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RECTOR'S REMARK

Salam UiTM di Hatiku and warm greetings to all esteemed Warga UiTM Sarawak, industry partners, alumni, and readers of Varsity Edge.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 86th issue of Varsity Edge. As we turn another page, it is equally important to reflect on our journey of continuous growth, resilience, and transformation while keeping our eyes firmly on where we are heading.

Every milestone we celebrate today, from grassroots community work to high-level policy presentations and international academic summits, is built upon the dedication of our academic and support staff, students, alumni, and strategic partners. Driven by purpose and fueled by innovation, UiTM Cawangan Sarawak continues to demonstrate its capacity to excel within the UiTM system as well as at state, national, and international levels.



As an institution anchored in the aspirations of Sarawak and Malaysia Madani, our mission extends far beyond the lecture hall. Through the *Amanat Rektor 2026*, we have set a clear roadmap to strengthen UiTM Sarawak as a progressive, sustainable, and globally connected university. Our priorities, encompassing mental health, social entrepreneurship, sports and cultural excellence, and the integration of SDG, ESD, and ESG frameworks, ensure that achievement is always the foundation for greater aspirations. Aligned with Sarawak's Post-COVID Development Strategy 2030, our strategic collaborations remain central to our progress. Globally, our connectivity shines through our active role in the Erasmus+ Smart City ASEAN Learning Network initiative and student platforms such as the International Intervarsity Public Speaking Competition 2026 and The International Platinum Charity Effort Run 2026.

At the state and industry levels, UiTM Sarawak stands proudly at the forefront of technological and economic innovation. A major milestone in this journey is our role as co-organizer of the Borneo Blockchain Conference 2026, where we lead academic proceedings, research publications, and technical reporting. Furthermore, we have been entrusted with spearheading the human capital, research, and innovation thrust for the Sarawak Halal Industry Development Plan 2026–2030 alongside MINTRED, JAIS, and the Attorney-General's Chambers, a strategic mission featured at the Borneo International Halal Showcase (BIHAS) 2026.

Simultaneously, we remain deeply committed to community engagement, youth empowerment, and cultural heritage. Through the Student For Society (S4S) program in Kampung Pandan, Lundu, our students translated classroom knowledge into civic action. To build economic resilience, we co-organized the Sarawak Youth Business Innovation Competition (SaYBIC) 2025/2026 with MYSED and launched the Amanah Hartanah Bumiputera Financial Literacy Program with PHB Asset Management Berhad. Grounded in a deep respect for history, our research team presented a comprehensive study titled "A Historiographical Analysis of the Sarawak Genealogy" to His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak at Astana Negeri. This commitment to regional statecraft was mirrored in our co-hosting of LCDA's "Roots to Tomorrow" 45th Anniversary Townhall.

Central to our long-term vision is an unyielding commitment to environmental sustainability and green innovation. Transforming into a true Green Campus is an ethical imperative woven into our strategic DNA. Beyond embedding eco-friendly practices across campus operations, we are pioneering regenerative agricultural ventures and clean energy partnerships. In collaboration with our strategic partners, we are developing a 300-acre phased pineapple plantation on university land to serve as a living laboratory for research, talent development, and alumni enterprise. Alongside this, we are exploring a 500-acre Napier grass cultivation project to support Sarawak's livestock industry, while working with an industry partner to develop a 400-acre solar farm. This is the legacy we strive to create: a bold model of green self-sufficiency, renewable energy integration, and sustainable growth.

Ultimately, the greatest strength of UiTM Sarawak remains its people. Behind every award, research publication, partnership, and student achievement are individuals who contribute their time, knowledge, and heart. As we move forward into a rapidly evolving higher education landscape, let us remain ambitious, innovative, and globally connected in the community we serve, while embracing change without losing sight of our values. Above all, let us remember that we are a family. Our strength comes from supporting one another, celebrating shared achievements, and facing challenges together.

I sincerely thank all Warga UiTM Cawangan Sarawak for your continuous support and commitment. Together, let us continue to strengthen our edge, shape our future and build an even greater UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

Thank you.

Yang Berbahagia Dato Professor Dr. Firdaus Abdullah
Rector
UiTM Cawangan Sarawak



EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S *Foreword*

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh and greetings.

Praise be to Allah SWT, by whose grace and mercy the official bulletin of UiTM Sarawak Branch is successfully published. The release of this edition marks a significant new chapter in the university's communication and information-sharing landscape with the rebranding of the bulletin from Info Kampus to Varsity Edge UiTM Sarawak Bulletin.

This rebranding represents more than a change in name and appearance; it reflects a renewed aspiration that is fresher, more dynamic, and inclusive. Varsity Edge is envisioned as a progressive platform to highlight academic achievements, research, innovation, student activities, as well as the contributions of the UiTM Sarawak Branch community to society and the nation. This initiative is also aligned with the university's aspiration to strengthen its institutional image as a centre of academic excellence that remains relevant to contemporary needs.

As the Editor-in-Chief, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the entire editorial team, contributors, and the UiTM Sarawak Branch community for their continuous support in making this publication a reality. It is our hope that Varsity Edge will serve as an effective communication medium, a source of inspiration, and a meaningful platform for knowledge sharing for all readers.

In closing, we sincerely hope that this bulletin will continue to remain relevant and gain a special place in the hearts of the university community and the public at large.
Thank you.

FARHANA BINTI GHAZUDDIN
Editor-in-Chief
Varsity Edge UiTM Sarawak Bulletin

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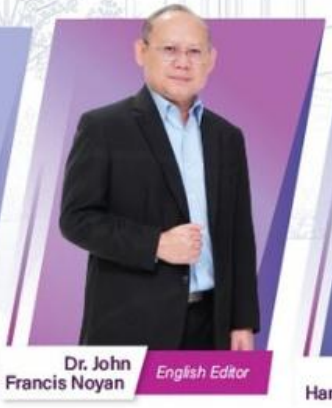
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Main Highlights



Beyond THE CANVAS:

UiTM Sarawak's Young Creatives Take Centre Stage

MORE THAN AN EXHIBITION,

GELORA 2026

demonstrated how art and design can **inspire dialogue**, **strengthen community connections**, and **empower** the next generation of creative professionals.

NEARLY **60** FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS | **29** DESIGN STUDENTS | **30** FINE ARTS STUDENTS | HELD AT **THE SPRING, KUCHING**

CREATIVITY TOOK Centre STAGE AT GELORA: THE 20TH REQASENI EXHIBITION 2026 ART & DESIGN EXPO

Held at The Spring, Kuching, the exhibition highlighted the **creativity and professionalism** of **29 design students** and **30 fine arts students**, while reinforcing the university's commitment to nurturing graduates whose work resonates beyond the classroom through collaboration with industry and the wider community.

Creativity took centre stage at **GELORA: The 20th Reqaseni Exhibition 2026 Art & Design Expo**, where nearly 60 final-year students from UiTM Cawangan Sarawak's Faculty of Art & Design transformed ideas into compelling works that reflected **innovation, cultural identity, and social consciousness.**





A DEFINING MOMENT OF THE EXHIBITION

came with the unexpected visit of **His Excellency Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Sarawak,** who spent time engaging with the students and viewing their works, including pieces celebrating **Sarawak's cultural heritage** and an environmental showcase addressing **marine plastic pollution.**

> "His words of **encouragement** reflected the growing **recognition** of **creative** education as a catalyst for **innovation, cultural preservation, and societal impact.**"







BRIDGING VISION AND AUTONOMY:

3 MARCH 2026

KELAB SHAH ALAM SELANGOR

UiTM RECTORS' COUNCIL FORTIFIES THE FUTURE OF INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE

Strategic Leadership in Action

Senior leadership of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) convened for a pivotal strategic discussion chaired by **Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib @ Sahibuddin, FASc,** together with members of the University Executive Council and leaders from across UiTM's extensive networks.

The sessions focused on **governance, future strategic directions, and institutional resilience,** with particular attention to the evolving role of UiTM's branch campuses.

One Vision. One Direction.

The strategic session served as an important platform for reinforcing synergy among university leadership and ensuring that complex institutional challenges are addressed through holistic, strategic solutions.

The collective commitment of the Vice-Chancellor, University Executive Council, and attending Rectors reflects a shared dedication to steering UiTM towards a **prosperous and resilient future.**



HARMONISING POLICY FRAMEWORKS

For stronger, integrated excellence

The session underscored the necessity of harmonising policy frameworks between the main campus and its regional branches.

By striking a deliberate balance between local campus autonomy and cohesive national governance, the university aims to ensure that every branch campus operates as an integrated, high-performing entity dedicated to overarching academic excellence.

Deepest Appreciation

To the Vice-Chancellor, members of the University Executive Council, and all attending Rectors for their unwavering dedication, vision and collaboration spirit in steering UiTM towards a preperous and resilient future.

Key highlights of the UiTM Rectors' council meeting

- The meeting also provided an opportune moment to reaffirm the **TEN CORE STRENGTHS** that define UiTM's unique identity as a cornerstone of higher education in Malaysia.
- In alignment with national human capital aspirations, the university reaffirmed its vital role in **developing Bumiputera professionals** and enhancing national competitiveness.
- Furthermore, delegates reviewed strategic outcomes from a high-level engagement held on **12th February 2026** between the **UiTM Rectors' Council and Pro-Chancellor YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh,** which outlined **key recommendations for fortifying institutional governance and cultivating robust leadership across all levels.**



UiTM BIDS FAREWELL TO INVESTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DATUK RAMZI MANSOR



Friday, 30 March 2026: Senior leadership from Universiti Teknologi MARA assembled for a poignant **Majlis Sanjungan Budi (Appreciation Ceremony) to honour YBhg. Datuk Ramzi Mansor,** Chairman of the UiTM Investment Committee and esteemed member of the UiTM Board of Directors. Serving alongside Datuk Ramzi on the Investment Committee, campus leadership was privileged to join colleagues in celebrating an exemplary tenure defined by strategic foresight, financial stewardship, and an unwavering commitment to driving the university towards sustainable academic and operational excellence.

On behalf of the entire UiTM Sarawak fraternity, heartfelt gratitude was expressed for Datuk Ramzi's outstanding contributions, inspirational guidance, and dedicated service throughout his term.

His visionary leadership has left an indelible mark on the university's strategic trajectory, providing invaluable counsel that fortified institutional risk management, elevated governance standards, and safeguarded the university's long-term financial resilience.

The high-profile occasion was further elevated by the presence of prominent leaders from higher education, government, and the corporate sector. Amongst the distinguished guests in attendance were YBhg. Datuk Prof. Dr. Azlinda Azman, Director General of Higher Education; YBhg. Prof. Datuk Ts. Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib @ Sahibuddin, Vice-Chancellor of UiTM; YBhg. Dato' Rosthman bin Ibrahim, Board Member of Trustees for Yayasan Budiman UiTM; YBhg. Dato' Nora Abd Manaf, Group Chief Human Capital Officer at Maybank; Cik Junita Jamaludin, Bursar of UiTM; and Associate Professor Dr. Norhaslinda binti Kamaruddin, Director of the UiTM Risk Management Centre and fellow Investment Committee member.

As Datuk Ramzi transitions into this next chapter of life, the university community extends its warmest wishes for his enduring happiness, vibrant health, and quality time spent with his family. Though his formal term on the board and committee draws to a close, the profound legacy of his service and mentorship will continue to inspire and guide the UiTM family for years to come.



ENGAGING *Visions* AND ELEVATING Excellence:

ACADEMIC STRATEGY AND STAFF SUCCESS AT UiTM

Strengthening dialogue, aligning vision, and driving excellence together for a future-ready university



Friday, 10 April 2026: A recent engagement session with YBrs. Professor Dr Yamin Yasin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & Internationalisation) of UiTM, served as a pivotal platform for robust two-way communication and strategic alignment across the university.

The gathering focused on sharpening institutional direction, harmonising academic and internationalisation goals, and reinforcing a shared commitment to sustainable academic excellence. Such dialogues are essential in ensuring that the campus community remains unified and forward-focused as the university continues to navigate evolving higher education landscapes.

Adding to the sense of progress and purpose, the occasion also provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard-earned career advancements of several dedicated staff members.

Heartfelt congratulations go to Encik Khairil Bahrom bin Rosli, Puan Khairunniqmah binti Othman, and Cik Dayang Azimah binti Abang Yusof on their promotions to Senior Librarians (S10), alongside Encik Izwandi bin Abu Bakar and Cik Alia Fatin binti Ibrahim, who have been elevated to Senior Assistant Registrars (N10).

May this milestone inspire continued service excellence and fuel the ongoing success of our vibrant university community!

Strengthening Partnerships and Innovation:

UiTM SARAWAK PAYS COURTESY CALL ON DEPUTY PREMIER'S OFFICE

It was a distinct privilege to lead a delegation from UiTM Sarawak on an official courtesy visit to the office of:

YB Datuk Amar Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian
Deputy Premier of Sarawak and Minister for Public Health, Housing & Local Government



The visit served as an impactful touchpoint to reinforce joint commitments between academia and the Sarawak state government.



Accompanied by key academic figures, Prof. Voon Boo Ho, Dr Lee Beng Yong, Dr Patricia Pawa Anak Pitil, Ms Frannelya Anak Francis, Mr Chen Chee Khium, and Ms Lau Li Li.

During the session, the delegation updated Datuk Amar on the university's flourishing research collaborations with state agencies, industry players, and international bodies. Discussions centered on high-impact sectors, including hydrogen tech, water and energy sustainability, as well as sustainable agricultural practices in paddy and algae development.





A standout moment of the visit was Prof. Voon's presentation of a proposal titled:

"Community Engagement Program for Happy and Healthy Senior Citizens in Batu Kawa."

Designed to safeguard the cultural wisdom of local elders while promoting healthy living, the program directly addresses the shifting needs of an ageing demographic. Datuk Amar commended the initiative, sharing invaluable insights on the necessity of demographic-driven planning and actionable frameworks to foster active ageing.

Sincere gratitude is extended to YB Datuk Amar for his continued leadership, guidance, and backing as UiTM Sarawak strives to drive meaningful, sustainable development across the state.

Charting STRATEGIC HORIZON

UiTM Leaders Assemble for Executive Engagement Session 2026



The atmosphere at Dewan Sri Alam in Hotel UiTM Puncak Alam was charged with vision and purpose yesterday as the University Board of Directors (LPU) and the University Executive Council (MEU) convened for the Executive Engagement Session 2026.

Designed as a high-level brainstorming retreat, the summit focused on steering UiTM's strategic direction and bolstering total university governance.







LEADING THE WAY.

Prof. Dr Firdaus Abdullah CHAIRED THE 11TH UiTM COUNCIL OF RECTORS MEETING



Central to the discussions was the rigorous implementation of Vice-Chancellor Circular No. 1 of 2026, which outlines guidelines for public expenditure control and fiscal prudence.

All attending Rectors reaffirmed their commitment to executing these measures effectively across every campus while formulating strategic recommendations for the University Executive Council to optimize financial management and sharpen administrative efficiency.



The agenda for campus empowerment was further enriched by a specialized briefing on **endowment management** delivered by Encik Mohamad Hairi Ramli, Finance Director of the Endowment Unit. This session provided the leadershig team with crucial strategies for diversifying revenue streams and securing long-term financial sustainability for individual branches.

"The meeting was rendered even more historic by the presence of UiTM **Pro-Chancellor, YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh,** marking his second engagement with the council in 2026. Expressing immense pride in the achievements of the branch campuses, Tan Sri Idris shared visionary mandates focusing on **transformational leadership, student entrepreneurship,** and **robust succession planning,** emphasizing the need for crystal-clear targets to elevate UiTM into a premier institution.

CAMPUS MILESTONES

Each Rector presented their campus milestones, highlighting practical implementations of "learning by doing" and "managing by collaborating," 2u2i industry-integrated initiatives, and high-impact industrial partnerships.

1. LEARNING BY DOING
2. MANAGING BY COLLABORATING
3. 2u2i INDUSTRY-INTEGRATED INITIATIVES
4. HIGH-IMPACT INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIPS

Deepest gratitude goes to YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh for his invaluable guidance, fellow Rectors for their unwavering commitment, and the host campus, UiTM Rembau, alongside the secretariat, for organizing an exemplary and impactful summit.

Armed with these strategic mandates, the Council of Rectors remains **fully dedicated to translating vision into concrete action** for the whole university community.

UiTM Sarawak Presents

HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH FINDINGS

to HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF SARAWAK

27 April 2026 | Main Audience Room, Astana Negeri Sarawak







The primary objective of this royal audience was to present the formal findings of a landmark research project titled "A Historiographical Analysis of the Sarawak Genealogy: Compiled by Pehin Jamil Sufri and Its Connection to the Astana Sarawak Institution".

Conducted over an intensive three-month period from 1 September to 30 November 2025, this scholarly endeavor by UiTM Sarawak researchers sought to fortify the historical documentation and heritage of Sarawak's traditional governance systems. Highlighted during the presentation was the critical value of genealogical historiography as an authentic baseline for understanding Sarawak's leadership structures, royal customs, and institutional continuity.

In a landmark moment of academic handover, the delegation presented several priceless historical documents to His Excellency, including the comprehensive research report, transliterated copies of both the Kanun Lingga–Banting and Kanun Lawas, as well as official copies of the original Lingga–Banting manuscript and genealogy chart. This presentation highlights UiTM Sarawak's steadfast dedication to safeguarding local cultural heritage through rigorous, high-impact scholarly research. By bridging academic inquiry with regional legacy, this memorable audience further cements the strategic bond between the university and Astana Negeri Sarawak, ensuring the rich tapestry of Sarawakian history remains vibrant for generations to come.

An extraordinary Honour at Astana Negeri Sarawak

The morning brought an extraordinary honor to UiTM Sarawak as a delegation led by campus leadership paid an official courtesy call on:

His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak,
***Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi Bin Tuanku Jaafar**, and*
*Her Excellency **Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Fauziah binti Mohd. Sanusi***

The delegation included:

***Pn. Siti Nur Aishah binti Jaafar@Abdullah**, Chairperson of the UiTMCS Women's Association (PEWANI)*
***Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saimi bin Bujang**, Deputy Rector of Student Affairs*
***Tuan Haji Wan Ariffin bin Haji Yon**, Head Researcher, alongside key research team members and officers*
***Datu Dr. Haji Sanib bin Haji Said**, General Manager of the Sarawak Malay Cultural Heritage Investment Trust (AKYBMS).*



Kesejahteraan Masyarakat 3

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Angkat penyelidikan jadi naskhah sejarah

KUCHING: Sebuah laporan kajian dari Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak dibentangkan kepada Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak Tun Pehin Sri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar.

Rektor UiTM Sarawak Prof. Dr. Firdaus Abdullah mengetuai delegasi berkongsi laporan bertajuk Analisis Historiografi Salasilah Sarawak: Susunan Pehin Jamil Sufri dan Hubung Kaitnya dengan Institusi Astana Negeri Sarawak.

Sehubungan itu, Tun Wan Junaidi menzahirkan penghargaan kepada pasukan penyelidik UiTM atas komitmen dan dedikasi dalam menghasilkan kajian berkenaan.

"Institusi pengajian tinggi berperanan penting dalam usaha penyelidikan dan pendokumentasian sejarah tempatan agar terus diperkasa sebagai rujukan sahih untuk generasi akan datang.

"Besar harapan agar hasil kajian tersebut dapat menjadi naskhah dokumentasi yang lengkap, tepat dan berautoriti demi manfaat rakyat serta pemegang tauh sejarah tanah air," katanya menerusi satu kenyataan Facebook, semalam.

Terdahulu, UiTM bersama-sama delegasi membuat kunjungan hormat terhadap Tun Wan Junaidi serta isteri Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Fauziah Mohd Sanusi di Astana Negeri Sarawak.

Kajian yang dibentangkan meneliti karya Mohammad Jamil Al-Sufri, seorang sejarawan terkemuka dari Brunei Darussalam yang banyak mendokumentasikan sejarah Borneo.

Hasil kerja tersebut banyak memberi fokus kepada Salasilah Sarawak sebagai dokumen hidup yang mencerminkan legitimasi sosiopolitik serta hubungan sejarah antara Sarawak dengan Brunei.

Salasilah tersebut merupakan rekod genealogi penting yang menghubungkan kepimpinan Sarawak dengan warisan sejarah yang kaya, sekali gus menjadi asas kepada pemahaman kesinambungan kuasa dan identiti di Kepulauan Borneo.

Turut serta ialah Timbalan Rektor UiTM Sarawak Prof. Madya Dr. Saimi Bujang, Ketua Penyelidik Wan Ariffin Wan Yon dan Pembantu Penyelidik Sharifah Nafisah Wan Ariffin.

Hadir sama Pengerusi Besar Amanah Khairat Yayasan Budaya Melayu Sarawak merangkap ahli sejarawan Sarawak Datuk Dr Sanib Said.

TUN Wan Junaidi serta Toh Puan Fauziah berkenan terima kunjungan hormat daripada delegasi UiTM Cawangan Sarawak. • Foto ASTANA SARAWAK

Sunday morning brought a momentous cultural highlight as the Al-Hana Mosque Hall in Lingga played host to the official handover ceremony of the Lingga Manuscript and a celebratory luncheon. The historic occasion was graced by **His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar,** alongside **Her Excellency Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Fauziah binti Mohd. Sanusi** and their family, as part of their official visit to Lingga following stops in Triso and Sebuyau.

The event was further honoured by the presence of key leaders including YB Puan Dayang Noorazah Awang Sohor (Assemblywoman for N28 Lingga), YB Datuk Mong Anak Dagang (Assemblyman for N31 Bukit Begunan), Datuk Amar Jaul Samion (Advisor to the Sarawak Premier's Office), Encik Mahra Salleh (Sri Aman Resident), community elders, and local residents.

UiTM SARAWAK PARTNERS IN HISTORIC LINGGA MANUSCRIPT HANDOVER TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF SARAWAK

The showcase featured the

Mini Lingga-Banting Genealogy Chart

alongside priceless historical artifacts and texts, including:

1. **Kanun Lingga-Banting**
   (Lingga-Banting Code of Law)
2. **Catatan Kisah Sejarah Banting dan Asal Usul Dahulu Kala**
   (Historical Accounts of Banting and Ancient Origins)
3. **Salasilah Keluarga Bin Yahya Sarawak**
   (Genealogy of the Bin Yahya Family of Sarawak)
4. **Salasilah Lingga-Banting**
   (Lingga-Banting Lineage)
5. **Traditional Heirloom Sword**
   (Pedang)
6. **Traditional Heirloom Spear**
   (Tombak)



During the ceremony, His Excellency formally received the Banting Lingga heritage documents, presented on behalf of the lineage heirs by former Temenggong Bohari Abang Mohd Zain.

This collaboration highlights UiTM Sarawak's steadfast devotion to safeguarding state heritage through rigorous, high-impact scholarly research. By bridging academic inquiry with grassroots preservation, initiatives like this ensure Sarawak's rich historical identity remains vibrant, authentic, and inspiring for future generations.

PIONEERING HALAL INNOVATION AND TALENT THROUGH THE SARAWAK HALAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026–2030



State Halal Committee Meeting chaired by **The Honourable Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Premier of Sarawak cum Minister for International Trade, Industry and Investment**, who is also the Minister for Natural Resources and Urban Development II, held at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching.

Also present was Datuk Dr. Abdul Rahman Junaidi, Deputy Minister in the Sarawak Premier's Department (Project Coordinator for Regional Development Agencies, Kuching North City Hall, and Islamic Affairs), along with other relevant committee members.

Prof. Dr Firdaus Abdullah had the opportunity to present the Sarawak Halal Industry Development Plan 2026–2030, developed collaboratively with agencies such as the Ministry of International Trade, Industry and Investment Sarawak (MINTRED), Sarawak Islamic Religious Department (JAIS), and the Sarawak Attorney-General's Chambers.

UiTMCS has been entrusted to lead the strategic thrust of talent development, research, and innovation to strengthen the state's halal industry ecosystem. Meanwhile, MINTRED will lead infrastructure development, while JAIS is given a role in halal certification and data aspects, and the Sarawak Attorney-General's Chambers will focus on related policies and legislation.

The meeting also announced the organization of the Borneo International Halal Showcase (BIHAS) 2026, which will take place from July 21 to 23, 2026, at Waterfront Kuching. Indeed, BIHAS 2026 has the potential to be the best platform to empower the halal industry at regional and international levels.



UiTM AND TEGAS EXCHANGE STRATEGIC MOU AT SCaTFair 2026



The 12th edition of the Sarawak Career & Training Fair (SCaTFair) 2026 at the Hikmah Exchange Event Center (HEEC), Kuching, marked a historic milestone for youth talent development and technological advancement in the region. Officiated by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, the prestigious event highlighted Sarawak's vision for future-ready human capital.



Following the opening ceremony, a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) document exchange took place between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), represented by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, and Tabung Ekonomi Gagasan Anak Sarawak (TEGAS). This landmark partnership centers on the execution of the Sarawak Rocket CanSat Competition (SRC2026) and the implementation of the Blueprint SRC2026.

This collaboration extends far beyond symbolic cooperation; it represents a shared commitment to empowering Sarawak's youth through hands-on mastery of cutting-edge technology, aerospace engineering principles, and STEM innovation.

By bridging higher education expertise with state youth development initiatives, UiTM and TEGAS continue to elevate graduate employability and prepare Sarawak's local talent to lead in the high-tech economy of tomorrow.

UiTM's CORE TECHNICAL & ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Under this strategic agreement, UiTM will provide specialized academic and engineering expertise across key competition domains:

STANDARDIZATION & REGULATIONS:
Developing technical guidelines, mission criteria, and comprehensive scoring metrics for the competition.

CANSAT TECHNICAL TRAINING:
Conducting hands-on training sessions covering satellite design, sensor integration, and data telemetry.

EXPERT MENTORSHIP:
Assigning academic mentors and subject-matter experts to coach competing student teams throughout their project development.

PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION:
Leading technical assessments, analyzing flight data, and evaluating overall mission success.

PROUD MOMENTS

UiTM SARAWAK

ATTENDS PMAC RATIONALIZATION RETREAT AND SWEEPS TOP AKPU 2025 AWARDS



12 – 14 JUNE 2026
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The special retreat for the UiTM Rationalization Coordination Committee under the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee (PMAC), chaired by YBhg. Dato' Seri Dr. Hamzah Kassim, the retreat was attended by prominent leaders, including YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh (Pro-Chancellor of UiTM), YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Hj. Mohd Khamil Jamil (Chairman of the University Board of Directors), and YBrs. Dr. Nungsari Mohd Radzi, alongside members of the University Executive Council, Council of Rectors, and Council of Deans.

The high-level gathering served as a vital platform to evaluate institutional achievements, refine transformation strategies, and map out UiTM's long-term roadmap to ensure its continued relevance, competitiveness, and global distinction.

Celebrating EXCELLENCE

Adding to the significance of the event, UiTM Sarawak achieved monumental success by securing three prestigious accolades at the University Performance Excellence Awards (AKPU) and Global Excellence Awards 2025 ceremony held at ILD, Bandar Enstek:

- ANUGERAH **LEGASI BINTANG** (6 STARS)
- ANUGERAH **6 BINTANG** (PTJ)
- **3RD PLACE** FOR THE TRANSFORMATION EXCELLENCE AWARD "GLOBALLY RENOWNED 2025" (ACADEMIC STAFF DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY)



Heartfelt Congratulations
& SYABAS

to all staff members whose relentless pursuit of quality made these national honors possible. May this momentum continue to drive the UITM Sarawak Transformation Agenda forward, elevating the university to even greater heights on the global stage.

DATUK ROZIAH MOHD JANOR

HEADLINES SIRI TELAAH III

SESSION ON

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

"Conquering the Peak of the World: A Woman's Touch"



This edition of the series featured a renowned national women's leadership figure, YBhg. Datuk Ts. Dr. Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor, former Vice-Chancellor of UiTM and the first woman to be appointed as leader of the largest public university in Malaysia. She discussed her book and shared her leadership journey, strategic thinking, and key insights from her writing, which emphasises the values of integrity and resilience for women excelling across various fields.

This programme was the result of strategic collaboration between PTAR UiTMCS as the main organiser, together with the Women's Association (PEWANI) of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak and the Student Representative Council (MPP) of UiTM Sarawak.

Also present were YBhg. Datuk Haji Abdul Wahab Bin Aziz of UiTM and his wife, YBhg. Datin Dayang Rosnah binti Haji Drashid, Chairperson of Persatuan Wanita Bestari Sarawak; Pn. Siti Nur Aisyah Jaafar, Chairperson of the Women's Association (PEWANI) UiTMCS; Prof. Madya Dr. Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector, UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus; and Pn. Nur Afeqah Abdullah, Deputy Chief Librarian, PTAR UiTMCS.



The programme was further enlivened by the participation of representatives from women's associations and NGOs around Kuching and Kota Samarahan, including Persatuan Wanita UNIMAS, Dayak Bidayuh National Association, BAKAT TUDM, Purplelily Social Organisation Kuching, PPSEAWA Cawangan Sarawak, PERASA UiTM Sarawak, JKK Kampung Empila, along with UiTMCS students. Their presence reflected the spirit of togetherness between the university and the community in strengthening intellectual development and women's leadership.



This programme serves as an important platform for **UiTMCS in fostering a culture of knowledge, leadership, and strategic thinking, particularly among the campus community and women in the community.** The sharing by this national female icon opened up space for inspiration, encouraging women to boldly challenge their own potential and contribute significantly to the development of Sarawak and the nation.



Ministry Collaborations



20 YEARS OF BUILDING EXCELLENCE

UiTMCS CELEBRATES DIPLOMA BANGUNAN MILESTONE WITH TAM MoU

The anniversary dinner was officiated by YB Datuk Henry Harry Jinep, Deputy Minister of Transport (River and Maritime) Sarawak, and was also attended by Sr. Dr. Hajah Noraziah binti Wahi, Head of Centre for the School of Art, Design, Architecture, Planning and Surveying, UiTMCS; Ts. Dr. Noorsaidi Mahat and Ts. Br. PMr. Dr. Abu Bakar Ahmat, Co-Project Directors of the dinner; Ts. Ir. Br. Sim Yih Seng, Vice Chairman of the Technology Association of Malaysia (TAM); Ts. Br. Cheng Cheow Syen, President of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB UK); Ts. Ir. Br. Ahmad Zawawi, President of the Association of Professional Technicians and Technologists (APTT); along with sponsors, industry partners, alumni, lecturers, and students of the Diploma in Building, UiTMCS.

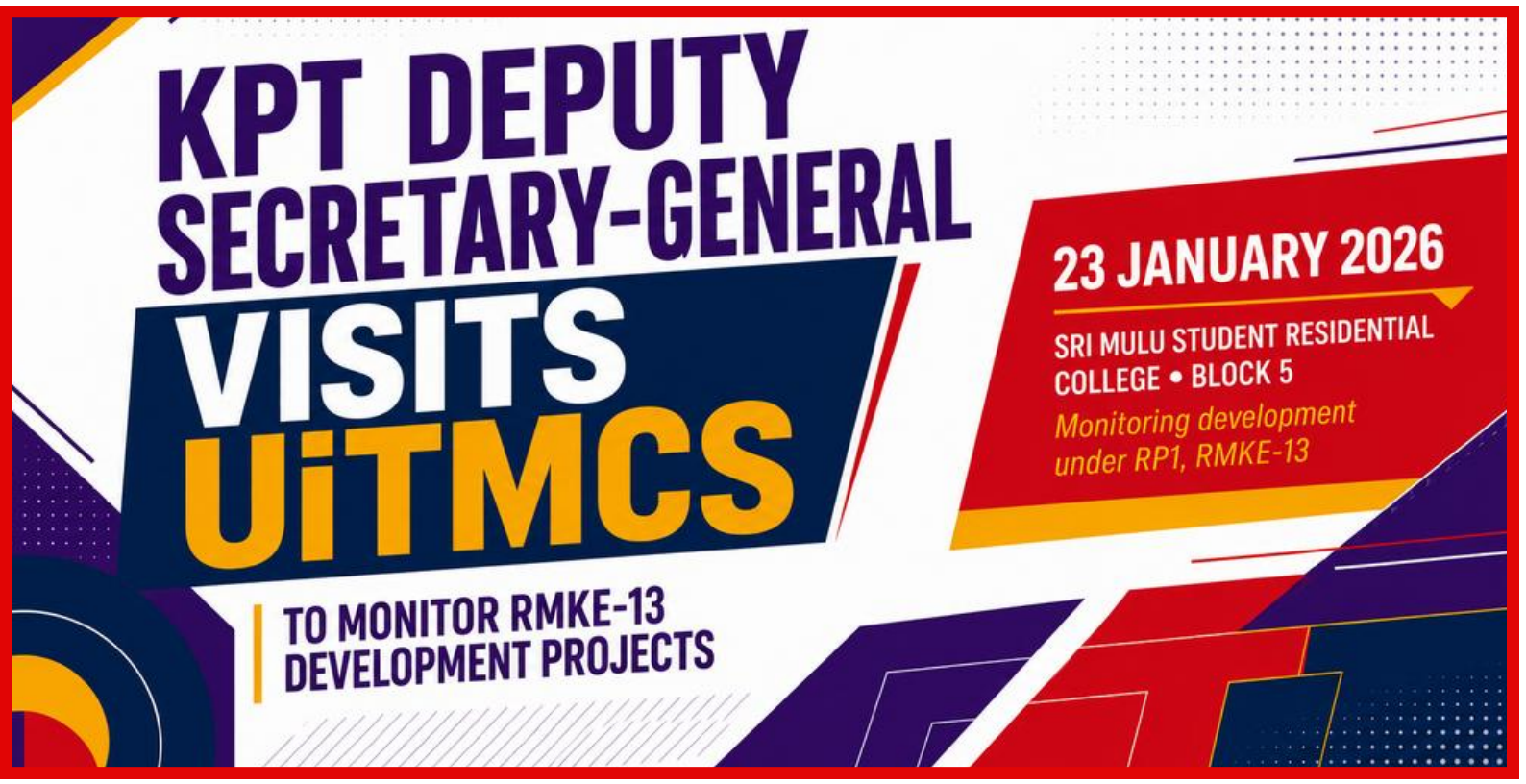






UiTMCS will remain committed to empowering Bumiputera in the construction sector and producing industry leaders who are competitive both locally and globally. Congratulations to the faculty, alumni, and strategic partners for being part of this excellent history over the past two decades.

Deepest thanks go to everyone who worked hard to make this dinner a success, particularly YB Datuk Henry, the organising committee, as well as the sponsors and industry partners. May this close cooperation among all parties continue to grow for a bright future in the nation's construction industry.

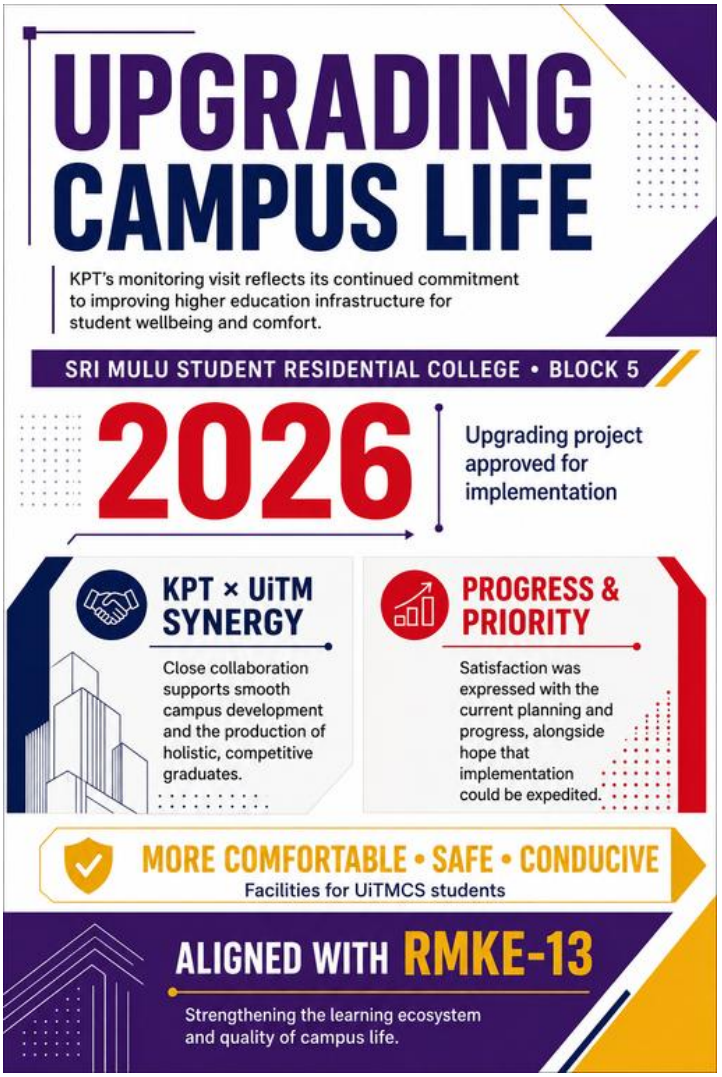




UiTMCS had the honour of receiving a visit from **YBhg. Datuk Ts. Dr. Mohd Nor Azman bin Hassan**, Deputy Secretary-General (Management and Development), Ministry of Higher Education (KPT), along with his delegation, as part of a monitoring visit to new development projects under the First Rolling Plan of the Thirteenth Malaysia Plan (RP1, RMKE-13).



Accompanied by the UiTMCS management team, led by Prof. Madya Ts. ChM. Dr. Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector for Academic and International Affairs; Prof. Madya Dr. Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector for Student Affairs; Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector for Research and Industry Networking; Prof. Madya Dr. Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector, UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus; Ir. Ts. Azman bin Saubiran, Director of the Development and Infrastructure Division, UiTM Shah Alam; Mr. Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar; along with UiTM staff involved.



LEADING REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

UiTM Sarawak Champions ASEAN Earth Cleanup Week 2026

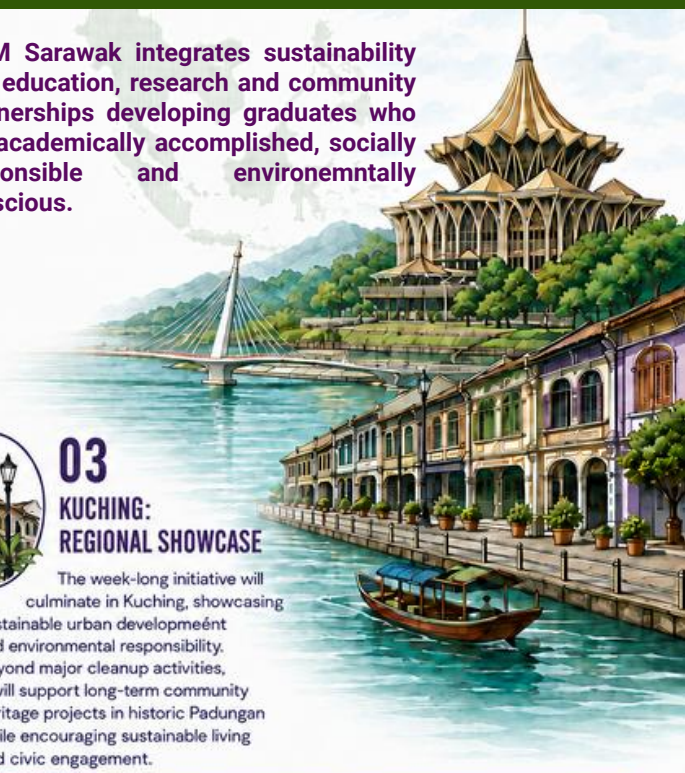
A regional movement uniting universities, local authorities, industry and communities for a greener, more resilient ASEAN.



Environmental sustainability is increasingly defined by collaboration that transcends institutional and national boundaries. Reflecting this shared commitment, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak recently led a courtesy visit to the Kuching South City Council (MBKS) as part of preparations for the ASEAN Earth Cleanup Week (AECW) 2026, a regional initiative dedicated to promoting environmental stewardship and community-driven sustainability.

The delegation was led by the Rector of UiTM Sarawak and received by Dato Wee Hong Seng, Mayor of Kuching South, together with Dato Zaiedi Suhaili, Deputy Mayor of MBKS. Joining the university delegation were Henry Teh, Founder of World Cleanup Day; Ts. Dr Eng.Tech Noorsaidi Mahat, Coordinator of the Campus Sustainability Committee and UiTM Green Centre (UCG) at UiTM Sarawak; alongside members of the AECW 2026 Organising Committee.

UiTM Sarawak integrates sustainability into education, research and community partnerships developing graduates who are academically accomplished, socially responsible and environemntally conscious.



AECW 2026 connects strategic collaboration, regional participation and community action to create lasting environmental and social impact.

01 STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Preparations focused on opportunities for MBKS to participate as a strategic partner and sponsor, strengthening cross-sector cooperation for meaningful and enduring impact.

02 ASEAN-WIDE ACTION

Building on Penang Earth Cleanup Week 2024, AECW 2026 will unite universities, government agencies, industry partners, NGOs and participants from across ASEAN. The programme promotes conservation, circular economy practices and community-led action.

03 KUCHING: REGIONAL SHOWCASE

The week-long initiative will culminate in Kuching, showcasing sustainable urban developmeént and environmental responsibility. Beyond major cleanup activities, it will support long-term community heritage projects in historic Padungan while encouraging sustainable living and civic engagement.

COLLABORATION • CONSERVATION • CIRCULAR ECONOMY • COMMUNITY

Building a Sustainable Future Through Strategic Community Partnerships

Sustainable development is built through collective action, where institutions, communities, and public agencies come together with a shared commitment to creating lasting impact. Continuing its efforts to strengthen environmental and community partnerships, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak recently advanced preparations for the ASEAN Earth Cleanup Week 2026 (AECW2026) through a strategic engagement with the Kuching North City Commission (DBKU).



The UiTM Sarawak delegation, led by the AECW2026 Organising Committee, paid a courtesy visit to YBhg. Dato Haji Hilmy Haji Othman, Mayor of Kuching North, at his office in Bukit Siol. The delegation was warmly received by Dato Haji Hilmy, accompanied by Rudzaimeir Malek, Deputy Director of the Community Services Department, DBKU.



Representing UiTM Sarawak were Henry Teh, Founder of World Cleanup Day; Ts. Dr Eng.Tech Noorsaidi Mahat, Coordinator of the Campus Sustainability Committee and UiTM Green Centre (UCG); as well as members of the organising team.

The engagement focus on:

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Strengthening collaboration for AECW2026 while exploring DBKU's participation as a strategic partner and sponsor. Following an earlier engagement with MBKS, the initiative seeks to unite key stakeholders across Kuching.

ASEAN-LEVEL CSR IMPACT

- Environmental conservation
- Circular economy practices
- Community-based sustainability
- Long-term environmental awareness
- Positioning Kuching as a model sustainable city in ASEAN

COMMUNITY HERITAGE

Supporting meaningful community heritage development through projects that encourage public participation and strenghten the relationship between citizens and their urban environment.

EMPOWERING FUTURE GENGERATIONS

Exploring education and communication excellence through the 2026 Inter-School Public Speaking Competition: Datuk Bandar DBKU Challenge Trophy.

Organised jointly by UiTM Sarawak through the Academy of Language Studies and DBKU, the competition aims to enhance English language proficiency, public speaking abilities, critical thinking skills, and leadership qualities among secondary school students from both public and private schools across Kuching.

Such initiatives reflect a shared commitment to developing young individuals who are confident, articulate, and prepared to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. Through platforms that encourage communication, creativity, and intellectual growth, students are empowered to become future leaders capable of contributing meaningfully to society.

The collaboration between UiTM Sarawak and DBKU represents more than a partnership between institutions—it reflects a collective vision for a sustainable, educated, and resilient community. By combining environmental stewardship with youth empowerment, these initiatives demonstrate how meaningful collaboration can create transformative outcomes that extend far beyond the university campus.

As Kuching moves towards becoming a more sustainable and inclusive city, UiTM Sarawak remains committed to playing an active role in shaping a future where communities thrive, the environment is protected, and the next generation is equipped to lead with confidence and purpose.

Positioning Sarawak as a Regional Leader in Green Innovation and Sustainability

Strategic collaboration for ASEAN Earth Cleanup Week 2026 (AECW2026)

Sustainability challenges require more than individual efforts—they demand strong partnerships, innovative solutions, and collective action across sectors. In advancing this vision, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak continues to strengthen strategic collaborations for the upcoming ASEAN Earth Cleanup Week 2026 (AECW2026) through engagements with key stakeholders committed to environmental transformation.



The AECW2026 Organising Committee recently paid a courtesy visit to Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Haji Hazland Haji Abang Hipni, Deputy Minister of the Sarawak Ministry of Energy and Environmental Sustainability (MEESty), at his office in the Baitul Makmur 1 Building.

The delegation was warmly received by Datuk Dr Haji Hazland, with the engagement bringing together representatives from UiTM Sarawak and sustainability partners, including Professor Ir Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector (Research and Industrial Linkages); Henry Teh, Founder of World Cleanup Day; and Ts. Dr Eng.Tech Noorsaidi Mahat, Coordinator of the Campus Sustainability Committee and UiTM Green Centre (UCG).



The discussion centred on the upcoming organisation of AECW2026 and explored opportunities for MEESty to become a strategic partner and supporter of this regional sustainability initiative.

Among the key areas highlighted were the development of sustainability-driven start-ups, the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into environmental solutions, potential urban pilot projects, and platforms to showcase green innovations.

The engagement forms part of UiTM Sarawak's wider efforts to build a strong network of collaborators for AECW2026. Prior discussions have also been held with the leadership of the Kuching South City Council (MBKS) and the Kuching North City Commission (DBKU), with encouraging responses from all stakeholders towards supporting the initiative.

Recognised as a regional Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme, AECW2026 will focus on environmental conservation, circular economy practices, and community-based sustainability efforts. More than a cleanup initiative, the programme aims to inspire long-term behavioural change, encourage innovation, and strengthen partnerships among communities, institutions, industries, and governments.

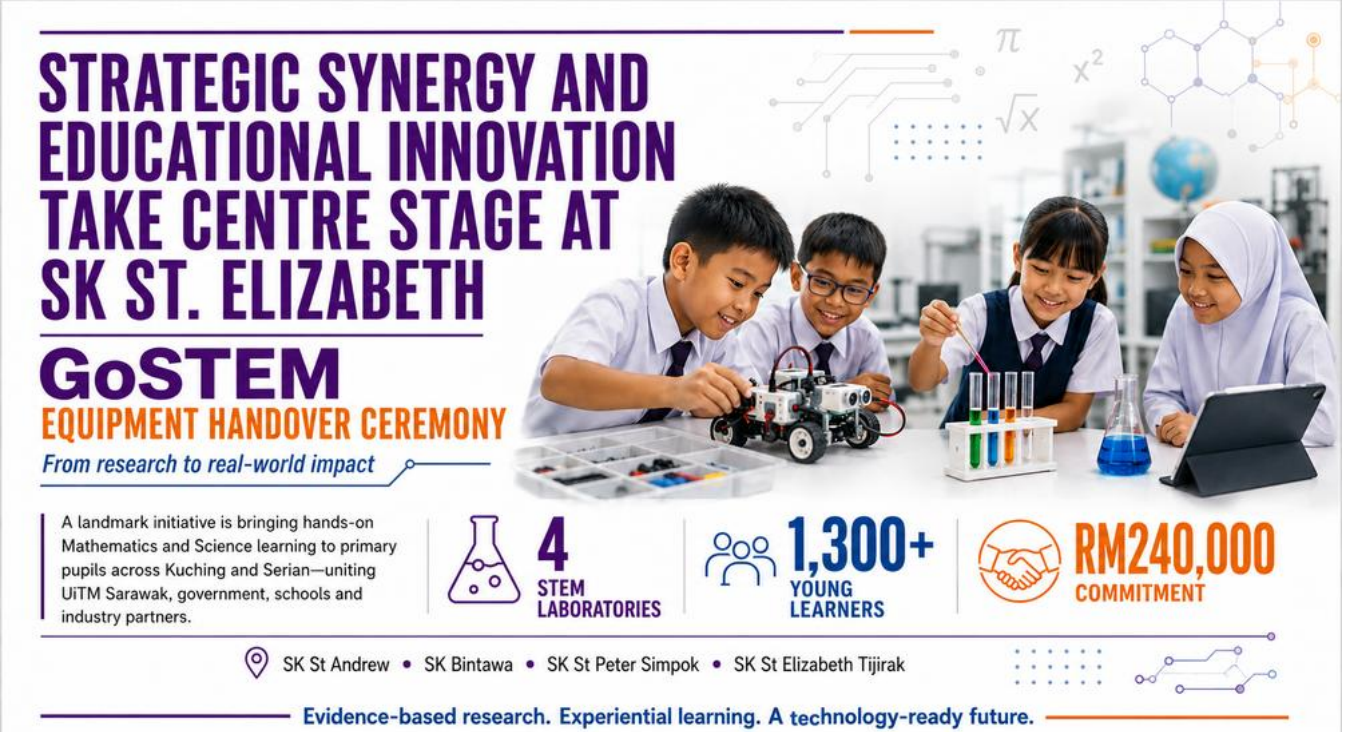
Organised by UiTM Cawangan Sarawak in collaboration with UiTM Shah Alam, World Cleanup Day (WCD), and Earth Day (ED), with the support of the Sarawak Government and ASEAN partners, AECW2026 represents a significant platform for regional environmental cooperation.

While the main event will take place in Kuching, the initiative will extend beyond the city through the involvement of universities across Malaysia and ASEAN. A series of activities before, during, and after the main event will create opportunities for knowledge exchange, sustainability advocacy, research collaboration, and community participation

For Sarawak, AECW2026 provides a valuable opportunity to showcase its achievements and aspirations in energy transition, environmental sustainability, and green innovation to an international audience. The programme will bring together ASEAN cities, higher education institutions, industry stakeholders, and global environmental networks, creating a platform to share ideas and accelerate collective action.

Through strategic partnerships such as this, UiTM Sarawak continues to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability as a core pillar of institutional development. By connecting education, innovation, and community engagement, the university remains dedicated to contributing towards a greener, more resilient, and sustainable future for Sarawak and the wider ASEAN region.





SK St. Elizabeth, Serian, recently marked a major milestone in primary STEM education with the official Gift of STEM Education (GoSTEM) Equipment Handover Ceremony. Graced by YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn, Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak (MEITD), the ceremony symbolized far more than a simple transfer of resources; it marked the continuation of a visionary journey to inspire curiosity, critical thinking, and a passion for scientific discovery amongst young learners across the region.

The GoSTEM initiative builds directly upon the groundwork laid by the successful Gift of Education 2024 pilot project across selected primary schools in Kuching and Samarahan.

Demonstrating the transformative power of structured resources and experiential learning in Mathematics and Science, the project has now expanded its scope for a larger-scale rollout spanning September 2025 through to June 2026.

This extended reach targets key primary schools across both the Kuching and Serian Divisions, embedding interactive, problem-solving pedagogy directly into early childhood education.



Ultimately, the event at SK St. Elizabeth represents a triumphant alignment between academia, government, and industry partners, including T & J Engineering Sdn. Bhd., the Sarawak Education Department, district officers, and dedicated school leaders.

By uniting evidence-based research with collaborative goodwill, the GoSTEM project is setting a new benchmark for primary education, ensuring that Sarawak's youth are fully equipped to thrive in an increasingly technology-driven future.



HARMONY ON THE FAIRWAYS,
STRONGER TOGETHER

MARCH | 29 | 2026
A'FAMOSA GOLF RESORT

UNITED BY Goodwill

Amidst the festive atmosphere of the ongoing Hari Raya celebrations, senior university leadership joined ministry officials and academic peers on the fairways for the KPT-UiTM Syawal Goodwill Golf Tournament held at A'Famosa Golf Resort.

KPT–UiTM SYAWAL GOODWILL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026

A day of camaraderie, unity and mutual respect in higher education.

*Representing UiTM Sarawak, campus leadership shared a flight with distinguished education partners, including **YBhg. Datuk Ts. Dr. Mohd Nor Azman bin Hassan**, Deputy Secretary-General (Management & Development) of KPT; **YBhg. Dato' Dr. Mohd Sharil bin Abdullah**, Registrar of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM); and **Professor Datuk Ts. Dr. Hj. Mohd Rasdi bin Hj. Zaini**, Rector of UiTM Melaka Campus.*

The spirited round provided an engaging blend of friendly competition and constructive dialogue, bridging administrative and academic perspectives out on the course.



Beyond the physical benefits of a morning on the links, the tournament proved to be an invaluable platform for deepening ties between UiTM Sarawak, inter-university colleagues, and ministry leadership.

Informal engagements of this nature play a vital role in reinforcing strategic collaboration and institutional trust.

By fostering goodwill in a relaxed, harmonious environment, such initiatives continue to strengthen the networks that support our shared national educational vision.

GOODWILL ON THE GREEN,
PARTNERS IN EDUCATION.



SHAPING TOMORROW

Karnival Jom Masuk U 2026

Zon Sarawak I Grandly Officiated

The energy was palpable at the Penview Convention Centre (PCC) Demak, Kuching, as the mega-scale Karnival Jom Masuk Universiti 2026 (JMU 2026) Zon Sarawak I was officially launched. Officiated by **YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn,** Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak, representing the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak, the grand opening brought together key leaders from government, higher education, and regional agencies.

Among the distinguished guests were YB Datuk Francis Harden Hollis, Deputy Minister II for Talent Development; YBrs. Prof. Dr Zainal Amin bin Ayub, Deputy Director-General of Higher Education (Academic & Research); YBrs. Professor Dr Yamin Yasin, UiTM Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & Internationalisation); Pn Sharifah Fariah Syed Junaidi, Head of Higher Education Division representing the MEITD Permanent Secretary; En. Mohd Najib bin Mohd Sarif, BKPA Director; along with various heads of departments.



Jointly organized by the Department of Higher Education (JPT), Ministry of Higher Education, in close collaboration with UiTM Sarawak, this flagship educational showcase serves as a vital bridge for the Bornean community. The carnival provides a comprehensive platform for school leavers, teachers, and parents to access first-hand information regarding academic pathways across Public Universities, Polytechnics, Community Colleges, MARA Higher Education Institutions, and Private Higher Education Institutions.

As the carnival reaches its final day, SPM leavers and parents who have yet to visit are strongly encouraged to drop by, speak directly with institutional representatives, and take decisive steps in planning their educational futures with confidence.

Heartfelt Appreciation

Ministry of Higher Education for their continued trust and strategic collaboration with UiTM Sarawak in steering this major initiative. Sincere gratitude is also extended to the secretariats from UiTM and BKPA JPT, government agencies, strategic partners, participating institutions, officers, and dedicated volunteers whose tireless efforts ensured the smooth and resounding success of this event.

Engaging Communities and Empowering Futures:

Strategic Education Insights at the Bisingai Town Hall 2026



SUNDAY
26 APRIL 2026

Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie Multi-Purpose Hall, Bisingai

"A meaningful dialogue today, a smarter Sarawak tomorrow."

The Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie Multi-Purpose Hall played host to an impactful exchange of ideas yesterday as the Association of Research and Development Movement of Singai Sarawak (REDEEMS) convened the Bisingai Town Hall 2026.

Invited to serve as a panellist for the Education & Employment session, thoughtfully moderated by former IBEC UNIMAS Director Prof. Dr Andrew Alex Tuen, the forum provided a vital platform to address regional talent development.

The panel also featured distinguished perspectives from Dr Les Anak Met, Deputy Director of the Sarawak State Education Department, and En. Haikal Hammad Zin, lecturer at UiTM Sarawak's Academy of Language Studies.

The event was further graced by YB Datuk Henry Harry Anak Jinep, Deputy Minister of Transport Sarawak (Riverine & Marine) and REDEEMS Patron, alongside REDEEMS President Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie.

INVESTING EARLY, INSPIRING FUTURES

The discussion spotlighted UiTM Sarawak's unwavering commitment to advancing STEM education through the Gift of STEM Education (GoSTEM) initiative—a joint endeavor with the Rotary Club of Kuching Central, backed by the Sarawak State Education Department.

Evolving from the successful 2024 pilot project, GoSTEM has expanded across primary schools in the Kuching and Serian Divisions, enhancing hands-on learning, improving infrastructure, and upskilling educators to foster early scientific curiosity.

LOOKING BEYOND 2027: THE FUTURE OF FTES

A central highlight of the discourse focused on the prospective horizon of the Sarawak Free Tertiary Education Scheme (FTES). Looking beyond 2027, there is collective optimism that the scheme's second phase will extend to public universities in Sarawak, such as UiTM Sarawak, UNIMAS, and UPM Sarawak.

Broadening this visionary initiative could unlock affordable access to higher education for roughly 3,500 new students annually across critical disciplines, ranging from STEM, law, and medicine to finance and psychology, representing a strategic investment of RM30 million each year toward securing Sarawak's talent pipeline.

~3,500 NEW STUDENTS ANNUALLY

ACCESS TO PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN SARAWAK

RM30 MILLION ANNUALLY





UiTM Sarawak Attends International Conference on SUSTAINABLE SMART CITIES (ICSSC) 2026

ICSSC 2026 serves as far more than an academic symposium it acts as a vital catalyst for human capital development, green innovation, and sustainable urban design.

The city of Kuching reaffirmed its standing as an emerging hub for future-ready urban innovation as the inaugural International Conference on Sustainable Smart Cities (ICSSC) 2026 officially commenced at a premier hotel in Kuching. Officiating the two-day international conference was YBhg. Dato Wee Hong Seng, Mayor of Kuching South City Council (MBKS), representing YB Datuk Amar Prof. Dr. Sim Kui Hian, Deputy Premier III of Sarawak and Minister for Public Health, Housing and Local Government.

ERASMUS+ SCALe PROJECT & GLOBAL ACADEMIC CONSORTIUMS

OVERVIEW

ICSSC 2026 is part of the **Erasmus+ Smart City ASEAN Learning Network (SCALe)**, uniting institutions across **Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand, Italy and Greece.** Kuching's selection as host reflects international confidence in Sarawak's digital and green transformation under **PCDS 2030.**

14 PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

5 COUNTRIES

RM3 MILLION+ GRANT VALUE

7 ERASMUS+ CONSORTIUMS SINCE 2015



71 PARTNER INSTITUTIONS ACROSS EUROPE & ASIA

KEY COLLABORATION PILLARS

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY & GRANTS
UiTM Sarawak's participation strengthens global academic connections.

TRIPLE HELIX SYNERGY
Academia, government and industry collaborate to narrow skills gaps and deliver actionable smart-city solutions.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT
Supported by the Sarawak State Government and Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak), extending international reach and economic returns for the state.

KUCHING BECOMES A MEETING POINT FOR THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE CITIES

ICSSC 2026 united academics, policymakers and industry practitioners to turn knowledge and innovation into better urban lives.



1st International Conference of Sustainable Smart Cities • ICSSC 2026 • Kuching

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES

ICSSC 2026 concluded with stronger collaboration among 14 institutions under the Erasmus+ SCALe project—advancing sustainable and people-centred urban development.

14	5
INSTITUTIONS	COUNTRIES

MALAYSIA • CAMBODIA • THAILAND • ITALY • GREECE





GLOBAL ACADEMIC PARTNERS

University of Thessaly • Sapienza University of Rome • Chiang Mai University • National University of Management • Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak Branch

BEYOND TECHNOLOGY:

PUTTING PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF SMART CITIES

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

How can innovation and technology make cities better places for the people who live in them?



FROM IDEAS TO ACTION

ICSSC 2026 explored urbanisation, climate change, inclusive governance and local capacity. Multidisciplinary workshops developed practical technological and social interventions, including potential prototypes for adoption by local authorities.

A PEOPLE-CENTRED FUTURE

A truly smart city is not defined by advanced technology alone. Innovation must respond to everyday community needs—building places that are more resilient, inclusive, sustainable and liveable.

KNOWLEDGE BEYOND THE CONFERENCE

Partnerships forged in Kuching can transform shared knowledge into practical solutions for Sarawak and communities around the world.

UiTM SARAWAK PARTNERS WITH MOH FOR PROSTAR 2.0

The campuses of Samarahan and Samarahan 2 buzzed with impactful engagement as UiTM Sarawak, in strategic collaboration with the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH), successfully rolled out the PROSTAR 2.0 program.



Dedicated to elevating health literacy among varsity students, the initiative delivered essential education on HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and Hepatitis C.

By equipping participants with accurate knowledge and preventative insights, the program aims to cultivate well-informed, stigma-free student ambassadors who can actively influence positive health behaviors across the wider youth community.

Delivered through an interactive, relaxed, and highly informative approach, PROSTAR 2.0 focused on breaking down social stigmas while emphasizing the critical role of social support for affected individuals. The initiative strongly mirrors the shared commitment of both UiTM Sarawak and the Ministry of Health to nurture a compassionate, proactive, and health-conscious campus culture.

By fostering open dialogue and championing preventative care, the program serves as a vital cornerstone in embedding healthy lifestyle practices and holistic wellbeing throughout the university community.

BREAKING STIGMA, BUILDING SUPPORT

Through relaxed, interactive learning, the programme encouraged open dialogue, preventive care and social support—nurturing informed student ambassadors and a compassionate, health-conscious campus culture.



HEALTH LITERACY • PREVENTION • COMPASSION



PROTECTING OUR COASTLINES

Clean beaches are the frontline of marine conservation. Unlocked plastic waste breaks down into toxic microplastics, threatening marine life and entering the human food chain. Every visitor shares the responsibility to protect our natural heritage for future generations.

"LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND BUT FOOTPRINTS. TAKE NOTHING AWAY BUT MEMORIES."

A SHARED ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Yayasan Kebajikan Negara (YKN), PPSEAWA Sarawak Chapter, JKKK Kampung Trombol, community members and UiTM's proactive student volunteers.

UiTM STUDENTS LEAD ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP AT KAMPUNG TROMBOL



*The morning brought an inspiring display of community spirit and civic responsibility as the **Sahabat PSSS YKN: Mahasiswa Prihatin & Jejak Hijau: Selamatkan Pantai dan Laut Kita** program reached its successful conclusion.*



UiTM Sarawak leadership joined participants in celebrating the culmination of this high-impact initiative, which was officially officiated by **YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri,** Minister of Women, Family and Community Development Malaysia and Member of Parliament for P193 Santubong. Heartfelt praise goes to the dedicated

UiTM student volunteers and community members who gathered early in the morning to participate in beach plogging and traditional community sports (sukan rakyat).

Clean beaches serve as the primary frontline in defending marine ecosystems. When coastal waste is left unchecked, plastic debris breaks down into toxic microplastics that poison marine life and eventually penetrate the human food chain. Marine conservation is not solely the duty of cleaning crews or volunteers, but a personal obligation for every individual.

UiTM SARAWAK

TECHCARE

PROGRAM AT KAMPUNG BAKO



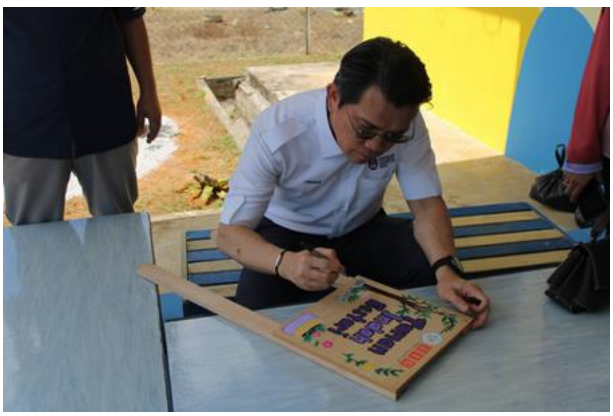


CLOSING CEREMONY

"TECHCARE: Connecting People, Creating Impact – Jalinan Kasih Komuniti: Sihat, Sejahtera, Lestari @ Kampung Bako" program reached a memorable conclusion at Dewan Bako Lot, Kampung Bako.

The event was officially officiated by Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Hj Hazland bin Abang Haji Hipni, Deputy Minister for Energy and Environmental Sustainability Sarawak (MEESty) and State Assemblyman for N5 Demak Laut.

Joining the ceremony were key leaders and distinguished guests, including Prof. Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industrial Networking; Dr. Nurul Lizzan binti Kamaruddin, Head of School for the Faculty of Business and Management (FBM); Tuan Zulhadi bin Sidek, Penghulu of Kampung Bako Lot; Puan Noor Shima binti Antony, Advisor Lecturer; Mohammad Alif bin Kadli, Program Director; Puan Siti Nur Aishah Jaafar, Chairperson of the UiTM Sarawak Women's Association (PEWANI); local community leaders, and residents of Kampung Bako Lot.



Sincere ***congratulations and syabas*** go to the TECHCARE Group comprising students from BA262 2A, Faculty of Business and Management, alongside their guiding lecturers for executing a three-part series since May that delivered genuine societal value.

Deepest Appreciation

To the residents of Kampung Bako Lot for their warm support, which enriched our students' experiential learning through real-world community engagement.

EMPOWERING YOUNG INNOVATORS:

UiTM SARAWAK CO-ORGANIZES SaYBIC 2025/2026 GRAND FINALE

UiTM Sarawak hit another inspiring milestone by co-organizing the Sarawak Youth Business Innovation Competition (SaYBIC) 2025/2026, which wrapped up with a grand closing and prize presentation ceremony at the Sarawak Sports Village, Kuching!

The event was graced by YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Minister for Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development Sarawak (MYSED), alongside YB Datuk Dr. Ripin bin Lamat, Deputy Minister for MYSED





The competition served as a dynamic platform to unearth youth talent, nurture high-impact business ideas, and cultivate an innovative entrepreneurial mindset among students.

Finalists representing top institutions across the region—including Kolej Vokasional Bintulu, Politeknik METrO Betong Sarawak, UNIMAS, Kolej Vokasional Matang, and University of Technology Sarawak (UTS)—showcased creative, future-ready solutions designed to address real-world market needs.

Heartfelt congratulations go out to all the winners and participating institutions, as well as MYSED and strategic partners for making this program a resounding success!

As a proud co-organizer, UiTM Sarawak remains fully committed to empowering the next generation of youth entrepreneurs. By fostering critical thinking and supporting bold business concepts, the university continues to help build a vibrant ecosystem that drives economic growth and creates new job opportunities for the state and nation.





EMPOWERING *Lifelong* LEARNING:

UiTM Sarawak Celebrates Part-Time Student Achievement at iCEPS Awards 2026



The evening brought together inspiring stories of dedication, resilience, and academic excellence as the Institute of Continuing Education and Professional Studies (iCEPS) UiTM Sarawak hosted the Part-Time Student Appreciation and Excellence Awards Ceremony 2026. University leadership extended profound gratitude to the Guest of Honor, YB Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Premier of Sarawak, Minister for International Trade, Industry and Investment, and Second Minister for Natural Resources and Urban Development, for officiating the memorable event.

Sincere appreciation was also expressed to Prof. Dr. Faizah Abd Majid, Chief Executive of iCEPS UiTM, for her continuous commitment to advancing flexible education, as well as to Dr. Azlina Binti Bujang, Head of School for iCEPS UiTM Sarawak and Organizing Chairperson, along with her entire committee for seamlessly executing the ceremony.

The ceremony celebrated part-time adult learners who successfully balanced professional obligations, family commitments, and rigorous academic demands. Among the honors presented were Dean's List awards, the Outstanding Academic Award, and the prestigious iCEPS Achievement Icon Award.

UiTM Sarawak remains steadfast in expanding continuous learning opportunities and professional development pathways. Heartfelt congratulations and syabas go to all award recipients and the entire iCEPS community for setting a inspiring benchmark for lifelong learning across the state!





Honouring 45 YEARS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

UiTM SARAWAK HOSTS LCDA "ROOTS TO TOMORROW" LEGACY TOWNHALL

Dewan Jubli at UiTM Sarawak Samarahan Campus served as the gathering ground for the **"Roots to Tomorrow: A Legacy Celebration Campaign" Townhall Engagement Session**, jointly organized by the Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA) and UiTM Sarawak Branch.

Held in conjunction with LCDA's 45th Anniversary Celebration, the event brought together university leadership, state government officials, industry partners, and students.



Distinguished guests in attendance included YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr.) Hamid Bugo, pioneer and first General Manager of LCDA; YBhg. Datu Sr Haji Zaidi Haji Mahdi, General Manager of LCDA; YBrs. TPr. Wan Sufian Wan Mustapha, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Urban Development and Natural Resources (MUDeNR); and YBhg. Datu Jack Liam, Controller of the Sarawak Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB).







KEY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & INITIATIVES

LEGACY TOWNHALL DIALOGUE:
Experiencing firsthand accounts of Sarawak's land development history and public policy execution from LCDA's pioneer leadership.

LCDA LEGACY EXHIBITION:
Showcasing four and a half decades of strategic land development, socio-economic projects, and urban transformation across the state.

MINI CAREER CARNIVAL & INTERACTIVE BOOTHS:
Connecting students directly with industry professionals and highlighting career pathways in sustainable development, urban planning, and environmental management.

This collaboration exemplifies UiTM Sarawak's commitment to bridging academic learning with real-world industry practice. By partnering with state agencies like LCDA, the university continues to nurture competitive, socially conscious, and future-ready graduates who are prepared to drive Sarawak's sustainable development forward.

International Horizons



TEACHING TOMORROW: HOW SARAWAK IS TURNING TO AI TO STRENGTHEN STEM EDUCATION

Artificial intelligence is rapidly changing the way we work and learn. In Sarawak, that transformation is now reaching the STEM classroom.

Universiti Teknologi MARA Cawangan Sarawak (UiTMCS) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Copenhagen-based Consilia ApS to strengthen Science and Mathematics education through AI.

At the heart of the partnership is ChatTutor, an AI-powered platform that will be adapted to local needs under the AI Sovereignty in Sarawak STEM initiative.

The ambition extends beyond the university: the programme will connect higher education and schools, giving lecturers, teachers and students new tools to strengthen the way STEM is taught and learned.

1. CAPACITY-BUILDING

Ten core STEM lecturers will undergo a Training of Trainers programme.

2. COURSE IMPLEMENTATION

ChatTutor will be integrated into selected STEM courses.

3. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The effectiveness of the technology will be evaluated and refined.

4. EXPANSION

Knowledge and best practices will be shared across UiTMCS and extended to other institutions and schools.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: WIDER IMPACT

The initiative creates opportunities that go far beyond the pilot

HIGH-IMPACT RESEARCH

Collaborative research in AI and STEM education with real-world impact

COMMERCIALISABLE SOLUTIONS

Potential development of locally relevant, market-ready educational modules.

COMMUNITY STEM PROGRAMMES

Empowering teachers and schools to use AI effectively in the classroom



More than simply introducing another digital tool, the partnership represents an attempt to shape how AI can serve Sarawak's own eductaiopnal needs and to prepare its educators and students for a future in which technological literacy is no longer optional, but essential.

BUILDING SMARTER, MORE HUMAN CITIES IN SARAWAK



By bridging global expertise into conversation with local shallenges, UiTM Sarawak is helping shape cities that are not only smarter, but more inclusive, resilient and designed around the people they serve.

The future of Sarawak's cities will not be shaped by technology alone, but by how well that technology responds to the people who live in them.

This was the focus of the Design Thinking Smart City Agenda Workshop held at Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR), UiTM Sarawak's Samarahan 2 Campus, bringing together international experts and researchers to explore more human-centered approaches to sustainable smart cities.

Among those sharing their expertise were Professor Panos Fitsilis, Associate Professor Paraskevi Tsoutsa and Vasileios Kyriatzias from the University of Thessaly, Greece, alongside members of the wider ERASMUS+ research community. The workshop reflects UiTM Sarawak's commitment to supporting Sarawak's ambitions for more innovative, resilient and sustainable urban development.



UiTM Sarawak is positioning itself not simply as a participant in the smart-city conversation, but as a contributor to it — helping shape cities that are not only smarter, but more inclusive, resilient and designed around the people they serve.







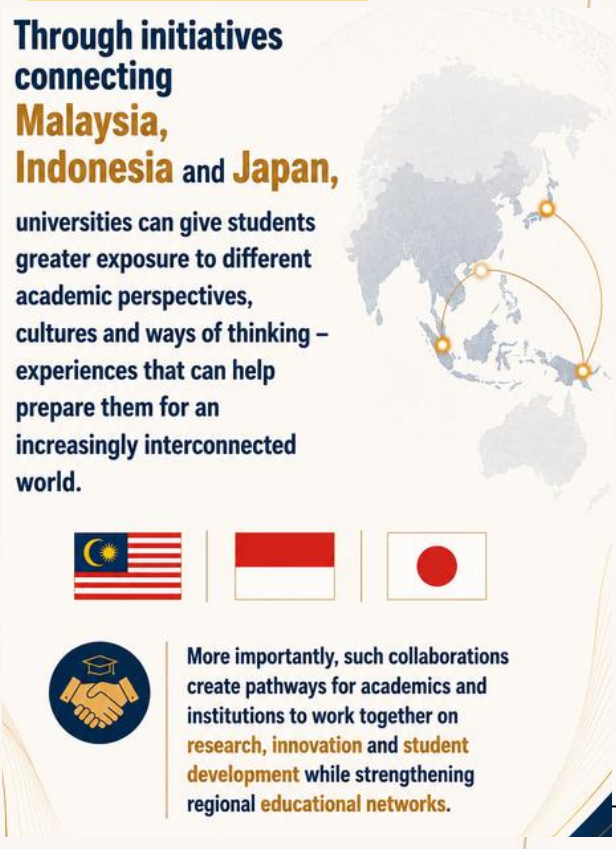
Beyond Borders:

UiTM Sarawak strengthens academic ties with Indonesia and Japan

LEARN • CONNECT • COLLABORATE • INSPIRE

UiTM Cawangan Sarawak (UiTMCS) strengthened its international academic connections through the **International Inbound Collaborative Teaching Beyond Borders Program Malaysia–Indonesia–Japan Series 1**, held at the Auditorium, Block B, UiTMCS Samarahan Campus 2.

The session was officiated by a UiTMCS representative and organised by the Faculty of Applied Sciences (FSG), bringing together academics and students for a cross-border exchange of knowledge and ideas.





Among those present were Ts. Dr Siti Kartina Abdul Karim, Head of the School at FSG, ChM. Dr Nor Wahida Awang, lecturers and students of the faculty, as well as **Prof. Dr Hjh. Risa Nofiani from Universitas Tanjungpura**, Indonesia, who delivered a sharing session on **"Metabolomics in Applications and Future Trends".**

Her participation added an important international dimension to the programme, allowing the UiTMCS community to gain insights from a regional academic expert while creating opportunities for deeper collaboration in teaching and research.

Finding Their Voice: YOUNG SPEAKERS SHINE AT IIPSC 2026



The International Intervarsity Public Speaking Competition (IIPSC 2026), held at TEGAS Digital Village. The prestigious competition brought together students from higher education institutions who demonstrated not only impressive public-speaking abilities but also critical thinking, confidence, and the courage to articulate their ideas before an audience.

The closing ceremony was officiated by Puan Sharifah Fariah binti Syed Junaidi, who delivered the official speech on behalf of the Minister of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Sarawak (MEITD), YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn.

WINNER

1ST PLACE
Zara Adilia Fathiah & Christian Angel Terry
UiTM Sarawak

2ND PLACE
Liew Hui Yee & Nathaniel Querysmar bin Christus
Institut Pendidikan Guru Malaysia Kampus Batu Lintang, Kuching

3RD PLACE
Ewen Elisha Khoo Kim Suan & Angeline Michelle Bong Siew Lian
Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak

Their achievements reflected the preparation, discipline and determination required to compete at such a high level. At the same time, every participant walked away with valuable experience that can strengthen their confidence and communication skills.

The judging panel comprised Dr Lucy Ho Jia Yiing, Head Judge from SMK Batu Lintang, Kuching; Dr Aswandi Laman, Head of the Department of Language, Leadership and Communication at Institut Aminuddin Baki (IAB) Sarawak Branch; and Dr Felicia Genie Tersan from the Ministry of Education Malaysia.



RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

i.PACE RUN 2026

The International Platinum Charity Effort (i.PACE) Run 2026 at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak brought together university staff, alumni, and community members to celebrate health, solidarity, and giving.

Beyond the physical challenge, the event showed how a simple act like running can create a wider impact when people come together with a shared purpose. Initiatives such as i.PACE have the potential to strengthen a culture of healthy living while nurturing compassion and deepening the relationship between the university and the community.

Every step taken was therefore more than a step towards better health – it was also a step towards building a more caring and connected society.



UNITY IN MOTION

Staff, alumni, and the community came together for a shared purpose.

HEALTHIER TOGETHER

Promoting an active lifestyle through a spirit of fun and fellowship.

RUNNING WITH COMPASSION

Every step made a difference for students and the wider community.

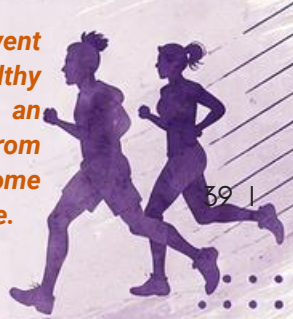
SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE

Fun raised channelled to Tabung Keyalang UiTM Sarawak to support students in need.



The programme was further honoured by the presence of YB Datuk Haji Hamzah Brahim, Political Secretary to the Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, as the special guest, whose attendance added significance to an initiative centred on community wellbeing and compassion.

> ***More than a run, the event promoted an active and healthy lifestyle while creating an opportunity for people from different walks of life to come together for a meaningful cause.***



UiTM SARAWAK BRANCH LECTURER Selected FOR ASEAN ENGLISH LEADERSHIP FORUM IN MANILA

by: Valerie Chan Sue Lin binti Abdullah

3 - 7 JUNE 2026 | **MAKATI CITY, MANILA, PHILIPPINES**



Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak branch lecturer, Ms. Valerie Chan Sue Lin Binti Abdullah, was among only three Malaysians selected to participate in the ASEAN English Leadership Forum 2026, held in Makati City, Manila, Philippines, from 3 to 7 June 2026. The forum was organised by the Regional English Language Office (RELO) of the U.S. Embassy in Manila, in collaboration with RELO offices in Jakarta, Bangkok and Hanoi. The five-day forum brought together 34 academic and government officials from all 11 ASEAN member states.

The forum focused on two key areas in Southeast Asian education: English-Medium Instruction (EMI) and the strategic use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in teaching and learning. Under the guidance of Dr. Martha Bigelow, Professor of Multilingual Education at the University of Minnesota, participants explored curriculum development, faculty capacity building, institutional readiness for EMI, and the responsible integration of AI in education. A key outcome was the development of an Institutional Leadership Playbook, offering practical strategies to strengthen EMI, enhance academic staff capacity, internationalise curricula and support sustainable implementation. Participants also undertook benchmarking visits to Philippine Normal University and the University of Makati, gaining insights into EMI practices, curriculum internationalisation, quality assurance and language support.

The forum further featured an AI workshop by Microsoft Philippines, where participants explored AI-enabled educational tools and discussed approaches to maintaining authentic student assessment in an increasingly AI-supported learning environment. For Ms. Valerie, whose experience includes English language teaching and teacher training at UiTM Sarawak branch, the forum provided a valuable platform to exchange ideas and build professional networks with education leaders across ASEAN.

Her participation also offers UiTM Sarawak branch an opportunity to bring regional perspectives and innovative practices back to the university, particularly in English-medium education, curriculum internationalisation and the responsible use of AI in higher education. The ASEAN English Leadership Forum therefore serves as an important platform for academic leaders to move from discussion to action, build institutional capacity, strengthen English-medium education, and prepare ASEAN learners for an increasingly global and technology-driven future.





Industry Partnerships



The programme was organised by the FAMA Sarawak State Office in collaboration with MASMED UiTMCS, and was officiated by YBrs. Puan Norsalawaty binti Abdul Kadir, Director of FAMA Sarawak. Also present were Dr. Malvern Abdullah, MASMED Coordinator, along with students and invited guests.

This programme aligns with the agenda of the Ministry of Higher Education (KPT) and UiTM to empower student entrepreneurship. KPT's target is to produce 10% entrepreneurial graduates, and UiTM Cawangan Sarawak is committed to supporting and realising this aspiration



In line with this, UiTMCS will continue building a stronger entrepreneurial ecosystem by providing business spaces, increasing the organisation of sales festivals, expanding business networks, and offering business counselling services to students. Our aim is for UiTM Cawangan Sarawak graduates to have the choice of either working for a salary or becoming competitive entrepreneurs and job creators.



"I also challenged the participants to master digital marketing, which is now a key catalyst for business growth, particularly in the agro sector and small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The use of platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, Shopee, and Lazada is in line with current and future business trends."

Prof. Dr. Firdaus Abdullah

It is hoped that this strategic collaboration can be continued and strengthened in the future. May this programme help students identify their potential, build digital skills, enhance employability, and provide opportunities to generate income even while still studying.

#uitmsarawak #FAMASarawak #masmeduitmcs #keusahawananpelajar #PerniagaanDigital

UiTM SARAWAK & KLUST SIGN MoU TO ESTABLISH THE ASEAN AI INNOVATION CENTRE

A courtesy visit and discussion session was held with representatives from Kuala Lumpur University of Science and Technology (KLUST), formerly known as Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur, and Digiland Pte. Ltd. The engagement took place at the Main Meeting Room of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak, Samarahan 2 Campus.

Through these discussions, all parties agreed to collaborate through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) towards establishing an ASEAN AI Innovation Centre.

Under this agreement, Kuala Lumpur University of Science and Technology (KLUST) will coordinate collaboration among AI universities in China to establish the ASEAN–Sarawak AI Innovation Centre. The centre is expected to address several key areas, beginning with employment and business opportunities, particularly for new graduates. This initiative aims to create more quality employment opportunities for graduates while ensuring better matching with employers, enabling both parties to grow within their respective fields.

In addition, KLUST and Digiland will work closely to bring more AI universities from China to Sarawak and vice versa, while also attracting more businesses to Sarawak. Together with Digiland, we will also seek to attract additional partners to ensure that the AI Centre delivers meaningful contributions to graduates and faculty members at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak (UiTMCS).

We hope that all matters relating to the establishment of the ASEAN–Sarawak AI Innovation Centre will proceed smoothly and that this vision will be successfully realised. The initiative represents a major step forward for UiTMCS and Sarawak in making their mark on the world stage.



The KLUST delegation was led by Prof. Chen Xiaoyun, Chairman and Owner of KLUST, together with Prof. Dr. David Ngo Chek Ling, Vice Chancellor and President of KLUST, and Ms. Wong Yee Kuai, Chief Operating Officer. Also present was Mr. Henry Teh Kok Kheng, Director of Digiland Pte. Ltd., who is also the founder of the World Cleanup Day Programme.

At the same time, we will collaborate closely and support one another in research and development (R&D), sustainability and commercialisation. The collaboration will also include student and faculty exchanges while addressing the actual needs of the market.

UiTMCS will present the progress of this initiative to YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr.) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak, around April. This will provide an opportunity for him to officiate the initial launch of the ASEAN–Sarawak AI Innovation Centre.

The collaboration will be extended to all institutions of higher learning in Sarawak. It aims to build capacity, unite efforts, address policy matters and strengthen existing markets alongside new markets to be developed. It will also create opportunities for knowledge exploration to meet the needs of future generations.

In light of this initiative, UiTMCS invites all universities in China and Sarawak with an interest in artificial intelligence to become partners or participate in the initial launch event planned for April.

AFFIN ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO UiTMCS, EXPLORES ZAKAT SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

> *"Strengthening partnerships today, empowering students tomorrow."*

Wednesday, 14 January 2026

DELEGATION FROM AFFIN ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD

Tuan Haji Musa Abdul Malek
Chairman and Non-Executive Independent Director

Mr. Amril Hairi bin Harun
Head of Sales

Mr. Mohd Munif Yahaya
Head of Strategic Alliances

Pn. Nurul Huda Roshaidi
Head of Business Partnerships

Mr. Andy anak Ismail
Regional Relationship Manager

Pn. Khairunissa binti Jaimin
Sales Manager

Mr. Lucas John
Sales Consultants.

Pn. Normauluyah binti Mohamad
Sales Consultants.

A courtesy visit from a delegation of Affin Islamic Bank Berhad, led by Tuan Haji Musa Abdul Malek, Chairman and Non-Executive Independent Director. The visit was held at the Main Meeting Room, Samarahan 2 Campus.







UiTM Cawangan Sarawak (UiTMCS) extends its highest appreciation to Affin Islamic Bank Berhad for its gracious visit and productive discussions. Collaborations of this nature are warmly welcomed as part of the university's continuing efforts to expand its network of industry partners.

The meeting provided a meaningful platform to strengthen existing ties and explore opportunities for strategic collaboration, particularly in initiatives supporting student welfare and development.

UiTMCS also hopes that Affin Islamic Bank Berhad will consider the university as one of its zakat recipient organisations, as a significant proportion of its students come from B40 families. Zakat contributions could help ease the financial burdens faced by these students, support the continuation of their studies, and motivate them to continue striving for academic excellence.

The university looks forward to sustaining and strengthening this positive relationship for mutual benefit, particularly in supporting students in need and contributing to a more inclusive educational future.



ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE.

INSPIRING FUTURES.

TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE.

Wednesday
14 January 2026

UiTMCS EXPLORES STEM CELL THERAPY EDUCATION COLLABORATION WITH GROWMAX DISCOVERY MANAGEMENT

"STEM CELL RESEARCH HOLDS IMMENSE POTENTIAL TO TRANSFORM LIVES. TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE TODAY FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW."

UiTMCS continues to move forward as I held a meeting and discussion this morning with Mr. Jeffery Lim, Marketing Manager of Growmax Discovery Management, at the Main Meeting Room, UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus, who expressed interest in collaborating to organise various educational activities on Stem Cell Therapy. Accompanying me was Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasmah Mohidin, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF KNOWLEDGE

Hope this effort will help foster a culture of knowledge, inspire future scientists and healthcare professionals, and position UiTMCS in step with the latest developments in the medical industry through strategic collaboration with industry partners. Insya-Allah.

OPENING NEW FRONTIERS

The discussion opened up avenues for exploring the field of regenerative medicine, particularly stem cell research, which is rapidly advancing and has the potential to transform the landscape of modern medical treatment. This field is seen as offering new hope in treating various diseases previously considered difficult or impossible to cure.

BRIDGING THE KNOWLEDGE GAP

However, based on the current level of understanding among the public and students, particularly regarding the actual applications, scientific foundations, and ethical aspects of stem cells, more active efforts are still needed.

Through this initiative, UiTMCS aims to bridge the knowledge gap by providing clear, accurate, and easily understood exposure to the academic community across disciplines, particularly in the fields of health sciences, biotechnology, and medicine.

RECTOR DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT STARTUP54 IDEATHON, TEGAS DIGITAL VILLAGE



> *"Innovation is not just about ideas, it is about creating impact, solving real-world problems, and building a better future together."*



The programme brought together students, academics, industry practitioners, startup mentors, and ecosystem enablers with a shared goal of cultivating innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial thinking among young talents.





KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE KEYNOTE

01 | INNOVATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Universities should empower students to go beyond lectures and examinations by encouraging problem-solving, experimentation, creativity, and real-world solutions.

02 | STARTUPS AS DRIVERS OF GROWTH

Startups play an important role in inclusive economic growth, quality job creation, social and environmental solutions, and retaining local talent, particularly in Sarawak and Malaysia.

03 | UNIVERSITIES IN THE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

UiTMCS is committed to strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration, student entrepreneurship, industry engagement, and future-ready graduate development. Startup54 demonstrates how university–industry collaboration can create sustainable impact.

OPENING DOOR TO HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH *Sejahtera* MADANI





Ensuring that financial circumstances do not stand in the way of educational aspirations remains a shared responsibility between government agencies and institutions of higher learning.

Reflecting this commitment, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak recently hosted a strategic discussion with the Implementation Coordination Unit (ICU), Prime Minister's Department (JPM) Sarawak, to strengthen the implementation of the Sejahtera MADANI Initiative.

While financial assistance is often measured in monetary terms, its true value lies in the opportunities it creates. For many students, such support represents far more than funding, it is the confidence to pursue higher education, the chance to fulfil personal ambitions, and the hope of transforming the future of their families through learning.

UiTM Sarawak continues to witness the remarkable resilience and potential of students who arrive with aspirations for success despite facing significant socio-economic challenges. Their determination reinforces the importance of initiatives that ensure talent is nurtured based on ability and commitment rather than limited by financial circumstances.

The discussion also underscored the value of collaboration between government, public agencies, and higher education institutions. By working together, these stakeholders are creating meaningful pathways for social mobility, enabling education to catalyze long-term personal, economic, and community development.

The meeting focused on refining the distribution of financial assistance for students from households registered under the eKasih database, particularly those classified within the poor and hardcore poor categories.

Under the initiative, eligible students may receive financial assistance of up to

RM5,000

to support the payment of initial tuition fees at public institutions of higher learning, easing one of the most significant barriers faced at the beginning of their academic journey.

> ***"Every student who benefits from the Sejahtera MADANI Initiative carries more than individual aspirations. They represent the hopes of their families, the confidence of their communities, and the promise of a future shaped by education. Supporting their transition into higher education is therefore not only an investment in individual success but also in the nation's future."***

As UiTM Sarawak continues its mission of academic excellence and inclusive education, initiatives such as Sejahtera MADANI reaffirm the university's belief that higher education should be accessible to all who have the determination to succeed. Beyond imparting knowledge, the university remains committed to creating opportunities, empowering lives, and ensuring that every deserving student is given the chance to realise their full potential.

STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH



Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak reaffirmed its commitment to advancing entrepreneurship, talent development, and community empowerment through a courtesy visit by TERAJU Bumiputera Corporation, led by its Chief Executive Officer, **Junady Nawawi.**

BUILDING TOGETHER FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

REVIEWING ACHIEVEMENTS.
STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES.

- Programme Completed Successfully
- Partnership Built on Trust and Accountability
- Driving Inclusive Socio-Economic Development

A COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT

The delegation also comprised Khairil Ikhzan Abdul Aziz, Director of Business and Regional Development; Liza Melati Mat Som, Associate Director of Legal and Company Secretarial; Zarifhadi Bujang, Head of the Sarawak Regional Office; Sara Akashah Mohd Reduan Pattenden, Senior Executive; Suriyadi Muhammad Nasir, Executive; and Anne Aren Thomas, Project Associate.

DIALOGUE. PROGRESS. IMPACT.

The visit provided a valuable platform for constructive dialogue on the progress and successful completion of the Eco-Tourism Programme implemented under the Dana Pembangunan Usahawan Bumiputera (DPUB). Discussions centred on programme reporting, verification of key achievements, and the formal closure of the initiative, reflecting the shared commitment of both organisations to accountability and impactful programme delivery.

STRONGER TOGETHER, GREATER IMPACT

Beyond reviewing programme outcomes, the engagement underscored the strength of the longstanding partnership between UiTM Sarawak and TERAJU. It also highlighted the potential for broader collaboration in areas that align with national aspirations for inclusive socio-economic development, particularly in nurturing entrepreneurial talent, strengthening innovation ecosystems, and enhancing community well-being.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM, IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

As an institution committed to producing graduates who are innovative, resilient, and industry-ready, UiTM Sarawak recognises the importance of strategic partnerships in expanding opportunities beyond the classroom. Collaborations with agencies such as TERAJU create meaningful pathways for knowledge exchange, capacity building, and community engagement, ensuring that academic expertise is translated into tangible societal impact.



A SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The meeting reaffirmed a shared vision between UiTM Sarawak and TERAJU to continue fostering initiatives that empower individuals, strengthen communities, and contribute to sustainable national development.

Through purposeful collaboration and mutual commitment, both institutions remain well-positioned to drive **transformative outcomes** that benefit not only the university community but also wider society.

- Empowering Individuals
- Strengthening Communities
- Driving Innovation
- Building a Sustainable Future



BEYOND THE BOUNDARY:

Shaping the Future of Cricket through Education and Innovation

UiTM Sarawak is set to become a catalyst for cricket development in Malaysia through strategic collaboration with the Malaysian Cricket Association (MCA) and the Sarawak Cricket Association.

STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Discussions with MCA and the Sarawak Cricket Association mark a significant step towards positioning UiTM Sarawak as a center for high-performance sport, athlete development, and sports science research.

KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Sports Science Research
- High-Performance Athlete Development
- Evidence-Based Coaching & Innovation
- Structured Training Programmes

Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak is poised to play a transformative role in the development of cricket in Malaysia following strategic discussions with the Malaysian Cricket Association (MCA) and the Sarawak Cricket Association.

The engagement marks a significant step towards positioning the university as a centre for high-performance sport, athlete development, and sports science research in the lead-up to the 2027 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games.

The discussions brought together Professor Dr Faidz Abd Rahman, Vice President of the Malaysian Cricket Association, alongside Gordon Chung, Secretary-General of the Sarawak Cricket Association, and Chew Pok Chong, Honorary Treasurer. They were joined by representatives of UiTM Sarawak, including Associate Professor Dr Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector (Student Affairs), Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar, and Mohd Fauzi Zainuddin, Deputy Sports Officer.



A key proposal explored during the meeting was the development of the existing cricket field at UiTM Sarawak's Samarahan Campus as one of the official competition venues for the SEA Games 2027, scheduled for September 2027. The initiative presents a unique opportunity to establish an international-standard cricket facility capable of supporting major sporting events while enhancing the university's sporting infrastructure for years to come.

The collaboration is expected to be formalised through a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between UiTM Sarawak and the Malaysian Cricket Association. Supported through cooperation between the Federal and Sarawak State Governments, the partnership reflects a shared commitment to strengthening Sarawak's position as a leading hub for cricket development in the region.

Beyond infrastructure, the proposed collaboration carries a broader ambition—to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Cricket dedicated to advancing sports science research, high-performance athlete development, and structured training programmes. Leveraging the expertise of UiTM Sarawak's Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation, the centre will integrate academic knowledge with elite sporting practice, creating a multidisciplinary environment that supports innovation, evidence-based coaching, and athlete performance.

The discussions also explored the joint management of the Sarawak High Performance Sport Facility at the Sarawak Sports Complex, ensuring that the state's premier sporting infrastructure is fully optimised for the benefit of both national and local athletes. Such collaboration would strengthen Sarawak's capacity to host elite training programmes while fostering a sustainable ecosystem for sporting excellence.

Equally significant is UiTM Sarawak's role in providing higher education pathways for aspiring and elite cricket athletes. By enabling student-athletes to pursue academic qualifications alongside competitive sporting careers, the university reinforces its commitment to holistic talent development—producing graduates who excel not only in sport but also in leadership, professionalism, and lifelong learning.

While cricket continues to gain momentum within Malaysia, its long-term potential is considerable. Strategic investments in facilities, research, coaching, and athlete education are essential to cultivating the next generation of talent and strengthening the nation's competitiveness on the regional and international stage.

As preparations for the SEA Games 2027 gather pace, this collaboration represents more than the development of sporting infrastructure. It reflects a shared vision to position UiTM Sarawak as a catalyst for sporting innovation, academic excellence, and national talent development—contributing meaningfully to the advancement of cricket while elevating Sarawak and Malaysia's standing within the regional sporting landscape.





Bridging CLASSROOMS AND CONSTRUCTION SITES:

UiTM Sarawak | Launches Pioneering Work-Based Learning Programme







UiTM Cawangan Sarawak has launched its Work-Based Learning (WBL) programme for the Bachelor of Civil Engineering Technology (Asset Management) (Hons), marking one of Malaysia's earliest structured WBL initiatives in civil engineering. Designed in close collaboration with government agencies and industry leaders, the programme integrates academic learning with hands-on industry experience, equipping students with practical skills in infrastructure asset management, maintenance planning, risk assessment, sustainability, and operational resilience.

The initiative reflects the university's commitment to producing graduates who are industry-ready and capable of meeting the evolving demands of the engineering profession.

The programme comes at a pivotal time as Sarawak continues to advance transformative infrastructure projects, including the Pan Borneo Highway, Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS), Sabah–Sarawak Link Road (SSLR), and the Sarawak Coastal Highway.

By immersing students in real-world projects through strategic partnerships with industry and government, UiTM Sarawak is fostering graduates who understand that engineering extends beyond technical design it is about creating infrastructure that is safe, sustainable, and improves communities.

More than an academic initiative, the WBL programme represents a forward-looking model for engineering education that strengthens graduate employability while supporting Sarawak's long-term infrastructure development and economic growth.

BRIDGING EDUCATION AND MEDIA FOR FUTURE TALENT

Real-world exposure.
LASTING IMPACT.



Strong partnerships often begin with a simple conversation.

That spirit was at the heart of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak's recent visit to Cats FM, where university representatives met with Chief Executive Officer and UiTM alumnus Haji Mohd Iskandar Mohd Nawawi to explore new opportunities for collaboration.

The discussion highlighted a shared commitment to connecting academia with industry, creating meaningful pathways for students to gain real-world exposure while supporting the growth of Sarawak's creative and media sectors.

More than a strategic partnership, the engagement reflects a shared vision of nurturing future-ready graduates by bringing learning beyond the classroom and closer to the industries they aspire to lead.

KEY INITIATIVES DISCUSSED

- **Cats FM as the Official Broadcast Partner for the Jom Mauk U (JMU) Carnival 2026**
- **Collaborative mural project with UiTM Sarawak's Faculty of Art & Design**
- **Industry-focused training programmes & professional communication courses**
- **Media and broadcasting workshops**

Empowering Futures Through Community Synergy: Velesto Energy Berhad and UiTM Sarawak Join Forces for Student Support

DELEGATION

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  Human Resources Executives

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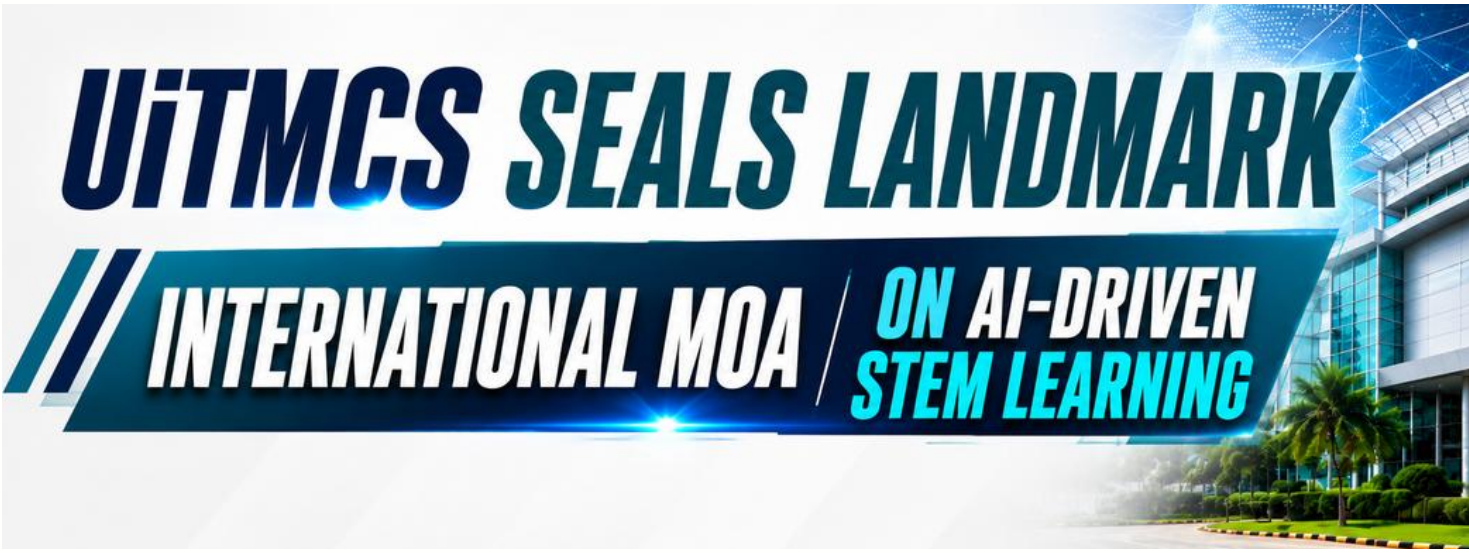
Notably, several student beneficiaries of the zakat wakalah fund were also present to receive the contributions firsthand.

Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak Campus 2 (UiTMCS) was honoured to host a delegation from Velesto Energy Berhad at the Main Meeting Room, marking a significant milestone in enhancing student welfare and expanding corporate partnership. The visit was highlighted by the generous handover of a RM15,000 zakat wakalah contribution to UiTMCS. Timed meaningfully during the blessed month of Ramadan, this noble gesture underscores a deep commitment to supporting underserved students, particularly those hailing from B40 households, ensuring they receive crucial financial relief to ease their burdens.

This timely support reinforces the university's active measures to safeguard the holistic wellbeing of its student community. Amongst the primary initiatives established on campus are the Foodbank and Dapur HEP projects, designed to provide consistent nutritional assistance to students in need. By addressing basic living necessities, UiTMCS aims to remove extraneous hardships, allowing students to dedicate their full focus and energy towards achieving academic success.

Looking ahead, UiTMCS hopes to further solidify its strategic collaboration with Velesto Energy Berhad through joint community-outreach endeavours and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes involving student volunteers. By fostering such impactful cross-sector synergies, both institutions continue to play an instrumental role in enriching education, uplifting society, and nurturing resilient, competitive future leaders.





UiTMCS SEALS LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL MOA ON AI-DRIVEN STEM LEARNING

In a significant stride towards international academic collaboration and technological advancement, Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak (UiTMCS) officially executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Copenhagen-based firm Consilia ApS earlier today. Held at Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR), Samarahan Campus 2, the ceremonial signing signals a shared commitment to empowering Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education through state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology across higher education institutions and primary and secondary schools throughout Sarawak.

The international delegation from Consilia ApS, the developers behind the cutting-edge ChatTutor platform was represented by its Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Marius Cortsen, and Co-founder and Chief Product Officer, Mr Kurt Nielsen. Representing UiTMCS alongside campus leadership were Professor Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industrial Linkages, and Associate Professor Ts. Dr Margaret Chan Kit Yok, Coordinator for the ChatTutor Programme. Together, both institutions are embarking on the AI Sovereignty in Sarawak STEM initiative, adapting the ChatTutor platform to local educational frameworks to refine the teaching and learning capabilities of lecturers, teachers, and students.



The initiative begins with a comprehensive pilot project in Sarawak encompassing lecturer capacity-building, implementation within select academic courses, and rigorous impact assessment of AI integration in the classroom. As an immediate first step, ten core lecturers from STEM-related faculties were selected to undergo a dedicated 'Training of Trainers' (ToT) workshop, equipping them to cascade this expertise to educators across UiTMCS, external higher education institutions, and local schools.

Demonstrating remarkable support, our Danish partners expanded participation by allowing twenty additional educators to join the workshop alongside the core cohort, ensuring broader foundational readiness despite initial licensing boundaries.

Looking ahead, this strategic collaboration is expected to yield far-reaching academic and societal dividends. Beyond immediate classroom application, the project aims to generate high-impact research publications, produce commercialisable educational modules, and power community-focused STEM outreach programmes designed to upskill school teachers in leveraging AI tools effectively.

By bridging international technological expertise with local academic needs, UiTMCS continues to serve as a vital catalyst for educational innovation, cultivating future-ready educators and students poised to meet the demands of an evolving global landscape.

BANK ISLAM MALAYSIA BERHAD

PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO UITM SARAWAK

Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak (UiTMCS) Samarahan Campus 2 played host to a distinguished delegation from Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (BIMB) Borneo Region.

The courtesy call was led by **Mr Kameri Edi**, Regional Director of Bank Islam (Borneo Region), alongside **Mr Mohd Amirul Abdullah**, Head of Business Planning (Borneo Region), **Mr Ahmad Herni Benjamin**, Regional Sales Director (Deposit & Fee-Based), and **Ms Nurazreen Nurain Jeffri**, Kota Samarahan Branch Manager.

Representing UiTMCS alongside senior campus leadership was **Mrs Aniza Abu Bakar**, Deputy Treasurer of UiTMCS.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR



The visit was highlighted by the handover of a special Hari Raya festive contribution, presented by Bank Islam as a gracious gesture of appreciation for the enduring strategic partnership between both institutions.

STRATEGIC DIALOGUE & KEY DISCUSSIONS

Beyond the festive exchanges, the meeting opened a constructive avenue for strategic dialogue focused on fortifying existing ties.

EXPANDING FINANCIAL INITIATIVES
Designed to directly benefit the university community

BOLSTERING STUDENT WELFARE PROGRAMMES

LONG-TERM EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sincere appreciation is extended to Bank Islam Borneo Region for their valued visit and continued support of UiTMCS. By uniting corporate financial expertise with institutional educational goals, both organisations remain dedicated to deepening this fruitful partnership, paving the way for impactful ventures that champion student success and community growth in the years ahead.

SPREADING THE WORD ON JOM MASUK U VIA CATS FM 2026

7 APRIL 2026





The morning kicked off with a vibrant buzz as we took to the airwaves at Cats FM, one of Sarawak's premier private radio stations.

Joining the energetic CATS AM Crew (CAC) segment alongside Deputy Rector of Academic & International Affairs, Assoc. Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, the goal was simple yet crucial: to spread the word about the upcoming Karnival Jom Masuk U 2026 (JMU 2026) Zon Sarawak I.



A heartfelt note of gratitude goes to Tn. Haji Iskandar Haji Mohd Nawawi, Chief Executive Officer of Cats FM, along with the brilliant CAC presenters including Ardin Belarek, Fir Affandi, and Mia Manja, and the entire radio crew.



BLENDING SCIENCE AND STRATEGY
UiTM SARAWAK MEETS AJINOMOTO LEADERSHIP AT SCIENCE CASTLE 2026



The afternoon brought a fantastic opportunity for synergy as we hosted Mr Yong Kum Cheng, Executive Director of Ajinomoto Malaysia Berhad, at the Main Meeting Room of UiTM Sarawak's Samarahan Campus. Mr Yong visited the campus to grace the opening ceremony of the Science Castle Malaysia 2026 event at the Jubilee Hall.

Joined by Deputy Rector of Research & Industrial Networking, Prof. Ir. Dr Juferi Idris, alongside academic staff from our research divisions, the meeting served as a dynamic platform to brainstorm potential industry-academia collaborations.

Discussions focused on joint research opportunities, industrial training placements, and skill-enrichment initiatives for both our lecturers and students.

Adding to the excitement, Mr Yong extended an exclusive invitation for a UiTM Sarawak delegation to visit Ajinomoto's state-of-the-art processing facility at Bandar Enstek, Negeri Sembilan, to experience their cutting-edge operations firsthand.

Forging these robust ties with industry leaders is vital to elevating our educational ecosystem, sharpening innovation, and unlocking exceptional graduate employability.

STRONGER TOGETHER.
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INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS: SCIENCE CASTLE MALAYSIA 2026 SPOTLIGHTS STEM INNOVATION AT UiTM SARAWAK

The morning buzzed with scientific curiosity as Jubilee Hall at Samarahan Campus hosted the highly successful Science Castle Malaysia 2026. Designed to nurture young talent from across the nation, the event underscored UiTM's unwavering commitment to advancing STEM education and cultivating a new generation of critical, innovative thinkers.

The event showcased an impressive lineup of 81 student teams who presented original research covering vital fields such as environmental sustainability, healthcare, biotechnology, and smart technologies. Delivering these presentations offered students an invaluable platform to sharpen their scientific communication skills while engaging directly with university academics and industry experts.

A resounding success of this scale relies on strong collective effort. Deepest appreciation goes to all collaborative partners, including the Ministry of Education, Innovation & Talent Development Sarawak, Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation, Leave a Nest (Japan), Ajinomoto (Japan), University of Tsukuba Malaysia, Yayasan OBYU, Science Castle, and Business Events Sarawak. This joint effort highlights the vital role of multi-sector partnerships in building a sustainable STEM ecosystem, a cause UiTM Sarawak remains fully devoted to supporting for the nation's future.





This strategic collaboration demonstrates UiTM Sarawak's commitment to advancing modern agriculture, strengthening industry-community links, and positioning higher education institutions as key drivers of sustainable economic growth.

Heartfelt appreciation goes to the KoPJAK delegation and UiTM Sarawak management for spearheading this transformative vision!



UiTM SARAWAK HOSTS STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH KOPERASI PETRA JAYA KUCHING BERHAD (KoPJAK) FOR 300-ACRE PINEAPPLE PROJECT



UiTM Sarawak Samarahan Campus 2 continues to expand its strategic partnerships following a high-impact meeting with the leadership delegation from Koperasi Petra Jaya Kuching Berhad (KoPJAK) at the Main Meeting Room.

The KoPJAK delegation was led by Dr. Hj. Loji Roji bin Hj. Saibi, alongside senior management members Hj. Mohamad @ Oben bin Jahar, Dr. Hj. Zulwali Kifli bin Merawi, En. Mohammad Hazmi bin Drahman @ Jimmy Drahman, and En. Zaid Zaidel Jamil.

Representing UiTM Sarawak were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir (Assistant Rector of Samarahan Campus 2), En. Mohamad Hasimi Abdullah (Senior Deputy Registrar), Pn. Aniza Abu Bakar (Deputy Treasurer), En. Lukmanulhakim Adhar (Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Facilities Management Division), and En. Mohamad Farizan Jamil (Chairman of KEKiTA).





This workshop is a very special initiative organised by the 1st International Conference on Biotechnology, Smart Farming and Entrepreneurship for Food Security (BioSFE) 2023 Committee from UiTM Sarawak.

It serves as a celebration and a strategic step forward following our incredible achievement last year, where BioSFE 2023 emerged as the Honorary Champion for the Conventions and Exhibitions Award at the Borneo Inspires Legacy Awards (BILA) 2025, recognising impactful business events that create meaningful and lasting contributions to society.



The Legacy Workshop

Creating Legacy Events



A key highlight of the programme was the insightful sharing session by Mr. Jason Tan Chin Foo, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak), who provided an overview of the role and strategic direction of BESarawak. His sharing emphasised how business events can serve as powerful platforms to drive economic growth, foster innovation, and create long-term legacy impacts for Sarawak through purposeful planning and strong stakeholder collaboration.

Building on this momentum, I am thrilled to announce that UiTM Sarawak will host BioSFE 2027 in Kuching next year, in October. We are setting the stage for an even more ambitious platform, and we invite stakeholders, industry pioneers, and academic partners to join us. Together, we will transform visionary ideas into tangible outcomes for the global food security landscape.

A huge thank you to the organising committee and BESarawak for making this session possible through the BILA prize grant. We are truly grateful for this opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to the legacy of UiTM Sarawak. Here's to creating more impactful milestones together.







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Bermanfaat untuk rakyat

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KUCHING: Pelaksanaan pasport Malaysia dengan tempoh sah laku 10 tahun pada kadar RM350 disifatkan sebagai langkah yang mampu memberi penjimatan jangka panjang kepada rakyat, selain membantu meringkaskan kecekapan sistem penyampaian perkhidmatan Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia.

Rektor UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, Profesor Dr Firdaus Abdullah berkata, rakyat memperoleh manfaat yang lebih baik berbanding pasport lima tahun yang berharga RM200 ketika ini kerana tempoh sah laku pasport dipanjangkan dengan tambahan kos yang tidak terlalu besar.

"Pasport 10 tahun yang ditawarkan pada harga RM350 hanya memerlukan tambahan RM150 berbanding pasport lima tahun.

"Justeru, ini menjadikan kos pemilikan tahunan lebih rendah apabila ia menurun daripada RM40 setahun kepada RM35 setahun," katanya ketika ditemui *Suara Sarawak*.

Tambah beliau, selain penjimatan kos tahunan, rakyat juga tidak perlu berulang kali melalui proses pembaharuan pasport.

"Ini kerana proses ini memerlukan masa, kos perjalanan dan urusan dokumentasi berkaitan. Oleh itu, pelaksanaan baharu ini lebih praktikal terutama bagi mereka yang kerap ke luar negara," ujarnya.

Menurutnya, pelaksanaan ini memberi manfaat kepada golongan yang sering melakukan perjalanan atas urusan pekerjaan, perniagaan, pendidikan dan pelancongan.

"Ini kerana, mereka dapat menikmati tempoh penggunaan yang lebih panjang tanpa perlu memikirkan pembaharuan pasport dalam masa terdekat," jelasnya.

Mengulas keputusan kerajaan menjadikan pasport 10 tahun sebagai pilihan dan bukannya mandatori, beliau berpandangan, langkah ini menunjukkan pendekatan yang seimbang antara kepentingan rakyat dengan kepentingan keselamatan negara.

"Rakyat yang tidak mahu menanggung kos pemmuisan yang lebih tinggi masih boleh memilih pasport lima tahun, manakala kerajaan pula dapat mengekalkan proses kemas kini data biometrik secara lebih berkala melalui pilihan tersebut," tambahnya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, tempoh sah laku yang lebih panjang turut menuntut perhatian terhadap aspek keselamatan.

"Ini kerana foto dan maklumat biometrik seseorang akan digunakan untuk tempoh sehingga sedekad.

"Dalam tempoh 10 tahun, penampilan fizikal seseorang boleh berubah secara drastik dan ini memerlukan sistem pengesahan identiti yang lebih cekap bagi memastikan foto pada pasport terus sepadan dengan pemegangnya serta mengelakkan sebarang bentuk penipuan identiti," ujarnya.

Selain itu, Dr Firdaus

> Ini kerana proses ini memerlukan masa, kos perjalanan dan urusan dokumentasi berkaitan. Oleh itu, pelaksanaan baharu ini lebih praktikal terutama bagi mereka yang kerap ke luar negara.

menjangkakan dasar ini mampu mengurangkan kesesakan di pejabat Jabatan Imigresen di seluruh negara dalam jangka panjang apabila jumlah urusan pembaharuan pasport dapat dikurangkan dengan ketara.

"Walaupun pelaksanaan awal mungkin menyaksikan peningkatan permohonan daripada orang ramai yang mahu mendapatkan pasport 10 tahun, kesan positifnya dijangka dapat dilihat selepas beberapa tahun apabila bilangan transaksi pembaharuan semakin berkurangan.

"Dengan menggandakan tempoh sah laku daripada lima kepada 10 tahun, dasar ini secara teorinya mengurangkan hampir separuh jumlah urusan pembaharuan pasport yang perlu diproses oleh Jabatan Imigresen," tambahnya.

Mengulas kadar RM350 yang ditetapkan kerajaan, beliau menyifatkannya sebagai harga yang strategik dan kompetitif jika dibandingkan dengan beberapa negara maju yang mengenakan bayaran jauh lebih tinggi untuk pasport masing-masing.

"Rakyat Malaysia masih memperoleh dokumen perjalanan yang mempunyai pengiktirafan antarabangsa yang tinggi pada harga yang jauh lebih rendah berbanding beberapa negara maju, sekali gus menjadikan pasport Malaysia antara yang terbaik dari segi nilai.

"Bahkan, kedudukan pasport Malaysia berada dalam kelompok pasport paling berkuasa di dunia dengan akses tanpa visa ke lebih 180 destinasi menjadikan kadar yang dikenakan ini berbaloi dan kompetitif dari sudut manfaat yang diterima pemegangnya," jelasnya.

Katanya, pasport 10 tahun merupakan satu dasar yang memberi manfaat kepada rakyat dari segi kos dan kemudahan.

"Namun, kejayaan ini bergantung kepada keupayaan kerajaan memperkukuh sistem keselamatan siber dan teknologi biometrik bagi memastikan integriti dokumen perjalanan negara terus terpelihara," katanya.



10-YEAR MALAYSIAN PASSPORT INITIATIVE

In a recent interview with Suara Sarawak, UiTM Sarawak leadership shared key perspectives regarding the implementation of the 10-year validity Malaysian Passport priced at RM350

KEY TAKEWAYS

LONG-TERM ECONOMIC SAVINGS

While requiring a higher upfront fee, the 10-year option reduces the effective annual cost of ownership to RM35 per year (compared to RM40 per year for the standard 5-year passport at RM200).

REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE FRICTION & TIME SAVINGS

Doubling the validity period eliminates frequent renewal trips to immigration offices, saving travel costs, time, and documentation efforts—particularly beneficial for frequent business travelers, academics, and students studying abroad.

FLEXIBLE, DUAL-OPTION APPROACH

Maintaining both the 5-year and 10-year options provides flexibility. Citizens seeking lower upfront costs can retain the 5-year option, allowing the government to maintain periodic biometric data updates.

DECONGESTION OF IMMIGRATION COUNTERS:

Extending the renewal cycle directly cuts the annual volume of passport renewal applications, alleviating crowding at immigration branches nationwide and raising overall public service quality.

CYBERSECURITY & BIOMETRIC INTEGRITY

Because physical appearance evolves over a decade, robust cybersecurity architecture and advanced biometric verification systems are paramount to safeguarding the integrity of Malaysia's globally powerful travel document against identity fraud.



COURTESY CALL TO UiTM SABAH RECTOR FOCUSES ON LONG-TERM CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

The strategic meeting centered on optimizing physical infrastructure development, operational efficiencies, and resource management across Borneo campuses:

A courtesy visit was paid to YBhg. Prof. Madya Dr. Rozita @ Uji Mohammed, Rector of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sabah Branch, at the Kota Kinabalu Campus in conjunction with the official opening ceremony of the International Construction Week (ICW) Borneo 2026 at Sheraton Kota Kinabalu.

Accompanying the visit were key facilities management officers, including Ts. Lukmanulhakim Adhar (Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Facilities Management Division). Joining the session from UiTM Sabah were Encik Samsuddin Mohd Amin (Deputy Treasurer), Ir. Mohd Farid Jamlus (Deputy Engineer), and Encik Nd Ahmad Nurazi Derun (Engineer, Facilities Management Division).

Key Discussion Agendas

- **Proposed Grand Hall Construction:** Planning a dedicated multi-purpose hall with a seating capacity of 1,500 to 2,000 people to host convocation ceremonies and major events locally in a dignified atmosphere comparable to UiTM Shah Alam.
- **Borneo Service Contract Dynamics:** Addressing cost differentials and budget allocations where existing service contracts in Borneo carry higher operational costs than in Peninsular Malaysia.
- **Long-Term Procurement Strategy:** Proposing multi-year contracts (up to 3 years) to boost procurement efficiency, streamline vendor management, and secure long-term cost savings.
- **Strategic Development Funding:** Emphasizing consistent budget submissions under the 13th Malaysia Plan (RMK-13) and aging infrastructure (projek usang) restoration funds for sustainable campus planning.
- **Technical Capacity Building:** Expanding full-time technical and engineering staff within the Facilities Management Division to reduce reliance on the Infrastructure & Infostructure Development Office (PPII) and accelerate technical approvals.

UiTM SARAWAK PARTNERS WITH KBTA FOR BORNEO BLOCKCHAIN CONFERENCE (BBCON) 2026

18-19 NOVEMBER 2026

HOTEL VOCO KUCHING SARAWAK



ACADEMIA. INDUSTRY. GOVERNMENT. BUILDING DIGITAL TRUST FOR BORNEO.

The Main Meeting Room (BMU) at UiTM Sarawak Samarahan Campus hosted a strategic discussion with the organizing committee of the Borneo Blockchain Conference 2026 (BBCON 2026).

UiTM Sarawak has agreed to serve as the co-organizer for BBCON 2026, scheduled to take place from 18 to 19 November 2026 at Hotel VOCO Kuching.

To maximize regional and global impact, the joint organizing team plans to pay a courtesy call to YAB Premier of Sarawak to secure the strategic backing of the Sarawak State Government.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES & ACADEMIC-INDUSTRY FRAMEWORK

1 BBCON 2026

Jointly hosting the international conference at VOCO Kuching, establishing UiTM Sarawak as an academic authority in blockchain research, proceedings publication, and technical reporting.

2 SARAWAK DIGITAL TRUST INFRASTRUCTURE (SDTI)

Exploring joint funding applications alongside Metadise and KBTA to build a secure, identity-verification digital framework tailored for government-level applications.

3 APATEK DIGITAL APPLICATION INITIATIVE

Leveraging UiTM Sarawak's academic expertise in research methodology, talent development, and policy formulation to support the deployment of APATEK, bridging industry demands with academic rigor.

This strategic partnership underscores UiTM Sarawak's active commitment to driving digital trust, blockchain innovation, and high-tech talent development across the region. By aligning academic research with industry pioneers, UiTM Sarawak continues to support Sarawak's transition into a leading digital economy under the Post-COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030.

EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH SHARIAH-COMPLIANT WEALTH BUILDING



UiTM Sarawak Partners with PHB for Amanah Hartanah Bumiputera (AHB) Financial Literacy Program

> The initiative aims to enhance financial awareness, prudent wealth management, and early investment habits among university students and staff.

JOINING THE CEREMONY WERE

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saimi bin Bujang
Deputy Rector of Student Affairs (HEP)

Puan Adnyn Muhanifa
Senior Manager of PHB Asset Management Berhad

Saudari Nur Safiqah Rasyidah binti Ride
President of the Student Representative Council (MPP 2025/2026)

Alongside: **enthusiastic students and campus staff**

★KEY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & FINANCIAL WELLNESS PILLARS★

This joint initiative directly supports UiTM's Campus Wellbeing Initiative (Inisiatif Kesejahteraan Warga) by providing practical financial education alongside academic learning

1 SHARIAH-COMPLIANT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT
Introducing students to low-risk, Shariah-compliant real estate investment tools designed to secure long-term financial stability.

2 SEAMLESS DIGITAL ONBOARDING
Enabling seamless digital account registration through the MyAHB mobile platform, allowing participants to manage investments directly from their smartphones.

3 INCENTIVIZED STARTER UNITS
Offering 10 complimentary AHB units to registered participants as an encouraging first step into real-world investing.

4 HOLISTIC STUDENT DEVELOPMENT
Equipping future graduates with financial literacy, wealth management skills, and sound decision-making capabilities to navigate economic challenges.

Establishing a solid financial foundation early in life is essential for long-term personal and economic resilience. Sincere gratitude is extended to PHB Asset Management Berhad and the organizing committee for bringing this valuable program to UiTM Sarawak.

May this collaboration continue to inspire a financially savvy, future-ready campus community!

AMPLIFYING GLOBAL VOICES

OF THE INTERNATIONAL INTERVARSITY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION (IIPSC) 2026 ON KUPIKUPI FM





BREAKING AWAY FROM TRADITIONAL SOLO SPEECHES, IIPSC 2026 INTRODUCES AN INNOVATIVE DUO (PAIR) FORMAT.

THE AIRWAVES OF KUPIKUPI FM SARAWAK RECENTLY BUZZED WITH EXCITEMENT AS UITM SARAWAK LEADERSHIP JOINED DJ MARIA FOR AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO PROMOTE THE UPCOMING IIPSC 2026.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF IIPSC 2026

GLOBAL & LOCAL PARTICIPANT

16 teams *have confirmed their participation, featuring international representatives from Universitas Panca Bhakti (Pontianak, Indonesia) alongside local institutions including:*

- *Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak*
- *UNIMAS*
- *i-CATS University College*
- *Sarawak Skills*
- *IPG Kampus Batu Lintang*
- *IPG Kampus Tun Abdul Razak*
- *Kolej Komuniti Santubong*
- *Politeknik Metro Betong*
- *UNITAR*
- *Host UiTM Sarawak.*

EXPERT MENTORSHIP & WORKSHOPS

Throughout the event, participants will undergo specialized Public Speaking Training Workshops facilitated by experienced academicians from the Academy of Language Studies (APB) UiTM Sarawak and a placement lecturer from the US Embassy.

GRAND FINALE AT TEGAS

The competition will culminate in a Grand Finale on 22 June 2026 at the TEGAS Digital Village Auditorium, Samajaya.

The closing and prize-giving ceremony will be officiated by Adena Haji Jed, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development (MEITD), representing YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn.

BUILDING SARAWAK'S DIGITAL FUTURE

Through innovation and collaboration

More than a showcase of technology, the initiative demonstrates how academia and industry can work together to create innovative solutions with real-world impact.



Digital innovation is transforming the way people learn, connect, and experience the world, and UiTM Cawangan Sarawak is helping shape that future through a new collaboration with local technology company Metadise Sdn. Bhd.

UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA X METADISE SDN. BHD

SARAWAK TOURISM METAVERSE

Immersive experiences that celebrate culture, heritage and attraction.

E-SPORT ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

Telent development, industry engagement and an upcoming e-sports expo.

FUTURE-READY TALENT

Hands-on experience, industry-relevant skills and connections for the digital economy.

Students will benefit from greater opportunities to gain practical experience, build industry-relevant skills, and connect with emerging sectors in the digital economy. By combining technological innovation with education and industry collaboration, UiTM Sarawak continues to position itself as a catalyst for future-ready talent while supporting Sarawak's ambitions to become a leading hub for digital creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship.





ALUMNI EXCELLENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE VISION: UiTM SARAWAK WELCOMES JKR SARAWAK DIRECTOR DATU CASSIDY MORRIS

Strengthening Partnerships: Building Futures.
Driving Development. Inspiring Generations.



A PROUD ALUMNUS. AN INSPIRING LEADER.

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A remarkable UiTM Sarawak alumnus whose journey exemplifies excellence, leadership and impact

KEY OUTCOMES & COMMITMENTS

STRONGER COLLABORATION
Expanding joint projects in research, innovation, and design aligned with industry needs.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
Joint outreach programmes harnessing university expertise for greater local impact.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
Support for the proposed connecting road between Samarahan (KS) and Samarahan Campus 2 to enhance mobility

UPGRADING STUDENT RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES
Support for upgrading six (6) blocks of Kolej Seri Mulu and Kolej Seri Serapi under RMK13.

DRIVING DEVELOPMENT. INSPIRING FUTURES.
A shared vision for infrastructure modernisation, academic prestige and community well-being.

INTRODUCING THE
ANUGERAH KHAS JKR SARAWAK
A special award to recognize and honor top-performing students undergoing industrial and executive training at JKR Sarawak.

SHARPENING TALENT DEVELOPMENT
UNLOCKING VIBRANT CAREER PATHWAYS
BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS



UiTM SARAWAK MEETS UZBEKISTAN AND SINGAPORE INDUSTRY LEADERS

TO ADVANCE RESEARCH AND MARINE EXCELLENCE

PIONEERING JOINT INITIATIVES

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN SCIENTISTS FORUM 2027

Kuching, Sarawak, championing women's leadership in science on the global stage.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Carbon credits, hydrogen energy, smart farming, algae technology and more.

GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS

Joint formulation of robust standards to accelerate regional sustainability targets.



MARINE INDUSTRY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (CoE)

Dedicated to professional training, joint research, and technology commercialisation.

Using academic rigour with global industry expertise from Singapore and Uzbekistan to tackle real-world environment challenges

INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRY ATTACHMENTS

Academic staff gain global exposure to marine technologies and innovations.

ENRICHING TEACHING & LEARNING

Bringing real-world industry expertise into the classroom and research

DRIVING INNOVATION & COMMERCIALISATION

Transforming research outcomes into impactful solutions.

STRONGER TOGETHER. SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW.

Strengthening UiTM's international network. Empowering academic talent. Building a resilient, future-ready institution.

Community Engagement



One Big Family: Rector Visits Staff Affected by Kuching Floods

In the aftermath of the flood, UiTM stands with its staff in compassion, in support, and as one big family.







> UiTM is one large family. It is at moments such as these that togetherness, mutual care and practical support must be at our strongest.
>
> – *Prof. Dr Firdaus Abdullah*
> Rector, UiTM Cawangan Sarawak

The floodwaters that swept through parts of Kuching at the close of last year receded soon enough. The clearing up did not. On Saturday, 3 January 2026, Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak (UiTMCS), set out to visit staff members whose homes had been inundated, to see for himself what a photograph on a phone screen can never quite convey.

He was accompanied by Mr Mohamad Farizan Jamil, President of the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA), and ASP/PB Tuan Mazlan Takap, Head of the Auxiliary Police Office and Coordinator of the State Disaster Operations Committee (JOBN), together with several other UiTMCS staff.

What greeted them was sobering. Houses still damp to the touch, belongings ruined beyond salvage, and streets that had not yet returned to anything resembling normal. Professor Dr Firdaus observed that exhaustion and worry were written plainly on the faces of those he met, and yet, alongside it, an extraordinary steadiness. It is no small thing, he noted, to hold a family together while counting the cost of what the water has taken and living with the strain that lingers long after it has gone.

Much of the visit was spent simply listening. Staff spoke about what they still needed and what they were most worried about, and the Rector gave them the time to say it. UiTMCS management, he assured them, remains attentive and committed to providing appropriate assistance, whether in the form of welfare support, essential supplies, or whatever else circumstances may call for.

A contribution from KEKiTA was presented during the visit, in the hope of easing, in some small measure, the load being carried. Professor Dr Firdaus described UiTM as one large family, and observed that it is precisely at moments such as these that togetherness, mutual care and practical support must be at their strongest.

A MONTH OF UiTMCS FACULTIES CELEBRATE THEIR



January at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak belonged to the students who had spent the previous semester working hardest. Across a fortnight, five faculties held ceremonies to honour their Dean's Award recipients and other high achievers, and Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, attended every one of them.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT (FPP)

The Faculty of Business and Management (FPP) opened the season on 5 January at a hotel in Kuching, honoring more than one hundred students at its Dean's Award Ceremony 2025. Present were Dr Nurul Lizzan Kamarudin, Head of School for FPP; Agnes Liew Siew Wen, Project Head; and Ms Norshohanimira Borhani, lecturer and Project Advisor, with the organising work carried out by the Office Management Society Sarawak (OMSAR).

FACULTY OF SPORTS SCIENCE AND RECREATION (FSR)

Three days later, on 8 January, Dewan Jubli hosted the Majlis Inspirasi dan Apresiasi of the Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation (FSR), where more than 130 recipients from the Diploma in Sports Studies and the Bachelor of Sports Science programmes were celebrated. Organised by the Sportrec Association, the evening was attended by Mr Gordon Nicolaus Jemat Anchang, Senior Lecturer, representing the Head of Centre for FSR; Ms Abbylolita Sullah, Advisor for Exersci and Sportrec; Herleyna Helbert, President of the Exersci Association; and Dayangku Allya Natasya, Project Head.

FACULTY OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (FKK)

On 9 January, the Chemical Engineering Student Society (ChESS) gathered at Serapi Hotel, Kuching, for the Faculty of Chemical Engineering (FKK) Appreciation Night, celebrating close to twenty award recipients. Associate Professor Ts ChM Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector (Academic and International Affairs), and Dr Hazman Seli, Head of Centre for the Faculty of Engineering, joined the students, alongside Vyner Xavier Barau, President of ChESS, and Cabrera Jerin anak Rantai, his predecessor.

FACULTY OF PLANTATION AND AGROTECHNOLOGY (FPA)

The following afternoon, the same hotel hosted the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology (FPA) Student Appreciation Ceremony, attended by Mr Mohammad Zulfikar Kamil, Senior Lecturer, representing Associate Professor Ts Dr Abdul Rahman Saili, Head of Studies; Dr Syahira Jos, Advisor of the Agrovarsity Association; Dr Sharifah Mazenah Wan Yusof, Project Advisor; Riexler Vean Deaxler Samit, Association President and Project Head; and Mohamad Jazlan Mohamad Jiwa of the Student Representative Council.

FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE AND POLICY STUDIES (FSPPP)

The largest gathering came on 17 January, when the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies (FSPPP) honoured more than three hundred recipients from the Diploma in Public Administration and the Bachelor of Administrative Science programmes, together with winners of the Special Outstanding Student Award. Among those present were Dr Noorfadhleen Mahmud, Head of Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities; Mr Mohamad Faizal Lamat, Director of the Malaysian Academy of Governance, Prime Minister's Department, Sarawak, himself an FSPPP alumnus; Madam Sharon Pearl Henry Serub and Madam Sharifah Shaneela Wan Achmed Razali, Advisors of the BASiS and MASPENA associations; Rishki Syahada Tan Asun, Project Head; and Nursafiqah Rasyidah Ride, President of the Student Representative Council.





Across all five evenings, the Rector returned to a consistent theme. Recognition of this kind measures rather more than marks on a transcript. Behind every award sits a semester of discipline, dedication and diligence, most of it unglamorous and none of it accidental. Success, he told the FKK students, is not measured by academic results alone but by commitment and by the far less glamorous business of turning up to lectures and finishing assignments on time.

He was equally struck by what students achieve outside the lecture theatre. Organising events of this scale builds leadership, teamwork and problem-solving skills almost as a by-product, and he encouraged students to take an active part in association work, which develops self-confidence, professional communication and the beginnings of a network they will need sooner than they expect. Occasions such as these are how a culture of academic excellence is quietly cultivated within the UiTM community, one cohort at a time.







CHARTING THE COURSE:

UiTMCS LEADERSHIP MAPS OUT ITS 2026–2030 STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Three days at a beach resort might sound like a gentle way to begin the working year. The agenda suggested otherwise. From 5 to 7 January 2026, the leadership of Universiti Teknologi MARA Cawangan Sarawak (UiTMCS) gathered at Roxy Beach Resort for the Strategic Planning Workshop and Retreat 2026, with Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, directly involved throughout.

5 – 7 JANUARY 2026

ROXY BEACH RESORT SARAWAK









The workshop brought together representatives from the branch's key responsibility centres alongside the drivers of the Rector's Special Projects. It was convened at a significant moment, following the introduction of UiTM's new Vision, Mission, Objectives and Philosophy as part of the university's wider transformation, and the establishment of ten key objectives under UiTM2030.

Much of the discussion concentrated on how UiTMCS could move first rather than follow, drafting initiatives and action plans that actively support the UiTM Strategic Plan 2026–2030. The retreat provided a platform for testing new approaches, reviewing established performance indicators, and launching the UiTM Cawangan Sarawak Strategic Plan 2026. Considerable attention was given to ensuring that the branch's Strategic Plan and Masterplan sit squarely in line with UiTM's direction at national level.

The evaluation of key performance indicators formed a substantial part of the programme, covering the UiTM Strategic Plan 2026, Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA) scores and other relevant targets for the year ahead. Each division and unit was guided through the preparation of its own action plan, with a firm emphasis on plans that are realistic as well as ambitious, and capable of delivering genuine impact against the targets set by UiTM's top management.

The ideas contributed and the discussions held reflected a strong culture of teamwork and a readiness across the UiTMCS community to move forward together. The consensus built during the retreat is expected to serve as a catalyst for the successful implementation of the branch's Strategic Plan and Masterplan 2026.

BUSINESS AFTER DARK:

KARNIVAL MALAM SEBORNEO 2025

Sparks the Entrepreneurial Spirit



3 DAYS
of night market excitement on campus

MORE THAN 50 STALLS
trading well into the evening

Tradisional Games | **Busking** | **Lucky Draws** | **Food Trucks** | **Shopping & More**

Traditional games, busking, lucky draws, food trucks and more than fifty stalls trading well into the evening. For three days, the campus took on the atmosphere of a night market with a syllabus attached, as Karnival Malam SeBorneo 2025 returned to UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

The carnival was organised by the Student Entrepreneurs Association UiTM Cawangan Sarawak (SEAUS) with the support of the Malaysian Academy of SME and Entrepreneurship Development (MASMED). Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, attended both the opening and the closing ceremonies, joined by Madam Zalina Ibrahim, Programme Advisor, and Julita Aishah Fauzi, Programme Head, together with the students and vendors taking part.

Professor Dr Firdaus congratulated SEAUS on staging an event that opened up genuine trading opportunities, on a considerable scale, for university students and external vendors alike. The appeal of the carnival, he suggested, lies in what happens around the sales. Students gain early exposure to entrepreneurial thinking, earn while they learn, and start to understand the business world before graduation makes the lesson compulsory.





The presence of external vendors adds a further dimension. Working alongside seasoned traders gives students an unfiltered view of how business actually operates, and the exchange runs in both directions. There is, too, the less visible curriculum of running the carnival itself, with its logistics, scheduling and problem solving under pressure, which trains students in project management rather more effectively than any textbook.

VARSITY CARE TAKES LEARNING TO SEMATAN

SUNDAY, 11 JANUARY 2026 | TELOK SERABANG, SEMATAN

CLOSING CEREMONY

Some lessons are better learned outside a lecture theatre. On the morning of Sunday, 11 January 2026, at Aksuri Beach Guesthouse and Cafe in Telok Serabang, Sematan, the Closing Ceremony of the Varsity Care Programme brought a warm end to a project built on exactly that principle.









The theme proved well-judged for its audience.

Good time management underpins not only study but working life, family responsibility and community involvement, and it is a skill rarely taught directly. Through SULAM, the Service-Learning Malaysia-University for Society approach, students of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak worked in the field, engaged directly with residents, and learned while serving.

The ceremony was attended by YBrs Mr Mohamad Bakar Karim, Village Head of Kampung Telok Serabang; Madam Suriati Salleh, operator of Aksuri Beach Guesthouse and Cafe; Nur Nareesha Razali, Project Head; and Ms Asfalaila Ibrahim, Co-curriculum Trainer and Project Advisor, together with UiTMCS students, members of the village community, and participants drawn from SPM school leavers of SMK Tun Abang Haji Openg, Kuching.

UiTMCS CLOSES CO-CURRICULUM PROGRAMME with PERKAD FOOT DRILL COMPETITION





PRECISION

TIMING

PRACTICE

The experience gained through training and competition should be carried forward as a foundation for graduates who are disciplined, competitive, patriotic and possessed of genuine integrity.



Precision, timing and a great deal of practice.

The Closing Ceremony of the Co-curriculum Programme and Foot Drill Competition, known as PERKAD, brought the year's co-curricular activities at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak to a spirited conclusion, with Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, officiating at the invitation of the Student Affairs Division (HEP).

Joined by **Associate Professor Dr Saimi Bujang**, Deputy Rector for Student Affairs; **Mr Mohamad Syafie Hamdin**, Head of the Cadet and Co-curriculum Unit; **Senior Commander Davis Yohannes Syed**, President of the Cadet Commanders' Representative Council for the 2024/2025 session; the panel of National Cadet Corps trainers; members of the Cadet Commanders' Representative Council; and staff and students of the branch.

The ceremony marked an ending, but the Rector was more interested in what had been built along the way. Participation in co-curricular activities and in foot drill, he noted, shapes students who are balanced physically, mentally and emotionally, while fostering patriotism and the kind of teamwork that only develops when a group has to move as one.

PERKAD, is not merely a competition. It instills a love of country, cultivates the discipline associated with military training, and raises awareness of the responsibility every citizen holds towards the nation's sovereignty. Those values, Rector hopes, will outlast the trophies and serve as a guide in the students' lives, careers and civic responsibilities.

Rector Visits Injured Staff Member in Kota Samarahan

Brief though it was, the visit brought a measure of cheer to the household and offered encouragement to a family navigating an unexpectedly long recovery.

On the afternoon of Saturday, 24 January 2026, **Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah,** Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, visited Ustaz Muhammad Ilyas bin Muhammad Saleh, Head of the Islamic Affairs Unit at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, at his home in Uni Garden, Kota Samarahan.



Accompanying the Rector were Mr Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar, and Inspector PB Mohamad Shalihin Salleh of the Welfare Bureau of the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA), together with several other UiTMCS staff members.



Ustaz Muhammad Ilyas sustained a fractured leg late last year when he was struck by a falling tree while clearing the area around his house. He remains on medical leave until February.

The visit was made in the spirit of brotherhood that the university community holds to in difficult times. During the call, Professor Dr Firdaus presented a contribution from the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA) as a token of concern and moral support for Ustaz Muhammad Ilyas and his family. Brief though it was, the visit brought a measure of cheer to the household and offered encouragement to a family navigating an unexpectedly long recovery.

YAPEIM EXTENDS POST-FLOOD AND STUDENT RESIDENTIAL AID TO UiTMCS COMMUNITY



The Sarawak Post-Flood Relief and Student Residential Assistance Program 2025/2026, presented by Yayasan Pembangunan Ekonomi Islam Malaysia (YAPEIM), was held at the Tun Abdul Razak Library (PTAR). **Tuan Haji Zabidi bin Nasan**, Director-General of YAPEIM, traveled from the head office in Kuala Lumpur to officiate the ceremony.

AT GLANCE

100
RECIPIENTS IDENTIFIED

10
STUDENTS PRESENT AS SYMBOLIC RECIPIENTS

Flood relief assistance was also extended to affected UiTM Staff, a gesture of togertherness and solidarity in the face of the disaster.

Hoped these efforts would remain a lasting source of goodness for all parties involved, both contributors and recipients.



THE IMPACT THAT MATTERS

The Rector noted that the assistance offered was more than a material contribution. It eased the burden faced by recipients, helped restore their spirits after hardship, and allowed students and staff to continue their studies and duties with greater peace of mind and focus.

He expressed hope that further collaboration could be forged with YAPEIM, particularly through programmes aimed at boosting entrepreneurship among students, one of the branch's key targets for the year.

The Rector conveyed his highest appreciation to YAPEIM for its continued support of the UiTM Cawangan Sarawak community through welfare and educational contributions, spanning student residential assistance, educational aid, and flood disaster relief. He hoped these efforts would remain a lasting source of goodness for all parties involved, both contributors and recipients.



*Joined by **YM Tengku Idzmul Aziim bin Tengku Alang**, Acting Head of the YAPEIM Fund Resources Division; **Associate Professor Dr Saimi Bujang**, Deputy Rector for Student Affairs; **Mr Fadlie bin Zamuri**, YAPEIM Sarawak Manager; **Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir**, Assistant Rector of UiTMCS Samarahan 2 Campus; recipients of the assistance; and other invited guests.*

AL-FATIHAH

UiTMCS pays tribute to the Late **MOHAMMAD ADAM DANIAL**

The late Mohammad Adam Danial was a Semester One student of the Diploma in Sports Studies (SR113) at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, at the very beginning of his time with the university.



On the evening of Saturday, 31 January 2026, Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, attended the tahlil ceremony held for Allahyarham Mohammad Adam Danial Mohammad Mokhzani at the family's residence in Kuching.





Representing Universiti Teknologi MARA, the Rector presented a welfare contribution to the late student's father, Mr Mohammad Mokhzani, who was accompanied by his mother, Madam Azlin Keria, as a token of the university community's concern for the family in their loss.

May the soul of Allahyarham Mohammad Adam Danial be blessed with mercy, and may his family be granted strength and fortitude in facing this trial.

Al-Fatihah.



Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, was there to meet them, offering words of encouragement and support before they went in.

EVERY EFFORT COUNTS:

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE EXAMINATION SEASON

"TRUST YOUR PREPARATION. STAY CONFIDENT. GIVE YOUR BEST. WE BELIEVE IN YOU."

Prof. Dr. Firdaus Abdullah
Rector, UiTM Sarawak Branch

There is a particular quiet that settles outside an examination hall in the minutes before the doors open. As the final examination season began at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, Samarahan 2 Campus, students waiting in that quiet were met with something rather better than silence.

The mood was one of steady determination. Months of learning, perseverance and no small amount of personal growth had brought the students to this point, and it showed in their faces: focused, resilient and quietly hopeful.

The gesture carried a simple reminder with it, and it carried rather more weight for coming from the Rector in person. Success is assembled from consistent effort rather than delivered on the morning of the paper. Every lecture attended, every revision session seen through, every late night and every difficulty worked past had contributed something to the preparation the students were about to draw on.

Professor Dr Firdaus encouraged them to sit their examinations with confidence and composure, and to trust the work they had already done. Beyond the question of marks, they were reminded that the pursuit of knowledge changes a person. It builds resilience, strengthens character, and supplies the perspective and skills that prove useful long after the transcript has been filed away.

As students entered the closing stage of the semester, the Rector and the wider university community stood behind them, hoping they would meet every challenge with confidence, determination and integrity. Results mark the end of an academic term. What defines the UiTM Sarawak experience is the commitment to keep learning, the perseverance to continue, and the courage to aim for excellence in the first place.

Every lecture.
Every revision.
Every late night.
It all adds up.

Resilience built.
Character strengthened.
Purpose defined.

Focus today.
Your future
is the reward

More than results.
We build graduates who lead and make a difference.

The Recipe for a CARING CAMPUS: Dapur HEP in Action

Dapur HEP is more than somewhere to make dinner. It is one of the places where the sense of belonging that shapes student life becomes visible.



The kitchens were busy. Students had gathered to prepare their evening meals, laughter carried across the room, conversation ran easily, and the business of cooking together did what it usually does.



*More than a kitchen.
A community where care is shared, connections are made, and every student belongs.*

The visit offered a chance to meet students on their own ground, informally and without ceremony. Professor Dr Firdaus talked with them about their daily routines, watched the meal preparations, and then, to the evident delight of everyone present, rolled up his sleeves and joined in.

For a short while, the formalities of office gave way to something simpler, that of a fellow cook trading stories and sharing a task. Moments of that kind matter. They keep the line of communication between university leadership and students open in a way that no formal meeting quite manages.

Practical purpose aside, Dapur HEP reflects a broader commitment to student welfare. It is a space where students can gather, build friendships and find support outside the lecture theatre, contributing to a campus culture grounded in care, inclusivity and shared responsibility

Initiatives such as this one keep students at the centre of the university's work. By creating room for genuine interaction and strengthening the bonds between students and those who lead the institution, Dapur HEP helps cultivate a campus where individuals feel valued, supported and connected.

As UiTM Sarawak pursues its academic and institutional ambitions, Dapur HEP serves as a useful reminder that a genuinely good university is measured by the strength of its community as well as by its achievements. It is in shared experiences, whether around a lecture hall or a kitchen counter, that lasting relationships are formed.

PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST:

UiTM SARAWAK RESPONDS TO WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES



As water supply disruptions continue to affect the Samarahan campus, the management of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak has intensified its response, placing the well-being of students at the forefront of every decision.

Student welfare, above all else. As water supply disruptions continue to affect the Samarahan campus, the management of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Sarawak has intensified its response, placing the wellbeing of students at the forefront of every decision.

Following an official engagement earlier in the day, senior management visited the residential colleges to assess conditions on the ground and engage directly with affected students, forming part of a broader institutional effort to monitor the situation and ensure mitigation measures remain effective.

The university acknowledged the concerns raised by students, parents and guardians, particularly as the disruptions coincided with the final examination period, and reaffirmed that timely resolution remains an institutional priority. It extended its appreciation to the campus community for their patience and understanding throughout the period, and reaffirmed its commitment to transparency, responsiveness and student-centred leadership as restoration efforts continue.

THE DISRUPTIONS: CAUSES AND IMPACT

The disruptions, ongoing since October 2025, stem from inconsistent incoming water supply from the campus's primary provider, Sarawak Water Sdn Bhd (SW). The irregular supply has affected the campus's elevated water storage system, reducing its capacity to maintain adequate reserves and necessitating controlled water rationing across student residences and selected academic and administrative buildings.

UiTM Sarawak has maintained close coordination with SW to expedite remedial and maintenance works. While the underlying supply issue remains beyond the university's direct control, mitigation measures have been put in place, including continuous monitoring of water storage levels, scheduled internal distribution, eight auxiliary water tanks, and daily deliveries by four to five water tankers carrying 10,000 litres each. Based on ongoing engagements with SW, the university remains optimistic the issue will be resolved ahead of Chinese New Year.





Student Firsts. Always.

UiTM Sarawak remains steadfast in safeguarding student welfare and ensuring a better campus experience for all.

MORE THAN A GREEN CAMPAIGN:

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS CULTURE



*A greener campus rarely begins with a grand gesture. It usually begins with a reusable container and the decision to bring it along. That was the thinking behind the launch of **Inisiatif Lestari@Kolej Kediaman**, a campus-wide sustainability programme designed to make environmentally conscious habits part of ordinary daily life at UiTM Sarawak.*

Small choices, made daily, add up to a greener campus. That was the message behind the launch of Inisiatif Lestari@Kolej Kediaman, a campus-wide sustainability programme encouraging students to make environmentally conscious habits part of everyday life.

Organised by the Campus Sustainability Committee, UiTM Green Centre (UGC), and the Student Residential and Hospitality Unit (URHP), the initiative introduces practical measures including the use of reusable food containers, Plastic-Free Wednesdays, shared reusable shopping bags, monthly sports and wellness activities, and dedicated spaces to support students' mental and physical wellbeing.

More than a series of green initiatives, the programme reflects UiTM Sarawak's vision of a campus where sustainability is a shared responsibility rather than an individual effort. Every activity is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reinforcing the university's long-term commitment to environmental stewardship and community wellbeing.

By empowering students to lead change from their residential colleges, UiTM Sarawak hopes to nurture a culture in which sustainability becomes not simply a practice, but a way of life.





Ramadan Beyond the Campus: *Nurturing a Compassionate Community*



Reflection, compassion and togetherness, the spirit of Ramadan came to life through the **Quran Recitation and Iftar Programme** with the **Samarahan Muslim Revert Community**, organised by **UiTM Cawangan Sarawak's Islamic Affairs Unit (UHEI)** in collaboration with **Masjid Darul Taqwa, Kampung Muara Tuang.**

The programme brought together around 70 members of the local Muslim revert community, offering a welcoming space to deepen Quranic understanding, strengthen faith, and build meaningful connections through shared learning and fellowship. Guided by religious educators from UiTM Sarawak and the local mosque, participants took part in Quran recitation sessions before gathering to break fast together.

More than a religious programme, the initiative reflected UiTM Sarawak's commitment to community engagement and inclusive outreach, building lasting relationships with the local community while supporting those embracing a new chapter in their faith.

It served as a reminder that the strongest communities are built through empathy, mutual support, and a shared sense of belonging.











The discussion highlighted a shared commitment to connecting academia with industry, creating meaningful pathways for students to gain real-world exposure while supporting the growth of Sarawak's creative and media sectors.

BRIDGING *Education and Media* FOR FUTURE TALENT



Strong partnerships often begin with a simple conversation. That spirit was at the heart of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak's recent visit to Cats FM, where university representatives met with Chief Executive Officer and UiTM alumnus Haji Mohd Iskandar Mohd Nawawi to explore new opportunities for collaboration.

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Among the initiatives discussed were Cats FM's role as the Official Broadcast Partner for the Jom Masuk U (JMU) Carnival 2026, as well as collaborative projects involving UiTM Sarawak's Faculty of Art & Design, including the creation of a creative mural at the station's headquarters.

Both organisations also explored opportunities for industry-focused training programmes, professional communication courses, media and broadcasting workshops, and knowledge-sharing sessions led by UiTM experts.

More than a strategic partnership, the engagement reflects a shared vision of nurturing future-ready graduates by bringing learning beyond the classroom and closer to the industries they aspire to lead.

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Eight Hundred Bowls of Fellowship



UiTMCS Marks Ramadan with Bubur Lambuk



Few Ramadan traditions travel as well as bubur lambuk. On the afternoon of **4 March 2026**, the Auxiliary Police forward post at **UiTM Cawangan Sarawak Samarahan 2 Campus** became the distribution point for a campus-wide handout of the savoury rice porridge that has become inseparable from the holy month

The initiative was organised to encourage a sense of unity and togetherness through the simple practice of sharing food, and it was pointedly inclusive. Academic and administrative staff, students, visitors and campus concessionaires all queued alongside one another.

Providing a dish for breaking fast was the visible purpose. Strengthening the bonds between university members and the partners who keep the campuses running day to day was the quieter one.

800
CONTAINERS OF BUBUR LAMBUK
DISTRIBUTED

Distribution began at around three in the afternoon and met with an enthusiastic response as members of the campus community gathered to collect their portions.

In total, 800 containers of bubur lambuk were distributed across the Samarahan and Samarahan 2 campuses.

Credit goes to the:

UiTM Sarawak Staff Club, **KEKiTA** & **REKAJAYA Projek Sdn Bhd**

> *Efforts of this kind do more than enrich the observance of Ramadan. **They cultivate empathy, consideration and a genuine sense of family across the UiTMCS community,** and the hope is that they will continue to inspire generosity throughout the institution.*

ONE DAY, ONE COMMUNITY:

Gotong-Royong and *Majlis Iftar Perdana*

UiTM Sarawak

Began well before most working days do and ended rather later. It started with pots of bubur lambuk at Masjid Al-Qurawiyyin on the Samarahan Campus and finished, some fourteen hours later, with the whole university community sitting down together in the same building to break the fast.





For UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, Friday, 6 March 2026 began well before most working days do and ended rather later. It started with pots of bubur lambuk at Masjid Al-Qurawiyyin on the Samarahan Campus and finished, some fourteen hours later, with the whole university community sitting down together in the same building to break the fast.

The morning belonged to the gotong-royong. Staff gathered early to prepare the traditional dish ahead of the university's Majlis Iftar Perdana, in an initiative jointly organised by the Islamic Affairs Unit (UHEI), the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA) and the UiTM Sarawak Women's Association (PEWANI). Academic and administrative personnel worked side by side, which is not something the timetable usually allows for.

Senior campus leadership reviewed the preparations at first hand and took a turn at stirring the pots, which is harder work than it looks and rather more companionable than most meetings. Beyond marking the holy month within the institution, the morning gave university members a genuine chance to build the kind of fellowship that formal occasions tend to promise and rarely deliver.

After Friday prayers, attention turned from preparation to outreach. A delegation set off to distribute the freshly cooked meal to surrounding mosques as a gesture of goodwill towards the wider community, led by Ustaz Muhammad Ilyas Muhammad Saleh, Head of UHEI; Mr Mohamad Farizan Jamil, President of KEKiTA; and Madam Siti Nur Aishah Jaafar, Chairperson of PEWANI UiTMCS.

A total of 400 packets were distributed, with 100 going to each of four neighbouring places of worship: Masjid Darul Ibadah Kampung Meranek, Masjid Nurul Islam Kampung Pinang, Masjid Darul Sabirin Kampung Empila and Masjid Darul Istiqamah Kampung Niup. The university intends to sustain the outreach and extend it to further mosques in future years, reinforcing the bridge between the campus and the villages around it.

By evening, the mosque had filled again, this time for the annual Majlis Iftar Perdana. Campus leadership, academic personnel, administrative staff and students gathered under one roof as the day's fast came to an end. The occasion amounted to rather more than a shared meal. It offered one of the few settings in the university calendar where every tier of the community sits down together on equal terms, and the bonds formed over a plate of food have a way of outlasting the evening itself.



THIRTY JUZ, TWENTY-FOUR READERS: UiTM Sarawak Marks *Khatam* Al Quran

Twenty-four administrative and academic staff of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak were oured at a Majlis Khatam al-Quran at Masjid Al-Qurawiyyin, Samarahan Campus, having completed the full thirty juz recitation as part of the campus Tadarus programme.

" AL QURAN: A GUIDING LIGHT FOR STRONGER HEARTS, BRIGHTER COMMUNITIES."

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2026

24 ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC STAFF

30 JUZ COMPLETED

MAJLIS KHATAM AL-QURAN UITM SARAWAK

Reading the Quran from beginning to end alongside a full working week is a considerable undertaking. On the afternoon of Wednesday, 11 March 2026, twenty-four administrative and academic staff of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak were oured at a Majlis Khatam al-Quran at Masjid Al-Qurawiyyin, Samarahan Campus, having completed the full thirty juz recitation as part of the campus Tadarus programme.

The ceremony was organised by the Islamic Affairs Unit (UHEI) in partnership with Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR), the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA) and the UiTM Sarawak Women's Association (PEWANI), and marked the first collaborative undertaking of its kind between these campus bodies.

Present were Professor Ir Dr Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industrial Linkages; Ustaz Muhammad Ilyas bin Muhammad Saleh, Head of UHEI; Madam Nur Afeqah Abdullah, Deputy Chief Librarian; Madam Siti Nur Aishah Jaafar, Chairperson of PEWANI UiTMCS; and Mr Mohamad Farizan Jamil, President of KEKiTA.



The ceremony itself was brief but affecting. It opened with the recitation of Tahtim, led by Mr Ismawi Haji Ibrahim, followed by the Doa Khatam al-Quran delivered by Al-Fadil Ustaz Azwan Anuara. The Tadarus programme behind it was designed with a dual purpose, guiding participants towards accurate recitation technique while nurturing a lasting attachment to Quranic study as part of daily life rather than as a seasonal exercise.

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VEHICLE DEPOT
MUKAH CAMPUS
UiTM SARAWA*K*



Ramadan Brings Us Closer

One Thousand Packets:

Mukah Campus Cooks Up a Ramadan Tradition

"More than a meal, it's a stronger university family"

A thousand packets of bubur lambuk represent a very early start and a great many hands. On 12 March 2026, the vehicle depot at the Mukah Campus of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak was given over to the Program Agihan Bubur Lambuk, bringing together university leadership, staff, students and corporate partners in one of the traditions that most reliably enlivens campus life during Ramadan.

Senior leadership joined volunteers on site to inspect the preparations and lend moral support to a team that had been working steadily behind the scenes. Through a considerable collective effort, 1,000 packets of the traditional porridge were prepared for distribution across the campus community. The presence of university leaders at the pots rather than merely at the presentation reflected a genuine commitment to the values of care, mutual support and fellowship that the month calls for.

Central to an undertaking of this scale was the collaboration between the UiTM community and the campus concessionaire partner, GFM Services Bhd. The two worked side by side from the earliest stages of preparation through to final distribution, demonstrating how effectively a corporate and academic partnership can deliver a welfare initiative when both parties commit to it properly.

Initiatives of this nature extend well beyond the sharing of a traditional dish. They reinforce the ties of kinship and fellowship that define the university family, and they do so in a way that is felt rather than announced.







A Night of Unity and Gratitude

MUKAH CAMPUS GATHERS AT Takan Berambih

On the evening of 12 March 2026, Takan Berambih hosted the Majlis Iftar Together of the Mukah Campus of Universiti Teknologi MARA, drawing senior campus leadership, administrative staff and students into a single gathering under the atmosphere of Ramadan.

The occasion functioned as considerably more than a traditional breaking of fast. Evenings like this one offer a rare and valuable opportunity to strengthen understanding between university management and the personnel who keep the Mukah Campus running, in a setting where the usual hierarchies sit rather more lightly.

A central moment of the evening was the presentation of the Sumbangan Kasih Ramadan welfare contributions, handed over personally by campus leadership. Ten recipients received financial support to ease their circumstances during the holy month, comprising eight members of the Mukah Campus staff and two students.

Tokens of appreciation were also presented to three imams and four bilals in recognition of their commitment to leading congregational prayers and enriching spiritual life across the campus.

A STRONGER ACADEMIA FAMILY

Initiatives of this kind reflect a settled dedication to cultivating an academic family that is empathetic, welfare-minded and closely knit. The active involvement of university leadership underlines a firm commitment to nurturing campus spiritual life and bringing the community together in shared blessing.

INSPIRED BY RAMADAN

As Ramadan continues to inspire generosity, mindfulness and unity, the gathering at Takan Berambih stands as a reminder of the strength to be found in communal solidarity and shared purpose.

Together in Blessings





Mukah Campus

Leadership Visits Staff facing Illness

Some of the most meaningful gestures of Ramadan take place well away from any hall or podium.

In the spirit of compassion that defines the holy month, leadership from the Mukah Campus of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak recently made home visits to two members of staff who are contending with health difficulties.

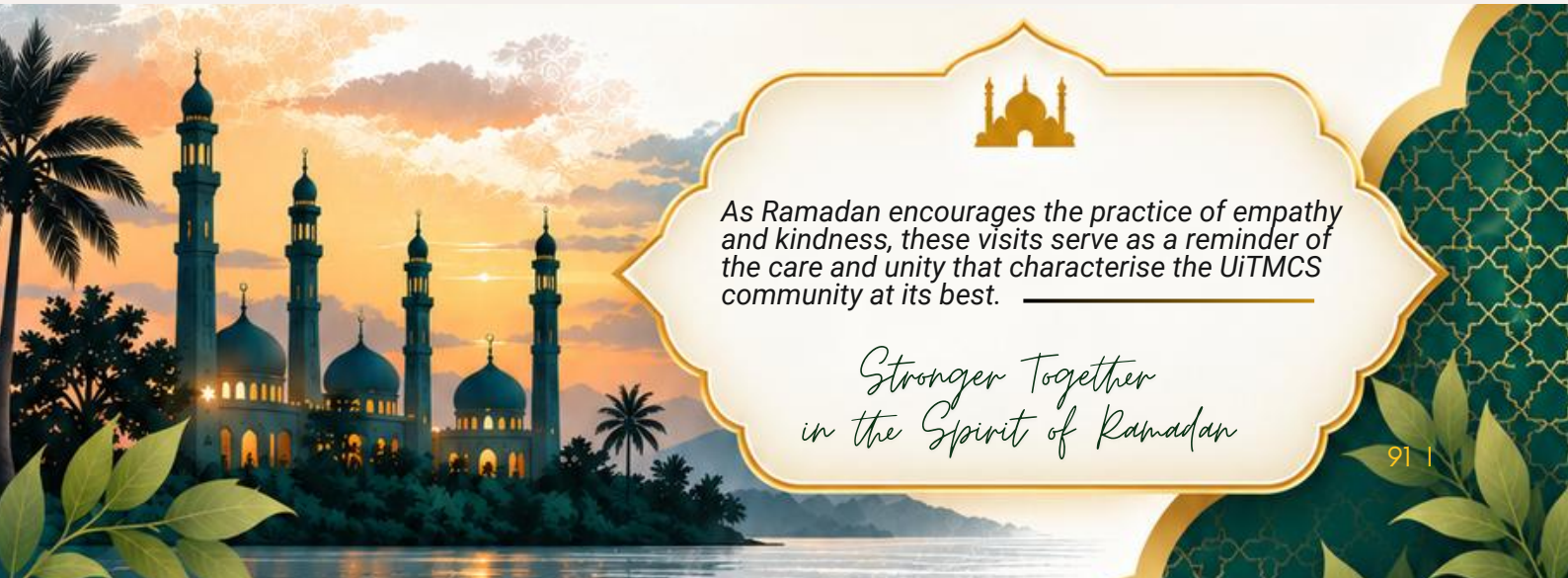
The visits were paid to Mr Ramzi Omar, a General Assistant serving as a campus driver, and Mr Muhammad Shukeri Abang Ali, a Public Assistant in plantation management, both of whom are currently navigating medical challenges.

The purpose was straightforward: to offer moral support and to convey the university's concern in person rather than by message.

Campus leadership was able to check on the well-being of both men in their own homes, and Kasih Ramadan welfare contributions were delivered directly as a token of institutional solidarity, easing the practical burden a little and offering the reassurance of not being forgotten.

Visits of this nature reflect a commitment to ensuring that no member of the workforce slips out of view during a difficult period. By going to the homes of its personnel, the university offers encouragement to those in recovery while strengthening the ties of kinship that run across the campus community.

As Ramadan encourages the practice of empathy and kindness, these visits serve as a reminder of the care and unity that characterise the UiTMCS community at its best.



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Stronger Together in the Spirit of Ramadan

YESTERDAY'S DEDICATION
TODAY'S GRATITUDE
TOMORROW'S STRONGER UiTM



Honouring a Legacy of service

UiTM Sarawak Launches Program Ziarah Kasih for Retirees

GRATITUDE LIVES BEYOND THE PAYROLL

Institutions have long memories only if somebody takes the trouble to maintain them. In the days before the Syawal festivities, UiTM Cawangan Sarawak did precisely that, launching its inaugural Program Ziarah Kasih to visit members of the UiTM Sarawak Pensioners Association (PERASA) in their homes.

The programme was conceived to honour and reconnect with former colleagues who gave their working lives to building the university, and it served as a reminder of how far the bonds of the UiTM family extend beyond the payroll.

Although these colleagues have formally concluded their service at UiTMCS, the knowledge, energy and dedication they invested in the institution remain part of its foundations. Through Program Ziarah Kasih, UiTM Sarawak continues to practise a culture of lifelong gratitude, keeping those who shaped its past firmly within its present.

A notably broad coalition of campus associations jointly undertook the visit. Leading the delegation was Tuan Haji Sapawi Haji Jemain, President of PERASA, together with his executive committee, alongside Mr Mohamad Farizan Jamil, President of the UiTMCS Staff Club (KEKiTA); Hajah Aiza Johari, Deputy Chairperson of the UiTMCS Women's Association (PEWANI); and Ustaz Wan Arifin Wan Yon, Head of the UiTMCS Zakat, Wakaf and Sedekah Unit (ZAWAF). That four organisations came together for a single initiative says a good deal about how seriously the undertaking was taken.

During the visits, delegates spent time asking after the health and well-being of the retired staff members and offering prayers for their continued strength and peace of mind. Tokens of appreciation and monetary contributions were presented as a gesture of solidarity and festive cheer.

Time allowed only a selected group of retirees to be visited on this occasion, but the warmth exchanged during those calls was evidently felt on both sides of the doorstep.



New Beginnings

UiTM Sarawak Welcomes Its Latest Cohort at MINGGU DESTINI SISWA



> *"UiTM is a springboard for developing globally empetitive talent.*

340 ***new students*** to UiTM Sarawak Branch

Part of a national cohort of nearly **19,000** entering UiTM campuses across Malaysia this session.

Every academic year begins with a room, or in this case a livestream, full of people who do not yet know quite what they have signed up for. UiTM Cawangan Sarawak formally welcomed its incoming cohort for the March to August 2026 session during Minggu Destini Siswa, the university's orientation programme.

Delivering the traditional Rector's Address, or Amanat Rektor, campus leadership congratulated the new students and thanked them and their families for choosing UiTM as the place to pursue higher education. Speaking to students across the pre-diploma, diploma and undergraduate pathways, the Rector emphasised how much university life changes a person, and encouraged them to approach their studies with real dedication, describing UiTM as a springboard for developing globally competitive talent.

The programme was organised over three days by the Student Affairs Division in partnership with the Student Representative Council (MPP), and was designed to familiarise students with institutional systems and ease what can be an abrupt transition into tertiary education. To accommodate the Hari Raya Aidilfitri break, which fell on 21 March, the initial phase of teaching and learning is being conducted online, allowing students to remain with their families before returning to campus for face-to-face classes.

The ceremony was broadcast live via the UiTMCS Student Representative Council YouTube channel and attended by the Deputy Rector of Student Affairs, members of the State Executive Committee and members of the UiTMCS Internal Management Committee.

Broadcast Live

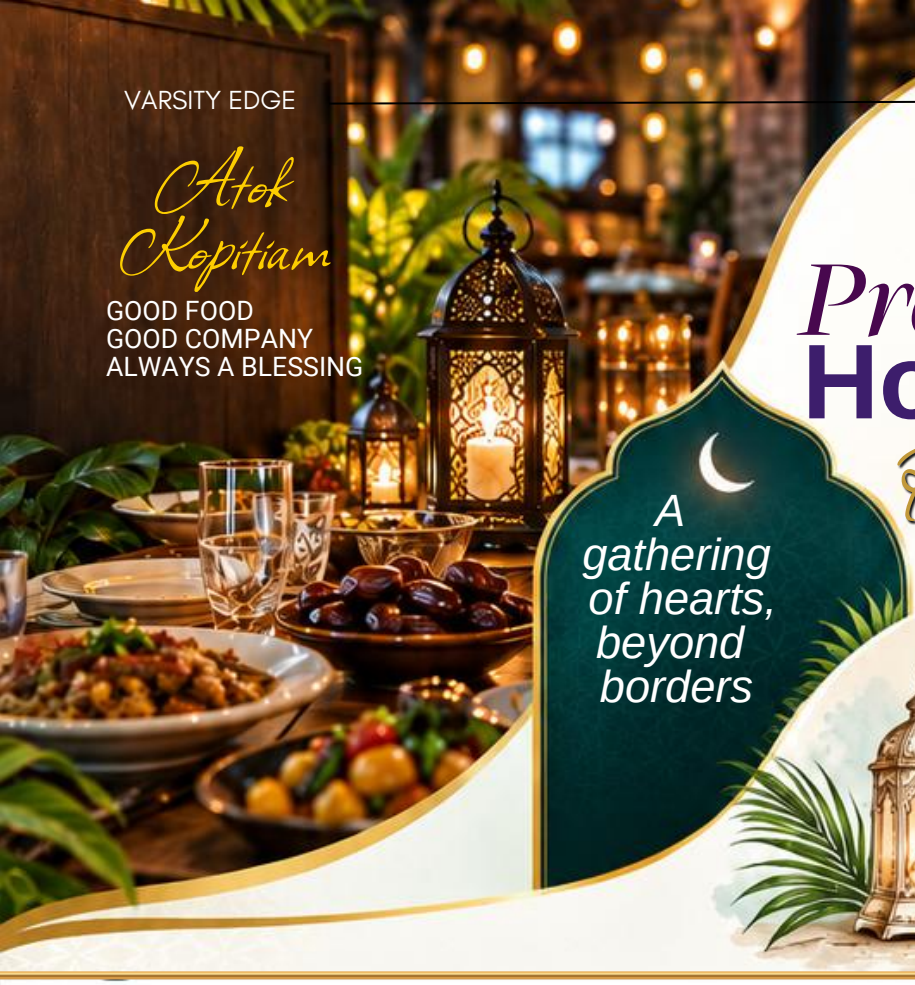
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Joined by the university community

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Same Potential Brighter Tomorrow



UiTM Pro-Chancellor Hosts Special Ramadan Iftar

A gathering of hearts, beyond borders

THE HOSTS

Datuk Haji Abdul Wahab Aziz, Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), together with his wife, Datin Dayang Rosnah bt. Haji Abang Drashid, hosted an iftar gathering that brought together family, university leaders, staff and international guests in a spirit of shared gratitude and mutual respect.

Warm hospitality, in the spirit of the holy month. YBhg. Datuk Haji Abdul Wahab Aziz, Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), together with his wife, Datin Dayang Rosnah bt. Haji Abang Drashid, hosted an iftar gathering that brought together family, university leaders, staff and international guests in a spirit of shared gratitude and mutual respect.

The occasion was attended by senior university representatives, including Associate Professor Ts. ChM. Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin, Deputy Rector of Academic and International Affairs; Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of Samarahan 2 Campus; Encik Mohd Hasimi Abdullah, Senior Deputy Registrar; and Encik Mohamad Farizan Jamil, President of the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKITA). Also present were members of the UiTM Sarawak Women's Association (PEWANI), the UiTM Sarawak Alumni Association (MITSA), and academic and administrative personnel from UiTMCS.

Hosted at Atok Kopitiam, an eatery owned by the host's family, attendees were treated to an array of local dishes in a relaxed, convivial setting. The generosity and gracious hospitality of YBhg. Datuk Haji Abdul Wahab Aziz and his family strengthened the bonds of camaraderie between the university fraternity and its international partners. Deepest appreciation was extended to the Pro-Chancellor and his family for their open-hearted reception, with hopes that the ties forged that evening will continue to flourish.

Adding an international dimension to the evening were Mr Marius Cortsen and Mr Kurt Nielsen, co-founders of Copenhagen-based Consilia ApS and creators of the ChatTutor AI platform.

In Sarawak, to conduct specialized Training of Trainers sessions for UiTMCS academic staff, the Danish delegates were given a firsthand experience of local cultural heritage through a traditional Sarawakian breaking-of-fast.







A Season of Gratitude and Service

Sharing Beyond Campus
Bubur Lambuk for Frontliner Heroes

Gratitude carried beyond the campus gates. Following compassionate home visits to ailing colleagues, leadership at Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak (UiTMCS), Mukah Campus, extended the spirit of Ramadan to local frontline agencies by personally distributing bubur lambuk to personnel at the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) Mukah District Headquarters and the Mukah Fire and Rescue Department (Bomba).



The gesture offered a sincere expression of gratitude for their commitment and personal sacrifices in safeguarding the public and the wider university community, reflecting UiTMCS's continued effort to build meaningful bridges of mutual respect between academia and the civil services that support it.

Amid a demanding itinerary in Mukah, campus leadership later joined staff and students for a spiritually enriching evening on campus. The gathering began with congregational Maghrib prayers, followed by a spiritual reflection delivered by Al-Fadhil Ustaz Ahmad Tirmizi Kram, Senior Assistant Registrar of the Islamic Affairs Unit (UHEI).

The fraternity then observed congregational Isyak and Tarawih prayers, before concluding with a moreh session that provided space for informal conversation and the strengthening of interpersonal ties across the university family.



The evening culminated in a ceremony in which leadership presented festive Aidilfitri hampers to officers of the UiTM Sarawak Mukah Campus Auxiliary Police force. As the festive season approaches, these officers will remain on duty throughout the holidays, sacrificing personal family time to keep the campus safe, orderly and well protected.

The presentation of the hampers reflected management's appreciation for their vigilant service, embodying the spirit of empathy, recognition and unity that defines the UiTMCS community during this blessed time of year.



UiTM SARAWAK Congratulates Newly Appointed Associate Professors



ChM. Dr. Cindy Tan Soo Yun
Senior Lecturer
Faculty of Applied Scinces

Dr. Azilawati binti Banchit @ Banchek
Senior Lecturer
Faculty of Business and Management

Appointment
Associate Professor (Grade DS14)

Effective Date
17 January 2026

In Recognition Of
Their sustained dedication, scholarly contributions and commitment to higher education.

Heartiest congratulations were extended to both newly appointed Associate Professors on their well-deserved advancement, with hopes that their achievements will serve as an inspiration to the wider UiTMCS fraternity, encouraging fellow academics to continue elevating standards of teaching, research and community service in support of national educational advancement

Together for Greater Horizons



Back on Campus:

From Final Checks to First Day Back

A lecture hall says a good deal about an institution before a single word is spoken in it. With face-to-face teaching and learning due to resume on the Monday, an inspection of classrooms and lecture halls was carried out across the Samarahan Campus of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak on Saturday, 4 April 2026.

The purpose of the review was straightforward enough. Every facility was checked to confirm that it was in good working order, safe, and genuinely conducive to teaching, so that students returning after a period of online classes would find their learning spaces ready rather than merely open. Division.

Work of this kind rarely attracts attention, which is rather the point. Ensuring that every learning space meets the required standards is what allows a comfortable, safe and effective academic environment to be taken for granted once term begins, and it reflects the university's continuing commitment to providing its students with facilities worthy of them.

Two days later, the rooms were put to the test. There is a particular buzz about a campus on the first morning of face-to-face classes, and it was unmistakable on Monday, 6 April 2026, as teaching and learning officially returned to the classroom after a week of online sessions. A walk-through was conducted that morning across lecture rooms in Blocks B, C and G at the Samarahan Campus, as well as Block B at the Samarahan 2 Campus, accompanied by Associate Professor Ts ChM Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin and Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of the Samarahan 2 Campus.

The mood among students was markedly cheerful. Reuniting with classmates and lecturers accounted for a good deal of it, but students also spoke of their eagerness to take a fuller part in campus events and activities, something a screen has never quite managed to replicate.

The walk-through was not purely celebratory. A number of operational concerns were noted along the way, including faulty air-conditioning units and lighting in certain lecture rooms, together with high student density in several general lecture courses.

These matters will be addressed progressively, with the aim of ensuring a comfortable, conducive and high-quality learning environment for all students of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

Leadership Transition in Engineering

UiTM SARAWAK WELCOMES A NEW HEAD OF CENTRE



APPRECIATION FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

The campus community records its deepest gratitude to **Dr Hazman Seli** for his service, dedication and contributions throughout his tenure as Head of Centre.

His steady leadership and considerable efforts have laid a foundation that will continue to serve faculty members and students well for years to come.

NEW APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE 1 MAY 2026

A new chapter of academic leadership opens at the School of Engineering, with warmest congratulations extended to **Dr Awang Nasrizal Awang Ali** on his appointment as Head of Centre for the Faculty of Engineering, effective 1 May 2026.

CONFIDENCE IN A STRONGER TOMORROW

The appointment marks a significant step forward for the faculty, and there is considerable confidence across the campus that Dr Awang Nasrizal's vision and stewardship will further strengthen the academic rigour, research output and standing of both the faculty and the university.

UNITED FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION

As the baton passes, UiTM Cawangan Sarawak remains united in supporting a smooth transition, and in driving the institution towards greater academic and operational excellence.



Compassion IN ACTION

A CARING COMMUNITY A STRONGER TOMORROW

UiTM Sarawak Leadership Visits a Recovering Colleague

A VISIT OF SUPPORT

On the evening of Monday, 27 April 2026, a delegation from UiTM Cawangan Sarawak visited **Mr Wan Firdaus Wan Chik**, a lecturer at the Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation, who is receiving treatment at a private hospital in Kuching.

STEADY RECOVERY

Mr Wan Firdaus underwent back surgery the previous Wednesday. His health has been showing steady improvement, and he is expected to be discharged in the coming days.

A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY

Joining the visit to convey the campus community's support were **Mr Wan Fakhrurrazi Wan Dahalan**, Highest Executive Officer of the Administration Division, and **Mr Mohammad Abang**, representing the KEKiTA Staff Club.

The delegation brought good cheer and warm wishes, and a hospital room is rather brighter for having colleagues in it.

A CONTINUED COMMITMENT

The visit reflects the university's steady commitment to the well-being of its staff, and its practice of offering moral support and genuine care to colleagues during periods of recovery.

GET WELL SOON

The whole UiTM Cawangan Sarawak community joins in wishing Mr Wan Firdaus a complete and speedy recovery, ease in all his affairs, and a swift return to the work of shaping young minds that he clearly loves.



Building closer relationships, deeper understanding and a stronger common purpose

Views, ideas and improvement proposals for academic excellence and efficient university management.

AN OPEN DOOR, ONE HOUR AT A TIME

COFFEE & CATCH-UP WITH RECTOR

A relaxed, friendly and genuinely candid space for discussion between the Rector and the wider university community.



Some conversations only happen over a cup of coffee. That is very much the premise behind Coffee and Catch-Up with Rector, a new initiative created by Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, to open a relaxed, friendly and genuinely candid space for discussion between the Rector and the wider university community.

The sessions are designed as a two-way channel rather than a briefing. Held weekly and lasting an hour or two, they rotate through different sections of the campus community in turn, allowing matters to be raised and worked through in an informal setting where people tend to say what they actually think.

This inaugural session brought together staff of the Academic Affairs Division and the Administration Division. The discussion proved substantial, covering a range of views, ideas and improvement proposals aimed at strengthening both academic excellence and the efficiency of university management. Professor Dr Firdaus recorded his appreciation to all who attended and committed their time, expressing the hope that the initiative will continue to serve as a means of building closer relationships, deeper mutual understanding and a stronger sense of common purpose across UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

The occasion also marked the presentation of appointment letters to the Implementation Committee for the university's Ten New Initiatives. The portfolios span a broad institutional agenda: Green and Sustainable Campus, entrusted to Ts Dr Noorsaidi Mahat of the Faculty of Built Environment; Mental Health and Well-being for Students and Staff, jointly held by Madam Norhayati Umar, Deputy Registrar in Student Affairs, and Mr Wan Fakhrurrazi Wan Dahalan, Highest Executive Officer of the Administration Division; and Global Distinction, shared by Dr Wan Juliana Emelih Wahed of the Faculty of Art and Design and Mr Sharin Sulaiman of the Faculty of Information Management.

The remaining portfolios went to Dr Malvern Abdullah of the Faculty of Business Management for the Comprehensive Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystem; Mr Mohd Fauzi Zainuddin and Mr Qayyum Adhwa Abu Bakar for Excellence in Sports, Arts and Culture; Ts Lukmanulhakim Adhar, Director of the Facility Management Division, for Sustainable Infrastructure; Mr Mohamad Hasimi, Senior Deputy Registrar, for International Lecturers; Mr Ahmad Noor Syahir Sazali of Hotel and Tourism Management for Media Personality and Iconography; Dr Yussri Sawani, Head of the Quality Management and Accreditation Unit, for the SDG, ESD and ESG agenda; and Dr Valerie Michael of the Faculty of Art and Design for the Centre of Excellence in Future Skills.

World Oral HEALTHY DAY COMES TO KOTA SAMARAHAN



An engaging celebration of healthier smiles, community awareness and wider access to dental care.



Also present were Dr Zairina Zainurain, Dental Specialist and Project Director of WOHD 2026; Dr Haji Mohd Khairol Jambli, Head of the UiTMCS Health Unit; and Dr Kamaruddin Jaraee, Medical Officer of the UiTMCS Health Unit, together with staff of the Samarahan Divisional Dental Office, staff of the UiTMCS Health Unit and students.





MORE THAN A HEALTH INITIATIVE



A TikTok competition, an interactive games corner and Healthy Smile Lab are not the first things that come to mind at the mention of dental health. That was rather the point.

The closing ceremony of the Dental Health Programme, held at the UiTMCS Health Clinic on the Samarahan Campus in conjunction with World Oral Health Day 2026 for the Samarahan Division, was attended by Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

The programme was organised by the UiTMCS Health Unit in collaboration with the Samarahan Divisional Dental Office, and the response was warm and, by all accounts, rather greater than anticipated.

Activities included a dental health exhibition, interactive games, the Healthy Smile Lab workshop, a Smile Idol competition and a TikTok video contest, all of which did more for oral health awareness among staff, students and the surrounding community than a leaflet ever could.

Professor Dr Firdaus described the programme as more than a health initiative, calling it a clear expression of corporate social responsibility on the part of the dental sector, and affirmed that the university will always support initiatives that deliver direct benefit to the community. Moving in step with the wider society, he noted, is not optional for an institution of this kind.

He expressed the hope that programmes of this nature will be held more frequently, particularly to reach adults who continue to face significant rates of dental and gum disease, and that they will be extended to other locations including the UiTMCS Mukah Campus and opened to participation from the wider public.

The choice of UiTMCS as a strategic partner was a sound one, since the institution is a focal point for adolescents and young adults and therefore well placed to shape early awareness of health care. On that basis, the Rector proposed that the existing dental room at the Health Unit be put to fuller use through the periodic placement of a dentist, whether weekly or monthly, to serve students, staff and the local community.

76 STUDENT LEADERS 3 DAYS

PUSAT LATIHAN KENEGARAAN SEMPADI, LUNDU

The FSPPP Leadership Bootcamp





> *"Participants will not merely bank the experience but apply what they have learned, both within their organisations and in daily life, and that programmes of this kind will continue as part of the wider agenda of student leadership development."*
>
> **PROF. DR FIRDAUS ABDULLAH**
> Rector, UiTM Sarawak Branch



The intensive leadership development programme drew 76 FSPPP students, comprising the student leadership of the MASPENA, BASIS, VES, SMPP and MPP associations. It was organised by the Public Administration Students' Association (MASPENA), whose commitment in delivering an initiative of this scale drew particular praise. That Diploma in Public Administration students planned and executed a programme of this quality says a good deal about their capacity, and about what the qualification is producing.

Leadership is difficult to teach in a classroom and rather easier to build over three days away from one. The FSPPP Leadership Bootcamp concluded at the Pusat Latihan Kenegaraan in Sempadi, Lundu, with Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, attending the closing ceremony at the invitation of the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies.

Also present were Mr Mohamad Faizal Haji Lamat, Director of the Malaysian Academy of Governance at the Sarawak State Prime Minister's Office, and Dr Noorfadhleen Mahmud, Head of Centre for the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, together with FSPPP lecturers, committee members and participants.

The presence of representatives from the Malaysian Academy of Governance added further weight to the occasion, strengthening the strategic links between the university and external agencies. Professor Dr Firdaus noted that the programme aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 17, which places partnership at the heart of achievement, and observed that the bootcamp serves as a genuine platform for forming student leaders who are proactive, visionary and possessed of real integrity.

Apply the experience within organisations and in daily life.

NASI BUJANG AND A FIVE-RINGGIT PLATE

MENU KASIH SISWA ARRIVES ON CAMPUS

Student welfare remains a priority



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Appreciation was recorded to all operators who have committed to making the initiative work.

White rice with a dish and vegetables, or fried noodles with a fried egg, for five ringgit. Nasi lemak with an egg for as little as two ringgit and fifty sen. And, for the genuinely hungry student, Nasi Bujang, a plate of white rice with two omelettes and vegetables that has quietly become a favourite on late evenings.

Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, toured several business premises and the Sri Pinang food court at the Samarahan 2 Campus to see the Menu Kasih Siswa offering for himself. Almost all operators had taken the proactive step of introducing the affordably priced menu since 1 May.

The initiative comes from the Ministry of Higher Education as a means of easing the financial burden on students at institutions of higher learning while ensuring access to nutritious food at prices they can actually manage. The Minister of Higher Education, Zambry Abdul Kadir, has described the programme as a more comprehensive refinement of the Menu Rahmah concept introduced previously.

As observed by the Rector, efforts of this kind do more than demonstrate concern about the cost of living for students. They reflect the shared spirit of the campus community, and set a benchmark confirming that student welfare will remain a priority throughout the years of study.

EDUCATION
TODAY
BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

SEVENTY-FIVE STUDENTS, ONE LESS WORRY

Sejahtera MADANI Education Aid

75 STUDENTS

Selected from UiTMCS students registered with e-Kasih

INITIAL STUDY FEES

Assistance to lighten the financial load of continuing their studies

SUPPORTING
STUDENTS
BUILDING
BRIGHTER
FUTURES

The ceremony was officiated by YBhg Dato Jasni Haji Jubli, Director of the Sarawak State Development Office. Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, attended and thanked the organisers for the invitation to an occasion of clear and direct benefit to students.

Also present were Associate Professor Dr Saimi Bujang, Deputy Rector for Student Affairs; Associate Professor Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Kadir, Assistant Rector of the Samarahan 2 Campus; Mr Hafizuldin Mahmud @ Hamdan, Head of the People's Welfare Section; members of the Student Representative Council for the 2025/2026 session; and the recipients themselves.

The seventy-five recipients were selected from among UiTMCS students registered with e-Kasih, with the assistance intended to lighten the financial load of continuing their studies.

The university's highest appreciation was extended to the Sarawak State Development Office for its continuing concern and commitment to student welfare through a range of education and social well-being initiatives.







APPRECIATION

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WELL DESERVED

DR HADI JUMAAT

Promoted to **Senior Lecturer**

FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

EFFECTIVE 13 MARCH 2026

Warmest congratulations are extended to Dr Hadi Jumaat of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, on his promotion to the post of Senior Lecturer.

COMMITMENT • ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE • DEDICATION

Strengthening education, research and student development.

A catalyst for further success and continued contribution to the university, society and nation.

Forty-Two out of Forty-Five

Kimiawan Heritage Appreciation Ceremony 2026

Dean's Award recipients

Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, attended, officiated and presented the awards, recording his appreciation to FSG UiTMCS as organiser for the invitation to celebrate excellence alongside the faculty and to acknowledge the effort and dedication behind the continuing Kimiawan legacy.

Also present were Ts Dr Siti Kartina Abdul Karim, Head of Study Centre for the Faculty of Applied Sciences UiTMCS, and Dr Nur Royhaila Mohamad, project leader, together with the faculty's lecturers and some forty-five students.
Professor Dr Firdaus described the proportion of award recipients as truly commendable, and as clear evidence of the commitment, sustained effort and culture of excellence instilled among faculty members. Such a result, he added, would not have been possible without the guidance and sacrifice of lecturers consistently committed to educating and guiding students towards academic and personal excellence.

He also shared a message with the students that success does not arrive without difficulty. Failure, he told them, is the finest teacher in building the strength and maturity required for greater success, and a culture of excellence must therefore be sustained through dedication, a sound support system and continued commitment from every quarter.
In line with the Malaysia MADANI concept, he expressed the hope that today's younger generation will excel not only in science and technology but also in humanitarian values, mutual respect and a strong spirit of unity, producing graduates ready to serve faith, nation, community and industry.





MALAYSIA MADANI

Science & Technology • Humanitarian Values • Mutual respect • Unity

Graduates ready to serve faith, nation, community and industry

KEKITA 1 UNITY 1 SPIRIT WORKSHOP

PUT STAFF CONFIDENCE IN A NEW LIGHT

Ms Yvonne Paul Dampo

Certified Professional Image and Colour Consultant

Analyse your color

Unleashing Potential Through Colour Personality



Organised by the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA), the session was conducted by Ms Yvonne Paul Dampo, a certified professional image and colour consultant, who shared insights on colour analysis, matching techniques, draping tests and mix-and-match approaches to strengthening self-confidence and personal presentation.

Professor Dr Firdaus expressed his highest appreciation to the organisers for the invitation to what he described as a genuinely beneficial programme, and congratulated KEKiTA on its continued commitment to running high-impact activities for the development of UiTMCS staff. These efforts strengthen the bonds between colleagues while adding real value in terms of professionalism, health, character and personal well-being.



More programmes of this nature might be extended to involve the local community, so that the benefits are shared more widely, and that every participant leaves with knowledge and experience they can translate into positive change within the organisation, their careers and their daily lives.



Color Analysis ***Matching Techniques*** ***Draping Tests*** ***Mix-Match Approaches***

BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH COLOUR

These efforts strengthen the bonds between colleagues while adding real value in terms of professionalism, health, character and personal well-being.

LOOKING A HEAD

Extending similar programmes to the local community and translating knowledge into positive change within the organisation, careers and daily lives.

SMALL STEPS BIG IMPACT

UiTM Sarawak Adopt the Law Carbon Campus Approach

LOW CARBON CAMPUS

GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS

Kampus Ijo@Gadong

26 DAYS TO IMPLEMENTATION

15 JUNE 2026

A GREENER TOMORROW BEGINS WITH US

RECTOR'S MANDATE 2026

Not a temporary project or passing campaign, a collective movement, a shared responsibility and a legacy for future generations.

The move falls under the Green and Sustainable Campus initiative, known as Kampus Ijo@Gadong, within the Rector's Mandate 2026. It is not, he was careful to stress, a temporary project or a passing campaign. It is intended as a collective movement, a shared responsibility, and a legacy being built for the generations that follow.

The ambition is for UiTM Sarawak to become a greener, cleaner, more sustainable and more progressive campus, one that excels academically while also serving as an example in environmental preservation and sustainable development.

The power of change, Professor Dr Firdaus argued, begins with the small actions of individuals. Members of the campus community are asked to conserve energy and water, reduce their use of single-use plastic, practise the five Rs of refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and repurpose, make use of the water refill stations provided, and treat green culture as part of the identity of UiTM Sarawak.

As concluded by the Rector, every small step taken today will have a considerable effect on the future of the campus and on the earth that everyone inherits together. The invitation was to move forward as one UiTM Sarawak family, with a full sense of responsibility, pride and togetherness.

SMALL ACTIONS, SHARED IMPACT

- *CONSERVE ENERGY*
- *CONSERVE WATER*
- *REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC*
- *USE WATER REFILL STATIONS*
- *PRACTICE THE FIVE Rs*
- *MAKE GREEN CULTURE PART OF UiTM SARAWAK'S IDENTITY*

Move forward as one UiTM Sarawak family with responsibility, pride, and togetherness.

A NEW *Voice* FOR THE UNIVERSITY

UKK *Welcomes Its Incoming Management*

Presented by **Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah**
Rector of UiTM Sarawak Branch



DR AZRA TILAI
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Business Management
Coordinator of UKK UiTMCS

MR AHMAD NOOR SYAHIR SAZALI
Faculty of Tourism Management
UKK Coordinator

MADAM NUR FARHANI SAMASU
Faculty of Administrative Science and Ploicy Studies
UKK Coordinator

TWO-YEAR TERM
1 MAY 2026 - 30 APRIL 2028

QUALITY • DEDICATION • COMMITMENT

STRENGTHENING UKK

The new management line-up is expected to strengthen UKK as a corporate unit of standing and raise UiTMCS visibility among its stakeholders.

WITH HIGHEST APPRECIATION

MR YAZIZ KASIM
Outgoing Coordinator of UKK

Recognized for his service, trust, and dedication. His experience and expertise remain important to a smooth management transition.

THE WAY FORWARD

Strengthening strategic communication networks and enhancing UiTMCS impact, influence, and visibility across media platforms, social media, and corporate communications.

70 OF LEGACY, UNITED AGAIN

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF FPP

i.PACE RUN 2026

THE INTERNATIONAL PLATINUM CHARITY EFFORT RUN

A five-kilometre fun run may sound like a modest undertaking, but this one carries seventy years behind it. At a press conference held at the Tun Abdul Razak Library, the Faculty of Business Management (FPP) UiTMCS announced The International Platinum Charity Effort Run, or i.PACE Run 2026, scheduled for Saturday, 27 June 2026, beginning at half past six in the morning at UiTMCS.

Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, attended and thanked the faculty for the invitation. Also present were Dr Nurul Lizzan Kamarudin, Head of School for FPP; Madam Nurfazlina Haris, Project Director; Madam Siti Nur Aishah Jaafar, Chairperson of PEWANI UiTMCS; Mr Mohamad Farizan Jamil, President of the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA); Mr Tom Filler, Manager of Seoul Garden Group; and Madam Elizabeth Wong, President of the City Joggers' Club (CJC) Kuching, among other guests.

An estimated 250 participants are expected, drawn from alumni, students, the local community and international entrants, with stalls and community activities organised through collaboration with partner organisations. Registration is open, with entry fees set at RM50 for individuals, RM200 for a group of five and RM380 for a group of ten.

Its significance lies in the occasion it marks. The run forms part of the seventieth anniversary celebrations of FPP, held under the theme Seventy Years of Legacy, United Again, with the aspiration of bringing alumni from across the generations back together to strengthen old ties and give something back to the university.

Beyond promoting a healthy lifestyle, the event offers a platform for connecting alumni, faculty members, local and international students and the surrounding community, and doubles as a promotion for the FBM Alumni Grand Dinner scheduled for October.

The run is organised in collaboration with a range of strategic partners including KEKiTA, PEWANI, PERASA, Swinburne University and the City Joggers' Club, with Seoul Garden among the event's sponsors.



SIX CATTLE AND A FULL MOSQUE

Aidiladha at Masjid Al-Qurawiyyin

Aidiladha at UiTM Cawangan Sarawak began with a full mosque and ended with soup shared among neighbours. Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, performed the Aidiladha prayers alongside students, UiTM staff and members of the local community at Masjid Al-Qurawiyyin on the Samarahan Campus, and remarked on the pleasure of seeing the mosque filled with congregants.



After prayers, food was distributed to students who had remained on campus for the festival, and the Rector and several staff members paid a visit of a rather different kind, calling in on the six cattle due to be sacrificed the following day.

That morning arrived, and with it the UiTMCS Qurban Programme 2026, held in the grounds of the mosque. Organised by the Islamic Affairs Unit (UHEI) UiTMCS in collaboration with the UiTM Sarawak Staff Club (KEKiTA) and the UiTM Sarawak Women's Association (PEWANI), the programme brought together campus members, students and the local community in an atmosphere of fellowship and communal effort. Among those present were Ustaz Muhammad Ilyas Muhammad Saleh, Head of UHEI; Mr Mohamad Farizan Jamil, President of KEKiTA; and Madam Siti Nur Aishah Jaafar, Chairperson of PEWANI UiTMCS.

Proceedings opened with a briefing and the allocation of duties, followed by a short tazkirah delivered by Ustaz Muhammad Ilyas Muhammad Saleh, before the sacrifice of the six cattle was carried out collectively by members of UiTMCS working alongside the wider community.

Professor Dr Firdaus was struck by the spirit of cooperation on display at every stage, from the handling of the animals through the butchering, cutting and weighing of the meat to its distribution and the preparation of soup to be enjoyed together. The successful performance of the qurban plainly requires cooperation, commitment and a considerable sense of common purpose from everyone involved.

Following the Zohor prayers, he joined the presentation of qurban meat at Surau Darul Iman, Taman Samarindah, where 24 packets were distributed to asnaf recipients in the area as an effort to share provisions and strengthen ties with the local community. The delegation was received by the mosque official and imam, Ustaz Abang Mohd Sharifuddin Raduan, together with other members of the surau committee.

The hope expressed was that programmes of this kind will continue in future years, with distribution extended to reach more of those in need, and that the bond between UiTMCS and the surrounding community will be strengthened further still. Congratulations were offered to everyone who worked so hard to make the UiTMCS Qurban Programme 2026 a success.









ZIARAH KASIH, STUDENT EDITION

A Hospital Visit and a Prayer for Recovery

Friday
5 June 2026
Sarawak General Hospital



On the afternoon of Friday, 5 June 2026, Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, visited two students of the branch who are receiving treatment at Sarawak General Hospital, in a student edition of the university's Ziarah Kasih initiative.

Seeing their condition, he admitted, tested the emotions. What struck him rather more forcefully was the strength both young men were showing in circumstances that would test anyone.



One student is recovering from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident earlier in the month and faces a considerable period of treatment before he is fully well again. The second remains under observation on the ward while tests continue, with early results giving grounds for cautious optimism.

For both students, the entire UiTM Cawangan Sarawak community offers its prayers for a swift and complete recovery, and for ease and patience through the weeks of treatment ahead. The Rector also invited readers and well-wishers to keep the two young men in their thoughts.

STUDENTS TAKE TO THE BEACH FOR JEJAK HIJAU

CLEAN COAST, HEALTHY SEA

Saving the coastline is everybody's business.

LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS, AND TAKE NOTHING BUT PHOTOGRAPHS.

The Occasion

Officiated by **YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Haji Shukri**, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development Malaysia and Member of Parliament for P193 Santubong.

A clean beach, as Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, put it, is the first line of defence for the health of the sea. He was speaking at the closing of Sahabat PSSS YKN: Mahasiswa Prihatin and Jejak Hijau, a programme built around a simple proposition, namely that saving the coastline is everybody's business rather than somebody else's job.

The participants included UiTM students, who turned out at first light for the plogging and traditional games activities alongside the local community.

The Rector delivered a clear and compelling reminder about the environmental consequences of neglecting coastal cleanliness. Plastic waste left along the shoreline eventually breaks down into microplastics, contaminating marine ecosystems and threatening aquatic life. These tiny pollutants may ultimately enter the human food chain, turning careless disposal into a serious concern for both environmental and human health.

He emphasised that keeping beaches clean should not be viewed solely as the responsibility of volunteers or cleaning crews. Instead, everyone has a personal role in protecting these shared natural spaces.

The beauty of our coastline, he added, is not ours to keep. It is a precious loan that must be returned clean and protected for the generations that follow.







JOM BERAMBEH

PEWANI *Sets Out an Ambitious Year of Community Work*



COURTESY VISIT

8 JUNE 2026
BILIK PERDANA
SAMARAHAN CAMPUS

Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, received a courtesy visit led by **Madam Siti Nur Aishah Jaafar**, Chairperson of PEWANI UiTMCS, together with members of the association's committee.

The discussion covered a number of programmes in the association's calendar, chief among them a proposal for PEWANI Jom Berambeh, scheduled for 27 to 29 November 2026. The event is national in scale and expected to gather PEWANI representatives from UiTM branches across Malaysia, with an activity programme centred on community empowerment. Plans include a project teaching members of the public to produce goods from recycled materials, cultural visits, and a dinner showcasing the distinctiveness of Sarawakian culture.

To support the undertaking, PEWANI also intends to apply for funding from the Sarawak Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts (MTCP), with a formal application to be submitted shortly to help meet implementation costs.

Professor Dr Firdaus was notably taken with the proposal, observing that it would strengthen ties between PEWANI members nationwide while delivering genuine benefit to the community through activities grounded in sustainability.

Also discussed was Jom Berambeh ke Mukah, planned for around October, which will serve as a platform for building relationships among PEWANI members based at the Samarahan and Mukah campuses through games, informal gatherings and joint community projects.

The Rector expressed his hope that every plan set in motion by PEWANI UiTMCS will be realised successfully, strengthening the role of women within the institution while deepening the relationship between the university community and the public it serves.

THE SHARED AIM

Strengthen ties between PEWANI members nationwide while delivering genuine benefit to the community through activities grounded in sustainability.



Letter of TRUST

Appointment, Promotions and New Responsibilities



ACTING DUTIES

Associate Professor Dr Saimi Bujang
Deputy Rector for Student Affairs, entrusted with the duties of *Deputy Rector for Academic and International Affairs*

7 May - 26 June 2026

- **Following the departure of Associate Professor Ts ChM Dr Mohammad Isa Mohamadin to perform the haj.**

REAPPOINTMENT

Ts Dr Siti Kartina Abdul Karim
Head of Study Centre
Faculty of Applied Sciences

Effective 1 June 2026

PROMOTIONS

Senior Lecturer, Grade DS13

Effective **10 April 2026**

Dr Mohamad Bazli Md Radzi
Academy of Temporary Islamic Studies (ACIS)

Mr Gordon Nicolaus Jemat Anchang
Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation (FSR)

UiTMCS INITIATIVES 2026

Effective 2 March 2026

Madam Norhayati Umar
Deputy Registrar in Student Affairs

Head of Mental Health and Community Well-being Initiative

Mr Mohammad Arif Sahat,
Senior Assistant Registrar in the Administration Division

Head of Committee for the International Lecturers Initiative

Mr Qayyum Adhwa Abu Bakar
Assistant Cultural Officer of the Cultural Unit

Head of the Committee for the Excellence in Sports, Arts and Culture Initiative

Deepest Appreciation

May this trust and recognition inspire greater achievement and reinforce a high-performing, innovative and rooted in integrity across UiTM Cawangan Sarawak.

A CHARGE ON PLASTIC AND A FUND FOR THE FUTURE

THE LOW-CARBON CAMPUS LAUNCH



15 JUNE 2026
Pusat Pelajar, Samarahan Campus

LAUNCHED BY
Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah
Rector UiTM Sarawak Branch

STUDENT AGENTS OF CHANGE
UiTM Rakan Alam Sekitar Ambassadors (URASA) Sarawak

The launch introduced several headline green initiatives, among them Water Refill Stations, Water Thimble Devices and an Air Quality Sensor, alongside the appointment of UiTM Rakan Alam Sekitar Ambassadors (URASA) Sarawak from among the student body, who will act as agents of change in driving a culture of sustainability across the campus.

The measures being introduced include reducing single-use plastic, providing refill stations to encourage students to bring their own bottles, strengthening the practice of the five Rs, saving energy and water, greening the campus and cutting carbon emissions through green mobility.

The most talked-about measure was a charge on single-use plastic, introduced the same day. Funds collected go into the Campus Sustainability Fund to support sustainability programmes and activities, including the free provision of reusable food and drink containers to students.

GREEN TECHNOLOGIES



Water Refill Stations



Water Thimble Devices



Air Quality Sensor

CAMPUS ACTIONS

- Reduce single-use plastic
- Bring reusable bottles
- Strengthen the Five Rs
- Save energy and water
- Green the campus
- Cut carbon emissions through green mobility

SUSTAINABILITY GOAL

- Measure performance systematically and consistently
- Pursue national and international recognition
- Develop academically accomplished, environmentally responsible graduates

Small Choices Brighter Tomorrows









Green Campus Movement 2026

THREE HOURS WITHOUT CARS

THE PLOGGING DAY THAT CLEARED THE AIR

For three hours on the morning, not a single vehicle was permitted to enter the Samarahan Campus. It was the first time UiTM Cawangan Sarawak had attempted anything of the sort, and the results were rather more striking than anyone had expected.

The vehicle ban ran from half past six until half past nine in the morning. This initiative marked an important starting point in realising the Low Carbon Campus agenda and in cultivating sustainable mobility among the campus community.





PM2.5 AIR QUALITY



The figure makes the argument rather better than any speech could. Reducing vehicle use and encouraging walking through the plogging programme demonstrably contributes to lower carbon emissions and cleaner air on campus. It also proves that the sustainable campus agenda is not merely an aspiration but something that can be measured and felt by everyone who works and studies there.

Professor Dr Firdaus was visibly pleased by the commitment shown, particularly by students, and noted that earlier initiatives had already included tree planting, reductions in utility and paper use, and water dispensers installed at strategic locations.



EARLIER GREEN ACTIONS

- TREE PLANTING
- REDUCED UTILITY AND PAPER USE
- WATER DISPENSERS AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS
- BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER. FILL UP WITHOUT PAYING FOR DRINKS

ROOTED IN EXCELLENCE

FPA Celebrates Its Students at MAPF 2026

27 JUNE 2026 · PENVIEW HOTEL, KUCHING

Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah, Rector of UiTM Cawangan Sarawak, officiated the Student Appreciation Ceremony of the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology (MAPF), UiTMCS

CELEBRATING MORE THAN RESULTS

Plantation and agrotechnology is among the strategic sectors underpinning economic development, food security and national sustainability. He therefore encouraged students to deepen their knowledge, sharpen their skills and be bold in exploring new innovation and technology, so as to become graduates who are relevant, competitive and ready for challenges at national and international level.

Professor Dr Firdaus made the point that recognition of this kind celebrates rather more than academic results. It honours the effort, discipline, perseverance and fighting spirit shown across the whole of a student's time at university.

Recognition honours the qualities shown throughout a student's university journey.

STRATEGIC SECTOR

Economic Development

Food Security

National Sustainability

Students were encouraged to deepen knowledge, sharpen skills, and boldly explore innovation and technology, becoming relevant, competitive graduates ready for national and international challenges.





RECENT ACHIEVEMENT

FPA students continue to bring credit to the university through innovation competitions, including their recent achievement at SaYBIC 25/26.



i.PACE Run 2026

CROSSES THE FINISH LINE

RUNNING WITH PURPOSE

Held successfully at the UiTM Sarawak Branch, the International Platinum Charity Effort Run brought together the university community, alumni and the wider public.



The programme did more than promote a healthy and active lifestyle. It served as a platform for bringing together the university community, alumni and the wider public in a spirit of togetherness that was, by all accounts, thoroughly enjoyable.

The Rector extended his appreciation to YB Datuk Haji Hamzah Brahim, Political Secretary to the Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, who attended as a special guest and added considerably to the occasion.

The hope expressed was that initiatives of this kind will continue to strengthen a culture of healthy living, cultivate a spirit of care and deepen the relationship between the university and the community around it.

What made this edition particularly meaningful was its humanitarian dimension, with a portion of the proceeds channeled to the Tabung Kenyalang UiTM Sarawak in support of students in need.



SPECIAL GUEST

YB Datuk Haji Hamzah Brahim

Political Secretary to the Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation









Towards healthy living, a spirit of care and stronger university - community ties.

STUDENT FOR SOCIETY

Coursework Meets Community at Kampung Pandan

28 JUNE 2026 | DEWAN SERBAGUNA, KAMPUNG PANDAN, LUNDU

Closing ceremony of the Student for Society programme, organised by the HGD133 Community Service co-curriculum class of UiTM Sarawak Branch.



OFFICIATED BY

YB Tuan Haji Azizul Annuar Pehin Sri Haji Adenan
State Assemblyman for N.3 Tanjong Datu

The programme illustrates something rather important about how UiTMCS students translate what they learn in the lecture hall into something the community can actually use.

Through the range of activities carried out, students sharpened their soft skills while cultivating leadership, empathy and a spirit of volunteerism.

The close synergy between university and community is what makes grassroots engagement work at all

The Rector closed with the hope that the partnership between UiTMCS and the community, particularly at Kampung Pandan, will be strengthened further, producing graduates who excel academically while remaining attentive and of service to society.

WITH APPRECIATION

Professor Dr Firdaus Abdullah | Rector, UiTM Sarawak Branch
Mr Azhar Dillah | Village Head, Kampung Pandan
Mr Mohd Mahzaruddin Mahathir | Programme Advisor and trainer
Mick Dylan Winceslaus | Project Director
Village committee | **Implementation committee** | **Residents of Kampung Pandan**





A Toast to TOURISM

THE HOTOUR APPRECIATION DINNER

Academic Excellence Appreciation Ceremony
Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management
Diploma in Tourism Management (HM111)
Harbour View Hotel, Kuching



Celebrating Academic Excellence

Heartfelt congratulations to all students. Your success reflects hard work, perseverance and unwavering commitment and your potential to excel, compete and make a meaningful contribution to the tourism industry.



Appreciation

Dr Lee Beng Yong, Head of the Centre of Studies for Computer Science and Tourism Management.

Programme Coordinator, Madam Dayang Sandrawati, and to the lecturers Ms Nuraini Putit, Mr Yaziz Kasim, Ms Ranee Atlas, Madam Nurafiqah Mohamad Musa and Mr Ahmad Noor Syahir Sazali , for their unwavering commitment, invaluable guidance and tireless efforts in nurturing and inspiring students towards success.





University Gems



A CREATIVE EDUCATOR & CULTURAL AMBASSADOR

Senior Lecturer
Visual Artist
Educator

THE INSPIRING JOURNEY OF Dr Lilly Metom



Born in Serian, Sarawak, Dr. Lilly developed her artistic abilities as a self-taught visual artist while pursuing a professional academic career in Applied Linguistics, specifically Sociolinguistics.

Her passion for visual art, especially oil painting, has enabled her to explore themes surrounding indigenous cultures, flora, fauna, and the beauty of Sarawak.Deeply connected to her Iban heritage, she uses her artistic expression to celebrate cultural identity and shares the richness of Sarawakian heritage with wider audiences. .

Passion, perseverance, and dedication transform talent into timeless art.

ART WITH PURPOSE

Through oil painting, she explores Sarawak's indigenous cultures, flora, fauna, and natural beauty. Deeply connected to her Iban heritage, she shares the richness of Sarawakian heritage with wider audiences in Malaysia, India, the UAE and Australia.

Ultimately, she represents an inspiring personality who combines the heart of an educator, the vision of an artist, and the spirit of a cultural ambassador, demonstrating that meaningful success is achieved not only through individual excellence but also through the ability to inspire, connect, preserve, and contribute to society.

A JOURNEY OF PERSEVERANCE

- **2003** - Joined UiTM
- **2016** - Active in exhibitions, art camps, competitions, workshops and international artistic exchanges
- **2021** - 4th Place, Uptown Cats Painting Competition
- **2022** - 1st Runner-Up, Uptown Cats Painting Competition
- **2023 & 2024** - Winner, International Artists Category, Uptown Cats Painting Competition







Dr Malvern ABDULLAH

Bridging academic excellence, community empowerment, and athletic distinction

Senior Lecturer | Entrepreneurship Coordinator , MASMED UiTM Sarawak Branch

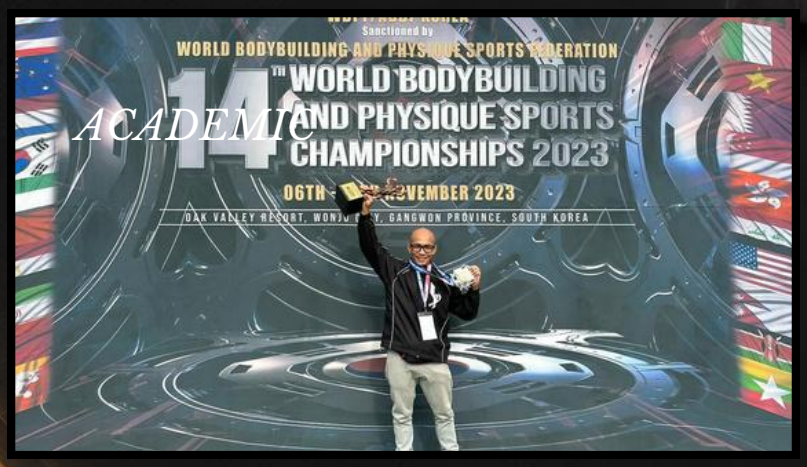


Dr. Malvern was born in Kuching, Sarawak, where he earned his Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), Master of Business Administration (MBA), and Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons.) in Marketing from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). Specializing in business, entrepreneurship, and marketing, Dr. Malvern seamlessly integrates high-level academic instruction with rigorous scholarly output.

His intellectual contributions span numerous international publications and conference presentations focusing on service innovation, entrepreneurial orientation, and small-to-medium enterprise growth, while also actively supervising and examining dozens of postgraduate doctoral and master's candidates.

"Create Value, Create Opportunities, Create Impact"

Dr. Malvern stands out as a well-rounded role model who balances intense intellectual work with athletic excellence.





AIMAN

DISCIPLINE
STRENGTH
LEGACY

AWANG KU MUHAMMAD NUR AIMAN BIN AWANG TENGAH

RISING SILAT TALENT FROM SARAWAK



THE JOURNEY

Native of Kuching | Resides in Samarahan

Silat journey began in Form One at SMK Batu Kawa

Silat is a traditional Malay martial art that embodies strong values of discipline, identity and character development. Within Malaysia's silat sporting landscape, the name Awang Ku Muhammad Nur Aiman bin Awang Tengah, better known as Aiman, has increasingly gained attention among fans of the sport due to his perseverance, consistency and strong fighting spirit since his teenage years. He is regarded as one of the most promising young combat sports athletes with the potential to progress even further.

2023 BRONZE Premier Sarawak Open International Silat Championship

2024 GOLD MASUM Championship | Sabah

2024 GOLD SUKIPT | Kedah

Aiman made history by successfully defending:

Representing UiTM Malaysia

THREE -TIME CHAMPION

Super UiTM/Karisma | 2023 | 2024 | 2025

Representing UiTM Sarawak

This achievement highlights his dominance and strong commitment to silat at the national level.

For Aiman, success is achieved through consistent effort and discipline. His involvement in silat has not only strengthened him physically and mentally but has also fostered focus that he applies in his academic pursuits. He believes that with determination and strong support, balanced success in both sports and academics can be achieved.

Although Aiman's journey in silat is still long, the achievements he has recorded so far clearly demonstrate that he is one of the young talents capable of bringing honour to the sport of silat and to the nation in the future.

Looking ahead, Aiman hopes that silat will continue to be upheld and promoted by the younger generation, particularly among students at UiTM Sarawak Branch. He aspires to see more new talents identified and nurtured as part of efforts to strengthen silat at the higher education level.

THE NEXT ARENA

On a larger scale, he dreams of being selected for the national team to represent Malaysia on the international stage.

ASEAN University Games 2026
SEA Games 2027
National team ambition

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Varsity Edge

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