 2022 together with Professor Dr. Mohamad Hariri Haji Abdullah, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Industry, Community and Alumni Network (ICAN), and Professor Dr. Shahrman Zainal Abidin, Assistant Vice-Chancellor of UiTM Global.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Keluarga UiTM for all your intense hard work and the dedication that you have shown and for taking UiTM to greater heights of success. It's a great feeling to receive recognition for our brand as a leader in academic excellence. This is truly above and beyond. Keep it up! ~ RT



UiTM Won the Public Inter-Varsity Golf Championship Three Years in a Row

The UiTM Golf Team won the 49th Public Inter-Varsity Golf Tournament held at the Royal Pahang Golf Club, Pekan Royal Golf Club and Mahkota Golf & Country Club from 27 to 29 May 2022.

I understand this is UiTM's third consecutive win. The UiTM Golf Team won three gold medals (gross, net, and individual net team) and one silver medal (individual net team) as well as the Sultan's Cup Ibrahim, making UiTM the overall winner. Meanwhile, Azerai Ali and Dr Azlan Kamal were crowned the best players in their respective categories.

The UiTM contingent, which included VIP, gross, net and invitational teams, was led by Assoc. Prof. Sr. Ruslan

Affendy Arshad of the Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying (FSPU), with Dzulkarnain Mazlan, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Communication and Media Studies (Mass Comm), serving as team captain.

The trophies were presented by Dato' Seri Abdul Razak Jaafar, Secretary-General of Higher Education Malaysia, and Tan Sri Dato' Sri (Dr) Abi Musa Asaari Mohamed Nor, Pro-Chancellor of UMP. Also present was the Vice-Chancellor of UMP, Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr Yuserrie Zainuddin. This year's tournament is supported by Perodua as the main sponsor, and BSN, with the participation of 300 golfers from all public universities.

Earlier, on 25 May, I had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the players and could sense their eagerness to compete for the championship trophy and set a record of three consecutive triumphs.

According to the BBC, scientists in Edinburgh have found that golfers generally burn at least 500 calories during an 18-hole round, covering four to eight miles on a golf course. Therefore, I encourage the entire Keluarga UiTM to participate in all sports and recreational activities as suggested in SDG3, namely to ensure healthy living and

promote well-being for people of all ages. This will ensure that we remain productive as we move forward with GRU2025 for UiTM.

Congratulations again to the UiTM Golf Team. I would also like to see this continue beyond the tournaments and produce studies and publications on golf, in keeping with UiTM's role as a university that seeks to encourage its warga to excel in all areas in a balanced manner. ~ RT



AQILAH BRINGS GOOD NEWS TO MALAYSIA AFTER WINNING A SILVER MEDAL AT THE HANOI SEA GAMES

Sharifah Aqilah Farhana Syed Ali, a national women's petanque athlete, and her partner Nurashimah Senin were able to reaffirm their successes by earning silver in the doubles event at the Hanoi SEA Games.

Sharifah Aqilah Farhana Syed Ali, fondly known as Aqilah, is a Diploma in Sports Studies student at the Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation, Puncak Alam Campus.

Aqilah, a daughter of the National Coach, Syed Ali Syed Akil, has won a gold medal in the women's team event at the Malaysian Games (SUKMA) in Sarawak. At the 2019 SEA Games in the Philippines, she won a bronze medal with her teammate Siti Asiah Zaini.

Her success for Malaysia will surely bring encouragement and joy to the entire Keluarga UiTM. ~ RT

Photo source : Berita Harian





A BRUNCH TO CELEBRATE 14 SUBJECTS RANKED

*in the QS World University Rankings
by Subject 2022*

JUNE 11 2022- Thank you, Keluarga UiTM, for joining me live on CTWR Ep.6 on Saturday via the UiTM YouTube channel. We can indeed benefit from a lot of sharing in this episode. From my office, I made my way to the Campus Bean, located at the UiTM-MTDC Technology Centre, to celebrate the 14 subjects listed in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Mohd Hanafiah who represented Hospitality & Leisure Management subject and Prof. Ir. Dr. Muhamamd Azmi Ayub who represented Petroleum Engineering, Engineering-Electrical & Electronic and Engineering-Chemical subjects.

Many thanks also to Prof. TPr Dr. Jamalunlaili Abdullah who represented Architecture & Built Environment and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suhaily Hasnan who represented Accounting & Finance.

Thanks also to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hartini Saripan who represented the subject Law, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shariza Sahudin who represented the Pharmacy & Pharmacology, Dr. Fazlen Abdul Fatah who represented Agriculture & Forestry, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fazah Akhtar Hanapiah who represented Medicine, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amirul Afif Muhamat who represented Business & Management Studies and Economics & Econometrics and finally my Dean, Prof. Dr. Haryani Haron who represented Computer Science & Information Systems.

This event intends to give recognition to the faculties and colleges that have been successfully ranked and to motivate and encourage more faculties and colleges to work harder to improve the ranking of UiTM in the WUR and AUR editions. This is important to improve the reputation of UiTM globally and to achieve our common goals for GRU2025.

Congratulations to the Assistant Vice Chancellor of UiTM Global and the Director of the Rating Department for this successful event. Thank you also to the Director of the Strategic Partnerships Department who was present as a gesture of support and acknowledged the importance of collaboration for UiTM's international presence. ~ **RT**

Photo source : Department of Ranking, UiTM Global



Even with Increased Participation Among 1524 World Institutions, UiTM Excels in the 2022 Impact Rankings, & WE ARE #2 IN MALAYSIA



Last year, UiTM ranked 101-200 out of 1,117 institutions worldwide in the THE Impact Rankings. This year, UiTM remains at the same position of 101-200, achieving an excellent score of 82.8 despite the increased participation of 1,524 institutions from around the world. Out of the total 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 10 goals were successfully listed where UiTM performed well. Among Malaysian public universities, UiTM ranks second only to USM.

This achievement is supported by UiTM's second report under the name THE.GLOBAL.GOALS 2021, the Environmental Sustainability Report and other significant evidence. It summarises sustainability initiatives, programmes and impacts that reflect Keluarga UiTM's research, innovation, academic and community work, as well as some that involve our national and global partners.

In summary, UiTM has made progress on SDGs 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 17. At the same time, performance on SDGs 7, 9 and 17 has improved. UiTM's highest performance was on SDG 17, where it improved from 48th to 42nd in the world. This performance demonstrates the excellence of UiTM in its collective efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

SDG17 reporting rates in the areas of research, publication and education increased compared to the previous year. The Poverty Eradication Programme increased its score for SDG1 from 68.7 to 81.2 due to the University for Society initiatives, while the score for the Women's Undergraduate

Education Programme remained progressive for SDG5 and the score for the Water Resources Reuse Programme increased from 41.6 to 100. The UiTM research score for SDG8 increased from 60.5 to 73.5. Our university was also successfully listed for SDG9 this time, with a research score of 98.6. Finally, for SDG10, which focuses on reducing inequality, the score for action against discrimination increased from 61.7 to 75.0.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Keluarga UiTM for their contribution to this noble agenda. I would also like to thank the Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development, UiTM Green Centre, Ranking Department, GESTURZ and the team of curators who worked on documenting the publication of THE.GLOBAL.GOALS 2021.

THE Impact Rankings measures institutional initiatives and impact in achieving the Global Sustainability Goals as set by the United Nations (UN). At UiTM, sustainability activities and initiatives on and off campus are in line with the GRU2025 strategic plan, which has been aligned with national and global visions.

The aim of this initiative is to communicate the importance of planning, executing and evaluating results, as this is a never-ending responsibility. I therefore invite everyone here to visit THE.GLOBAL.GOALS 2021. We should learn from history so that we can move forward responsibly in the name of a better life, a sustainable world and a promising future for generations to come. ~ RT



“THE STORIES BEHIND THE STORY”

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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 3 continues chronicling the events and achievements of UiTM alongside Datuk Rozie, now past her 300th day in office. From the articles we learn of numerous MoUs signed and partnerships forged, charitable and social enterprises undertaken, appointments and accomplishments made, all communicated in her conversational style. 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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