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## Mind your mind

**UTAR Perak Campus was a hive of activity when more than 2,000 people, young and old, visited the Malaysia Festival of the Mind VI on 24 and 25 July 2010.**

Organised by Malaysia Mental Literacy Movement (MMLM), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) and Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman (KTAR), the event aimed at educating the public on the ways to unleash the limitless potential of the human mind.



At the launch (from left): Prof. Chuah, Tun Dr. Ling, Datuk Seri Dr. Chua and Dato' Lee

Officiated by the President of Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) Datuk Seri Dr. Chua Soi Lek, the two-day event featured talks, workshops and exhibitions relating to brain enhancement skills and techniques. In his opening speech, Datuk Seri Dr. Chua lauded Tun Dr. Ling Liong Sik, Chairman of MMLM and Chairman of UTAR Council, for his noble efforts in organising the Festival of the Mind which could contribute to the development and upgrading of the nation's human capital in facing the challenges of the new economy.

Datuk Seri Dr. Chua stressed, "Maximising brain power is no more an option but a necessity in order to advance in our life and career." He urged all Malaysians, especially the young generation, to acquire the brain skills and techniques and embrace lifelong learning to be competitive globally.

Datuk Seri Dr. Chua then officially launched the festival with Tun Dr. Ling, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Dato' Lee Chee Leong, and UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik, before presenting certificates and prizes to the winners of the Memory Competitions and Mind Mapping Competition held prior to the festival.

The launching ceremony was immediately followed by an inspiring talk titled "Dare to Dream" by Khoo Swee Chiow, conqueror of Mt. Everest, North Pole and South Pole, and also an author and motivational speaker. He started off with a challenging remark, "If you dare not even try, you have already failed. Strong minds can accomplish great things." He shared his experiences in battling the elements of the Earth during his journeys and concluded that the strength of the mind and proper risk management were key to his success.

Other speakers featured in the festival were Anant Kasibhatla, India's memory record-holder; Joey Yap, founder of the Mastery Academy of Chinese Metaphysics; KC Liew, a Buzan Certified Instructor; and Susanne Lee, a PhotoReading Certified Instructor.

Besides informative talks, exciting mind-tickling games were featured at the exhibition booths.

The festival attracted a huge turnout. Some came from as far as Kedah and Kuala Lumpur.



The crowd at one of the talks

Koay Ngook May, Counsellor of SMJK Sinar Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, brought her students to the festival. She found the talks motivating and of help to students in their studies. "With brain enrichment skills, students will not only study hard, but also study smart," she said.

It was a family affair for Cikgu Unaizah, an English teacher at SMK Methodist, Tanjung Malim, Perak, who came with her two school-going sons. "My sons enjoyed the mind-mapping session and sudoku games. These brain stimulating activities challenge their brains to think hard," she commented.

## Cambodian engineers visit UTAR

**UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Science (FES) hosted visitors from the Board of Engineers, Cambodia (CBE) at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus on 22 July 2010.**

The two CBE visitors were its Deputy Secretary General Prof. Ir. Meas Sokhom and Chief of Educational and Cooperation Office Meas Sakun. They were accompanied by the Special Assistant to the President of the Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) Kok Hee Poh.

The purpose of the visit by CBE delegates was for them to gain a better understanding of the Engineering education in general and the accreditation process of Engineering programmes in Malaysia.

Leading the UTAR team to welcome the Cambodian visitors was Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof. Dr. Lee Sze Wei. The meeting started with a video presentation on the developments of UTARz and was followed by a presentation on FES by its Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wang Chan Chin. Also present were senior faculty members.

Prof. Sokhom was quite impressed with the comprehensive infrastructure UTAR possessed just eight years after its establishment and the high percentage of full-time academic staff employed.

He said that CBE was established on 7 April 2009 with a mission to gather national engineers by means of registration and to upgrade professional qualifications to an internationally accepted standard. He added that there were about 10,000 engineers in Cambodia but only 1,000 were registered. The objectives of the Educational and Cooperation Office of CBE included providing proper planning and sourcing of experienced, qualified trainers in order to improve the quality of Engineering education and training in his country. Prof. Sokhom said that CBE was searching for providers of train-the-trainer programmes for specialised training in specific areas of Civil Engineering such as building and road construction to improve their trainers in Cambodia.

The visitors were then given a tour of the campus and the laboratories of FES. They later met with UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik in the campus. The two parties further explored the possibility of UTAR conducting short training courses such as Construction Management and Project Management for CBE. The courses could be held either in Cambodia or at UTAR. The possibility of having a tripartite MoU among UTAR, CBE and IEM was also brought up.

## NSYSU explores ties with UTAR

**Delegates from the National Sun Yat-Sen University (NSYSU) Taiwan visited UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 19 July 2010 intending to establish ties between the two universities.**

Leading the delegation was NSYSU President Prof. Dr. Yang Hung-Duen and accompanying him were Dean of the Office of International Affairs Prof. Dr. Frank Ying Yung-Hsiang and Prof. Dr. Samuel C.Y. Ku from the Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies. It was the first official visit to UTAR by delegates from NSYSU.



From left: Prof. Ku, Prof. Ying, Prof. Lee, Prof. Yang, Prof. Chuah (front), Prof. Ewe, and other UTAR faculty and staff members

On hand to welcome the visitors were UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik, Vice President (Internationalisation and Academic Development) Prof. Dr. Ewe Hong Tat, Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof. Dr. Lee Sze Wei,

faculty members from Faculty of Creative Industries and Faculty of Accountancy and Management, and staff from Department of Internationalisation and Institutional Relations.

Prof. Chuah welcomed the delegates and introduced the staff to them. This was followed by video presentations on the developments of both universities.

In his briefing to the visitors, Prof. Chuah said that UTAR, although a relatively young university, already had quite a number of accomplishments.

When elaborating on the purpose of their visit, Prof. Yang mentioned that there were numerous full and partial scholarships available for foreign students furthering their studies in Taiwan. "Students should make use of these scholarships and, at the same time, widen their perspective when pursuing their further education abroad," he added.

The two parties continued to discuss potential collaboration in the areas of staff and student exchange, especially for those pursuing Business Studies.

Established in 1980 in Kaohsiung, the second largest metropolitan in Taiwan, NSYSU has emerged over the years as one of the best comprehensive universities in Taiwan. In 2002, the university was named by the Ministry of Education as one of the seven major research-intensive Taiwanese universities.

## Queen's Pro-VC visits UTAR



Prof. McElnay (in suit) with Prof. Ewe (third left) and UTAR faculty and staff members

**On 15 July 2010, Prof. James C McElnay, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Research and Postgraduates from the reputable Queen's University Belfast, UK, visited UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus for the very first time.**

Prof. Dr. Ewe Hong Tat, Vice President (Internationalisation and Academic Development) led a UTAR team in welcoming Prof. McElnay. Others involved were faculty members from Faculty of Accountancy and Management, Faculty of Creative Industries, Faculty of Engineering and Science, and

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, and staff from Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research, and Department of Internationalisation and Institutional Relations.

The meeting started with video presentations introducing the two universities to provide a better understanding of each other's strengths. Later, Prof. McElnay briefed the hosts on the achievements of Queen's University Belfast in its 164 years' history and its collaborative activities with other universities in Malaysia.

According to him, the purpose of his visit to UTAR was to establish a working relationship between the two universities and look into several areas for alliance. "We're looking into the possibilities of student exchange, external examiner exchange, and a few areas where both of the universities could benefit from the other's niches of expertise," he said.

Prof. Ewe agreed with Prof. McElnay's suggestions, and proposed that, for a start, the two universities could work together on programmes in Mechanical Engineering and Information Communication Technology. He stressed that UTAR would welcome any other areas of collaboration with Queen's University Belfast.

## UTAR and SFFLA strengthen ties

**A delegate of ten members from the Selangor Freight Forwarders and Logistics Association (SFFLA) led by its Acting President Alvin Chua Seng Wah visited UTAR Perak Campus on 10 July 2010.**

Present to welcome them were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lim Tuck Meng, Dean of the Faculty of Science (FSc), and his Deputy Deans, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gideon Khoo and Asst. Prof. Dr. Lem Kong Hoong, and other faculty and staff members of UTAR.

UTAR and SFFLA had earlier signed a memorandum of agreement for collaboration. The objective of the visit was to identify how the partners could work together on the newly approved Bachelor of Science (Hons) Logistics and International Shipping programme offered by FSc in UTAR Perak Campus.

After a video presentation introducing UTAR, the visitors were briefed on the course structure of the new programme. Both parties then discussed the challenges and opportunities of the new programme.



Dr. Lim (left) presenting a souvenir to Chua



All smiles after a fruitful discussion

Among the issues highlighted were the exemptions for SFFLA diploma students to pursue a UTAR bachelor degree and qualified teaching staff for the programme.

SFFLA suggested the involvement of industry experts to provide practical exposure in case studies of the programme. They also expressed their willingness to accept UTAR students for internship in their member companies, to assist in identifying suitable teaching staff from industry, and to promote the Logistics profession during UTAR's Open Day.

The fruitful discussion ended with a tour of UTAR Perak Campus.

## Yuntech President and 19 students visit UTAR

The President, two staff and 19 student representatives of National Yunlin University of Science and Technology (Yuntech), Taiwan visited UTAR campuses in Petaling Jaya and Kampar on 15 July 2010.

Yuntech President Prof. Yang Yeong-Bin, Dean of Office of Students Affairs Prof. Dr. Chen Zhen-Sui and Assistant Teacher Wu Tien-Ming led 19 student representatives to visit UTAR. These student representatives had performed exceedingly well in their clubs and societies and they were rewarded with a trip to Malaysia and Singapore.

The delegation first visited Petaling Jaya Campus. Prof. Yang, Prof. Chen and three student representatives met with UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik and UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yeoh Suan Pow. The other student representatives interacted with students from the Faculty of Creative Industries. The delegation later proceeded to Perak Campus.

At UTAR Perak Campus, the group was greeted by senior staff and students from the five faculties. The staff and students of both the universities (UTAR and Yuntech had signed a memorandum of understanding for collaboration) interacted at lunch before going for a campus tour. The enthusiasm of the students of both universities was overwhelming.

When asked for comments, Yuntech students had only



From left: Two DIIIR staff, Dr. Yeoh, Prof. Chuah, Prof. Yang, Prof. Chen and three Yuntech student representatives

good things to say about UTAR. Huang Li-Chen, a club leader, found the campus environment conducive for studies, unlike his varsity and homeland where entertainment and distractions were abundant. Li Guan-Huei, who was on his second visit to Malaysia, concurred and commented, "UTAR is a big and comfortable place for studies with its environmentally friendly surroundings."

"We talked about their culture and ours. Through the interaction, I've also learnt about the differences between the education systems of Taiwan and Malaysia," said UTAR Biotechnology student Chandra Mohan. His course-mate Goh Jing Jing found Yuntech students really active, friendly, sincere, and would ask any questions on their mind. Coming from a homogeneous Chinese society in Taiwan, the students were curious about our multiracial setup. Goh assured them that the different races lived together in peace and harmony in Malaysia.

## UTAR CIS on Malaysia-US relations

UTAR Centre for International Studies (CIS) held a talk on Malaysia-United States Relations: Past, Present and Future at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 14 July 2010.

According to Dr. Stephen Leong Mun Yoon, Director of CIS who delivered the talk, Malaysia's bilateral relations with America had been ongoing since the administration of the country's first Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, although it had not been smooth sailing.

"In 1967, when the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was formed, Malaysia preferred to stay neutral to maintain ties with other countries and not be restricted by certain ideologies. In tandem, Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (ZOPFAN) was formed in 1971, to protect the Southeast Asian countries by not getting involved in political disputes among the big superpowers like America and Russia," he said in the talk.



Dr. Leong at the talk

Dr. Leong added that through the formation of ZOPFAN, member countries in the Southeast Asia region, including Malaysia, aimed to maintain peace within their region, ensure they were independent, and uphold their neutral nation position when dealing with superpower countries to avoid being manipulated.

He said, "In 1981, when Malaysia comprehended the economic [condition] during that time was unfair and controlled by the superpowers, our country opted for the 'Look East policy' and followed the footsteps of Japan on how it was developed."

Dr. Leong described the formation of East Asia Economic Group (EAEG), which soon changed to EAEC (East Asian Economic Caucus), as a vision that would inspire Asian nations and governments to work towards the building of an East Asian community to address the region's future challenges and advance mutual understanding. "This is to foster regional collaborative efforts for peace, prosperity and progress in the economic fields such as trade, investment, and finance," he explained.

Dr. Stephen ended his talk by assuring the audience that the recent meeting between US President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak had enhanced bilateral ties between America and Malaysia.

## Preparing graduating students for the future

**The first-ever tea meeting with the President at UTAR Perak Campus was held on 14 July 2010.**

Organised by the Department of Alumni Relations and Placement (DARP), the tea meeting was held to gear students up to face new challenges after their graduation. The tea meeting was organised for the first batch of graduating students from the five faculties in UTAR Perak Campus for the convocation in March 2011.

The tea meeting began with Head of DARP Sum Kwai Seong introducing her department as a link between UTAR and the alumni. She advised future alumni to remain connected with their alma mater after graduation as regular updates, announcements and events would be posted on the alumni portal for their benefit.

In his opening speech, UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik said, "Students must learn to speak up and be more confident. In order to go far, you must know how to present your ideas and say the right things at the right place and right time. First impressions are also very important."

Prof. Chuah went on to share his life experiences with the students and emphasised that students should know their goals in life before embarking on a job

search. He even imparted some tips on attending interviews. "Attending interviews is an art. You might be nervous the first time round, but as you attend more interviews, you will gain more experience," he added.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Chuah wished the graduating students the best of luck in their final examinations and said he hoped to meet them again in the March 2011 convocation. "Convocation is a happy occasion, not only for you, but also for your parents and family. Be grateful to your parents for all they have done for you," he added.

Refreshments were served after the meeting and students were seen mingling with Prof. Chuah, deans of faculties and other UTAR staff.

"From the meeting, we now know that it's better to update our email addresses so that we can get updates on UTAR news and happenings for our own benefit," said third-year English Language student Neong Chee Kin. Third-year Advertising student Pannir Kumar found the meeting interesting and useful. For third-year Public Relations student Kong Pooi Ling, the session prompted her to start thinking and asking questions about her future job.



Students chatting with the President

## Be different with ACCA

**"Do we dare to be different?" was the challenge raised at the launch of ACCA-UTAR Student Conference 2010 on 26 June 2010 at UTAR Perak Campus.**

This challenge was thrown by Liew Hong Leong, Organising Chairman for the conference. He added, "You don't have to be great to start but you have to start to be great. Knowledge gained from books and notes is definitely not sufficient in this competitive international business world. We have to take initiatives to equip ourselves with a positive learning attitude. This is because attitude, and not aptitude that determines one's altitude."

Organised by the UTAR Accounting Society, the event themed 'Dare to be Different' garnered the support of 267 Accounting students. Besides inculcating leadership skills, the conference also aimed at creating better awareness about ACCA, building a network for participants to share experiences and ideas, and providing opportunities for students to participate in future on-campus ACCA's activities.

Donny Lau, Marketing and Promotions Executive of ACCA, was the first to speak after the opening ceremony by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ooi Keng Boon, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Finance. He spoke on ACCA qualifications.

It was followed by a forum on career opportunities



Dr. Ooi (left) presenting a souvenir to Lau

for professional accountants, which was chaired by Lam Weng Keat, Chairman of Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) Perak Branch with Lau, and Lee Voon Hsien, Advisor of the Accounting Society, as panellists. Participants sought clarifications on a number of issues during the question-and-answer session.

After the forum, some teambuilding activities were carried out. Divided into groups, the participants competed in station games which took about two-and-a-half hours to complete. The 'Bee' group emerged as champion, with the 'Gorilla' and 'Monkey' groups as first and second runners-up. The three winning groups received a hamper each. The prize for the best team, a hamper and RM500 cash, went to the organising committee team.

## Korean professor shares R&D experience in IT

**Prof. Lee Byung Gook of Dongseo University (DSU) visited UTAR on 22 and 23 July 2010.**

The visit was part of Prof. Lee's efforts to explore possibilities of collaboration with other universities in postgraduate programmes and research and development.

Prof. Lee, Head of the Institute of Ambient Intelligence of DSU and Head of CGIV research group, was here to introduce his research laboratory to UTAR staff and students. His research interests lie in Computer Graphics, Image Processing, Computer Vision and Computer-Aided Geometry Design.

Prof. Lee visited UTAR campuses in the Klang Valley on 22 July 2010 before proceeding to UTAR Perak Campus the following day. In Perak Campus, he was greeted by Dean of the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Liew Soung Yue.

FICT faculty members and staff had a chance to meet up with Prof. Lee before he gave a talk on Computer Graphics, Image processing and Computer Vision (CGIV) to UTAR staff and students. The talk touched on the latest practical applications of CGIV. He shared some

current research on human shape digitisation, multiple view geometry, image deformation, multilevel B-spline approximation and 3D scanning technology. During the talk, the audience was also given an overview of DSU and Prof. Lee encouraged and welcomed UTAR students to do their postgraduate studies in the university.



Prof. Lee sharing on CGIV research

"The talk has served as my 'inspiration' kit; I know better now which subjects I should pay more attention to in the next semester," said Lim Chin Seng, a third-year Computer Engineering student.

He was impressed with the amazing new technologies mentioned by Prof. Lee.

Founded in 1992, DSU is a leading private university in South Korea offering diverse programmes under five main colleges – Film & Performing Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Fine Arts, and Sports.

## Postgraduate options for UTAR students

**The Workshop on Postgraduate Studies (Overseas and Malaysia) was held at UTAR Perak Campus on 17 July 2010.**

Organised by Department of Alumni Relations and Placement, the workshop aimed at encouraging graduating students to take up the option of postgraduate studies overseas or locally.



Q&A in session

In his opening speech, Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof. Dr. Lee Sze Wei shared that despite the good economy and abundant jobs during his varsity years, he decided to pursue further studies and had no regrets ever since. He explained, "In the long run, having a postgraduate degree is definitely a plus point."

Prof. Lee also advised that to further studies overseas, students should choose top-tier universities if possible, otherwise studying locally could be a better option. He then explained the differences between studying locally and overseas, and concluded, "We're facing intensifying global competition. Only individuals who continue to unlearn, relearn and adapt will survive well. And postgraduate study is part of the lifelong learning all of us need to embark on."

Also present was Azamira Long, representative from Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst Information Centre, Kuala Lumpur. She said it was comparatively more affordable to study in Germany. She added that while full-time students were allowed to work for a certain number of days in a month to gain practical experience. After graduation, students could choose to stay for another year to search for specified jobs and if successful they could even extend their residence permits.

"The talks have touched on all relevant information [about postgraduate studies] that we need," said Joyceline Ooi Kah Yan, a graduating Public Relations student from Petaling Jaya Campus, who came all the way for the workshop. "The speakers were very good," she added.

Also from Selangor was Harvinder Singh, a graduating Finance student of Sungai Long Campus, who was interested in pursuing an MBA. He said, "I plan to work first and do my Master's degree part time. After working, I'll be able to understand the industry better and this will then help me to decide whether I should continue to do my doctorate."

## Cultural Night for unity



A fusion of drum beats signifies the unity of different cultures

**Cultural Night 2010, which was held on 3 July 2010 at UTAR Perak Campus, opened with great anticipation and expectation in the spirit of 1Malaysia.**

The fusion of beats from traditional Chinese, Malay and Indian drums which formed the opening performance was indeed captivating. Themed 'Retro Fusion', the Cultural Night 2010 was organised by the Asian Cultural Society.

Aimed at promoting the distinctiveness and richness of the Malaysian cultures, the Cultural Night also provided students with a golden opportunity to

showcase their performing talents and strengthen teamwork ability.

UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yeoh Suan Pow, who was representing UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik, acknowledged that the objectives of the Cultural Night were indeed noble. "This event would help develop UTAR students into responsible, all-round and capable members of society. We hope that our students will appreciate the importance of making contributions to society and our nation and will understand the importance of living together in harmony," she said in her speech.

Guest of Honour Dato' T. Murugiah, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, in his speech, stressed the importance of unity in a multicultural country like Malaysia. "If our country faces unstable political conditions, our economy will deteriorate as a consequence. Investors will then stop investing, leading to the rise in unemployment. Therefore, everyone should stay united to fulfil the 1Malaysia concept," he said.

The audience of more than 350 was entertained with a wide variety of Malay, Chinese and Indian songs and performances. There were even renditions of Korean and Kenyan songs. The highlights of the event were a cultural fashion show and a sketch titled *New Police Drama* that was performed in two parts. Lucky draws which were held in between performances added excitement to the special night.

## A night of Chemistry

**It was indeed an occasion to be remembered when the Chemistry Night was held on 4 July 2010 at UTAR Perak Campus.**

"This is the first-ever Chemistry Night or Science Night in the history of UTAR. It is indeed an honour to have this event in UTAR. I want students to shine not only in studies, but also in other fields," said Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lim Tuck Meng, Dean of the Faculty of Science, in his opening speech.

The students were dressed to reflect the theme 'Back to Ancient Rome'. Organising Chairperson Kevinder Singh said, "The Chemistry Night aimed to create a platform for interaction between students of different courses and faculties while exposing them to formal functions. It was also hoped that hidden talents would be uncovered from among the performers."

After the opening ceremony, the crowd was entertained with an Indian dance. After the dance, the guests helped themselves to a buffet spread. The students and lecturers were seen mingling well while enjoying the food. The highlight of the night was the waltz dance performed by five couples. Later, a dance instructor taught the audience the steps of the waltz and then the audience performed the three-step dance with their chosen partners. Based on their mastery of the dance, a 'prom king and queen' were selected. After



Dr. Lim (fourth from left) at the opening ceremony

impressing the judges with their performance, Tan Sock Ban was crowned the prom queen and Chooi Quiw San the prom king.

"It was an enjoyable night. I hope this kind of interaction night will be conducted again in the coming semesters," said the newly crowned prom king Chooi Quiw San. "It was a very successful night and we all enjoyed it," concurred Tan Sock Ban, the prom queen of the night. For Chong Yie Kei, a year-one Chemistry student, he was happy to have made a lot of new friends, especially among his seniors during the memorable night.

## Pioneer MBBS students



Inaugural batch of UTAR MBBS students

**UTAR made history again when it recruited its inaugural batch of 39 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) students in May 2010.**

In fact, it is history eight years in the making. "UTAR had already received the approval [from the government] to set up a medical faculty when it started," said Prof. Dr. Cheong Soon Keng, Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), when interviewed at UTAR Sungai Long Campus on 2 August 2010. UTAR was established eight years ago.



Prof. Cheong at the interview

Prof. Cheong added that the University had already invested millions of ringgit in the medical faculty. The first floor of the Sungai Long campus building was revamped into research centres and laboratories not only for use by the undergraduates but also for research purposes in major areas such as stem cells, cancer, blood diseases, tropical diseases, infectious diseases and prenatal medicine at the postgraduate level.

"This is in line with the University's current direction to be a research-driven university," Prof. Cheong stressed. The Dean also assured that facilities would be upgraded and their capacities increased with the increase in student numbers.

Besides providing adequate facilities, FMHS is tenured by several senior professors with more than 30 years of experience as both medical practitioners and lecturers. "Our MBBS students not only get hands-on experience, but can also learn from these seasoned professionals as to what it is like to be a doctor," Prof. Cheong added.

This fact was confirmed by 25-year-old MBBS student Sumaty Rengadan who said, "The lecturers and tutors are very friendly and helpful. They would go the extra mile to ensure we understand what is taught during the question-and-answer sessions." She added, "I feel privileged to study here in UTAR."

Her 19-year-old classmate Tong Yung Hung concurred. He cited UTAR's eight-year track record of education excellence as his reason for choosing UTAR to study Medicine. Tong who wants to be a medical doctor due to his passion for helping people said, "It is a noble profession which allows me to dedicate myself to serving people, especially the needy."



FMHS in Sungai Long Campus (right building)

The faculty plans to start a Bachelor of Chinese Medicine (Hons) programme in January 2011. The other programmes already in the pipeline are Bachelor of Nursing (Hons) and Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Hons). FMHS looks forward to the day the faculty would have its own teaching hospital.

UTAR and the Ministry of Health Malaysia had signed a memorandum of agreement on 15 January 2010 for the use of government hospitals and health clinics as teaching and training facilities for students of the faculty.



# UTAR celebrates 11<sup>th</sup> Convocation

The dream of 2,574 students came true when they received their scrolls during UTAR 11<sup>th</sup> Convocation held from 20 to 22 August 2010.

Held at Dewan San Choon, Wisma MCA, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, this convocation saw the pioneer batch of graduates for Master of Communication, and Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) degrees in Biomedical Engineering and Chemical Engineering.

Over the three-day convocation, five sessions were held. The Guests of Honour were Datin Prof. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah binti Tapsir, Deputy Director General (Private

Higher Education Management Sector) who represented the Minister of Higher Education Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled bin Nordin in Session 1; followed by Jay Yeunh Wee Tiong, UTAR Council member; Dato' Seri Kalimullah bin Masheerul Hassan, Chairman of ECM Libra; Tan Sri Dato' Hew See Tong, Advisor to UTAR Planning and Development Committee; and Datuk Oh Chong Peng, Member of Board of Trustees, UTAR Education Foundation and UTAR Council

To date, UTAR has produced 21,068 graduates, starting with 2,083 graduates at its inaugural convocation in 2005.



## With songs and music

Performing for the first time in the convocation was a Chinese Orchestra comprising students and alumni. The orchestra assembled for the ceremony entertained the audience with melodious pieces such as 'Jin Se Kuang Wu' (Golden Snake), 'Rasa Sayang' and 'Love Stories.'

According to its leader Lim York Seng, a 20-year-old Materials and Manufacturing Engineering student, the 16-member group had practised more than 25 hours for the event. "We feel privileged to perform for our varsity and the convocation provided us with the opportunity to present our music," said Lim who

had been performing Chinese music since his secondary school days. He added that the members took turns to perform at the five sessions.

The group played the double-bass cello, *pipa* (traditional Chinese guitar), *erhu* (Chinese violin), *dizi* (Chinese flute) *zhongruan* (moon guitar) and percussion instruments.

During intervals, the audience was serenaded by UTAR students and alumni with songs in Malay, English and Mandarin.

For this convocation, a song was composed specially for the graduates. The song was the creative effort of three academic staff of Faculty of Creative Industries: Nadya Supian (composer and lyricist), Penny Lim Wai Ping, and Makenthira Kanan.



## 43 companies take part in Career Day

A total of 43 companies occupied 52 booths during the Career Day for the Faculty of Engineering and Science at UTAR campus in Setapak on 30 July 2010.



A student getting information

Department of Alumni Relations and Placement regularly organises career days in campuses to bring in prospective employers to interact with UTAR students.

Among the 43 companies were Intel Corporation from Penang, Giti Tire Company Limited from China, and Leeden Limited, a welding, gas and safety integration company from Singapore. Some 587 final-year students and UTAR alumni submitted their job applications and some of them even secured a job on the spot after an interview.

Final-year Mechatronics Engineering student, Cheng Chia Loon thanked UTAR for organising the career day. It was his second time attending a UTAR career day and he noted that the number of companies participating had increased this round. "There are many companies offering jobs for my field of studies. My friends and I now know the employers' expectations better after having visited the booths," he said.

Another visitor, UTAR Computer Engineering graduate R Gausalya was amazed by the large turnout of visitors. "This career day provides a platform for young graduates like me to look for potential employers," she said.

## Colourful 1Malaysia Food Carnival

In the spirit of 1Malaysia, the '1Malaysia Food Carnival' was held on 24 June 2010 at UTAR Perak Campus.

The food carnival was the brainchild of a team of five multi-ethnic members from UTAR One Malaysia Society. The team had previously won, at the 1Malaysia@Campus Competition initiated by the Ministry of Higher Education, a RM30,000 grant to implement 1Malaysia activities in UTAR.

At the opening ceremony, the Guest of Honour, UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik said that when it came to food, Malaysians were spoiled for choice. He therefore advised that it was better to opt for quality and not quantity.

The opening ceremony included a lion dance performance by the Wushu Society, a presentation of traditional Malaysian foods and a rendition of the patriotic song *Jalur Gemilang*.

Guests then visited the 20-plus stalls to savour over a hundred types of mouth-watering delicacies. The favourite was the Kenyan traditional *Matoke* prepared from fish, banana and coconut which sold like hot cakes.



Prof. Chuah at the Kenyan stall

## Alumni Homecoming Graduation Dinner

More than 100 UTAR alumni and fresh graduates attended the "Alumni Homecoming Graduation Dinner" held in the ballroom of a popular business hotel in Kuala Lumpur on 21 August 2010.

UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik and several senior university officers were present at the dinner.

A short multimedia presentation titled "Down Memory Lane", sumptuous food, light entertainment, and prizes for lucky draws were part of the nine-course dinner function organised by the University to welcome home its alumni as well as to provide an opportunity for fresh graduates to meet their "seniors".

Alumni Fan Ya Fu, Steve Lim Kok Joo, Basil Foo Ji Sheng and some members of iSoul, an entertainment company formed by them, sang Chinese, Malay and English songs with guest guitarist Nicholas Ker accompanying them. An instrumental solo from Alumna Lok How Wae, a Diabola demonstration by UTAR foundation student Yeoh Jen Tat, and a Latin dance

routine by two guest performers were part of the entertainment arranged for the evening.

Alumnus Ravindaran A/L Seniasamy, a former UTAR student representative and now a manager of a tuition centre, said that he attended the dinner to support his alma mater.

Alumna Cassandra Tan, a cabin crew of Singapore Airlines, flew back to attend her sister's convocation and attended the dinner "to meet old friends".

Among those present at this 2<sup>nd</sup> homecoming event were 20 UTAR alumni from Accenture, the global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company, and the gold sponsor of the event.



Prof. Chuah with UTAR Alumni from Accenture

Some went home with more than just fond memories of the gathering; they also took home prizes from two rounds of lucky draws.

## Save our Earth now

**“Our Earth is heading towards a dire situation. Act fast to save it by doing the 3Rs – recycle, reuse and reduce.”**

That was the message Dr. Anthony Ng imparted to the participants of the ‘For a Greener Earth Workshop’ held on 22 June 2010 at UTAR Perak Campus. Organised by the UTAR GreenCampus Committee, the workshop focused on global warming, 3Rs and how EM (effective micro-organisms) could help in the conservation of the environment.

Dr. Ng, the guest speaker, is the co-founder and Chairman of Friends of EM, a not-for-profit organisation. He pointed out that man had become a waste machine due to his preference for convenience over the preservation of the environment. As a result, more wastes, carbon dioxide and other harmful gases were produced that led to global warming which caused havoc to our environment. To sustain the Earth for our children, he said we should increase public awareness on the subject, stop being litterbugs and practise 3Rs immediately.

To practise 3Rs, Dr. Ng continued, the UTAR community just needed to change their habits and start

reducing the use of minerals, energy and packaging; reusing glass and clothes; and recycling cans, plastic bottles and other recyclables. Assignments could also be submitted in softcopy to reduce the use of paper.



Students preparing EM-activated solution with Dr. Ng (in batik)

Vice Chairman of Friends of EM, Mark Voon also spoke about EM. Voon, a retired process chemist, is an active environmentalist advocating microbial solutions for many of mankind’s problems. According to Voon, EM is one of the most popular microbial technologies being used worldwide today. It was developed by Prof. Dr. Teruo Higa of Japan. Started in 1982, EM is now being produced in more than 55 countries and used in more than 120 countries.

After the talks, participants of the workshop were given hands-on experience in making the EM-activated solution. The fruitful workshop ended on a high note with a lucky draw. Prof. Dr. Show Kuan Yeow, Chairman of GreenCampus Committee, and the SP Setia Professor of Environmental Engineering and Green Technology, expressed his appreciation to the guest speakers.

## Students explore JKM

Two groups of UTAR students visited Jabatan Kimia Malaysia (JKM) in Ipoh separately on 20 June and 2 July 2010.

UTAR Chemistry Society organised the visits to



Chemistry Society members at JKM

provide students with a better understanding of the career prospects, especially in the government sector, for individuals with a good knowledge of chemistry.

Besides being briefed by laboratory officers, the students also visited some of the nine laboratories of JKM Perak Branch. They were shown the use of a variety of instruments, including the latest technologies such as AAS, IR spectrophotometer, GC, GC-FPD and GC-MS. The officers also demonstrated the use of analytical instruments and even gave some tips on how to become a professional chemist.

“We learnt a lot about the hi-tech instruments,” said Carolynne Sie Zie Wei, the Organising Chairperson, after the visit. She added, “We now know more about forensics and our career paths after we graduate.”

## Fun night for funds

UTAR Mass Communication Society (MCS) held ‘Dark Heaven Night’ on 27 July 2010 at UTAR Perak Campus to raise funds for disabled children.

Advisor to MCS Gan Pei Lee said in her opening speech that besides raising funds,

“one of the core objectives of this event is to instil in our students a habit of giving and sharing.” Thirty percent of the proceeds would be donated to Beautiful Gate Foundation (BGF), which operates educational centres for disabled children.

Director of BGF Kampar Centre Rachel Tan Kok Chee brought 15 children from the centre to the event. Goh Yao Wai, a 15-year-old from the centre was so fascinated that he said, “I’m happy to be here tonight. The show is great.”

‘Dark Heaven Night’ had met with support from local celebrities. Mayjune Tan, actress and television host, co-emceed with Public Relations student Dave Lai Sheng Chep. Local artiste Lin Kah Jun captivated the audience with his singing. “Overall, it was nicely planned and the local celebrities really made a difference,” said Entrepreneurship student Ch’ng Winn Shern.



Organising Chairperson Lee presenting a mock cheque to Rachel Tan

## A Malaysian experience for French interns

Eight students from Telecom Lille1 Ecole D'Ingenieurs, France had their internship in UTAR Perak Campus from 10 May to 9 July 2010.

Four of the interns, Olivier Charrier, Sylvain Bourlett, Adrien Bucharth, and Damien Collignon, were placed under the supervision of Deputy Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Lee Sheng Chyan at the Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology (FEGT). The other four, Mehdi Oulad Ameziane, Theo Pivel, Yassine Bennis, and Jeremy Caron were supervised by Deputy Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Choo Peng Yin at the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT).

Telecom Lille1 is a leading Engineering school in France. The internship arrangement was part of the internationalisation efforts of UTAR.

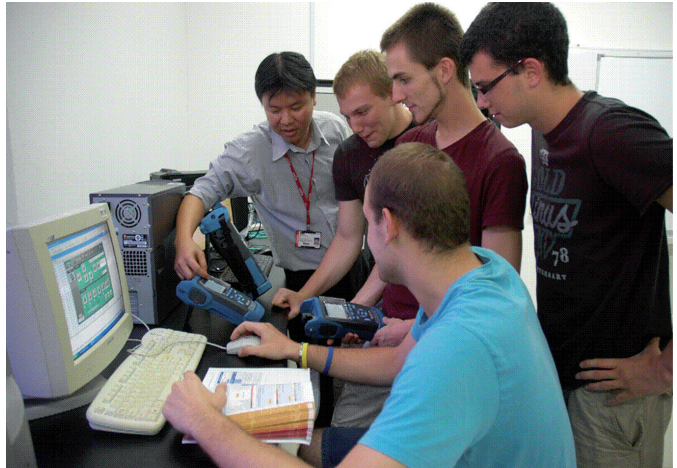
The group in FEGT said that they chose to do the internship in Malaysia to experience a whole new culture here. They found Perak Campus with its natural setting of lakes so different from their campuses in France, which mainly consists of buildings. Charrier said, "The students and staff here are very friendly and we've no problem adapting to the new environment."

Over the two months in FEGT, the four interns learnt much about optical fibre communication systems especially the fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) system covering opportunities to perform setting up, measurements, and configuration related to the system and eventually the setting up a FTP server, a video streaming server, and a voice-over-internet server.

The interns in FICT were involved in network security such as virtual private networks, security

device manager, firewalls, server security, and 'malware' prevention.

Pivel said he now had a better understanding of how to defend a network from malicious entities. Caron, who worked on the graphical network simulator (GNS3), found UTAR a conducive place for internship because of its wide choice of good student projects and experienced supervision lecturers.



Dr. Lee (left) with the French interns

"[Malaysia is an] amazing country with nice people and beautiful scenery and such great culture waiting to be discovered," said the adventurous Ameziane. The hot spell had not prevented them from exploring our beautiful country. They visited Penang, Langkawi, Kuala Lumpur and Pangkor.

Both the supervisors were impressed by the quality of work of the French interns. Dr. Lee said, "Through foreign internships, both foreign and local students would be exposed to a multi-dimensional learning experience."

## UTAR in International Student Sports Carnival

A local and three international students of UTAR participated in the International Student Sports Carnival.



UTAR's 3-on-3 basketball team (from left): Hamara, Toni and Sandy

Held from 9 to 11 July 2010, the sports carnival was organised by Universiti Teknologi Petronas in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia.

The four were Foundation in Science student Hamara Mohamed Awadh from Kenya, Information Technology students Toni and Sandy Christian from Indonesia, and Entrepreneurship student Lim Yu Hoo who served as a reserve.

The sports carnival, which attracted participants from 31 local institutions of higher learning, saw 1,200 players competing in games such as futsal, netball, volleyball, three-on-three basketball, *sepak raga bulatan*, tug-of-war and relay race.

Hamara, who participated in the three-on-three basketball game with his team, said excitedly, "I am happy to be able to represent UTAR in the sports carnival. Though we did not win any medal, it was a valuable and exhilarating experience for us as I made a lot of new friends from other countries."

## UTAR taekwondo team wins again



UTAR's Magnificent 7 showing their medals

### The taekwondo team of UTAR Perak Campus did it again.

This time, the team punched and kicked their way to 11 medals – six gold, four silver and one bronze – in the Fourth Kinta District Taekwondo Under 18 Closed Championship 2010 (*Kejohanan Taekwondo Daerah Kinta Tertutup Bawah 18 Tahun Kali Ke-empat 2010*) held in SMJK Sam Tet, Ipoh on 12 and 13 June 2010, adding to their victories in the 26<sup>th</sup> Perak Taekwondo Closed Championship held last year where the team won six medals in their debut effort.

The team clinched their first four gold medals in two

'poomsae' sparring events where Gan Xiang Yan (Accounting student) teamed up with Chan Wai Man (Foundation in Arts) in the women's doubles event and with male partner, Ngo Leong Wei (Financial Economics), in the mixed doubles event. The other two gold medals were secured by Low Seng Hwa (Chemistry) in Division B men's individual event and Gan in Division F women's individual event.

The women's individual events yielded three silver medals won by Lohis A/P Balachandran (Biomedical) in Division B, Wong Juang Yuan (Foundation in Arts) in Division C and Chan in Division F. Ngo won the other silver medal in Division F men's individual event. The bronze medal was secured by Ooi Pei Wan (Biochemistry) in Division B women's individual event.

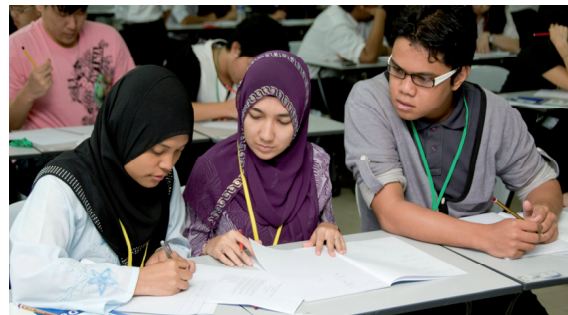
When asked about her amazing feat, Gan, who is also the Chairperson of the Taekwondo Club, said, "I started learning taekwondo at the age of 11. I participate in competitions not for the prize or medal, but for my self-improvement. I truly enjoy competitions. Although I usually do feel nervous, I will get into form as soon as I step onto the stage. I used to learn playing the piano, drawing and swimming, but I soon lost interest. Taekwondo is different, I never give up learning," she enthused.

## UTAR holds fifth national Math competition

UTAR students won three out of seven prizes in the UTAR Fifth National Mathematics Competition held at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus in Setapak on 31 July 2010.

The national competition, an annual event organised by UTAR Mathematics Society, saw 139 students from local universities and colleges participating this year.

There were three categories in the competition. Category A, the highlight of the competition, tested the participants' knowledge in major branches of Mathematics including Calculus, Statistics, and Algebra. Category B tested on computation speed where participants were given 10 minutes to solve as many Mathematics problems. Category C was also a time-limit contest but a group event for competing teams.



Participants in full concentration

"The main objective of this competition is to promote interest in Mathematics among Malaysian undergraduates," Tan Cheow Cheow, the Organising Committee Chairperson of the competition, said at the official opening ceremony. She added that the competition challenged and encouraged undergraduates to develop and strengthen their skills in Mathematics. It also served as a networking platform for students from different institutions to foster better friendship.

UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yeoh Suan Pow was present to officiate and give out the prizes. The champion for Category A was Loke Zhi Kin from Stamford College, while the first and second runners-up were Chew Chun Yong and Ling Siang Sheng, both from UTAR. Category B, champion was Lim Kok Hoong (UTAR), followed by Yeap Hoong Shern (TAR College), and Lim Chee Chuen (Taylor's College). Category C group champion was the UTAR team comprising Kuang Kee Seng, Ling Siang Sheng, and Chew Chun Yong.



Dr. Yeoh (with corsage) with winners and participants

## 1949·新台湾与中华文化大传统

“1949年对台湾历史有极大的特意义。虽然它对台湾本土派而言是灾难和苦难的开始，然而，在台湾400年的历史长河中没有比1949年国民政权移居台湾后所带来更多的正面影响，特别是在提升文化与学术地位方面的影响。”杨儒宾教授于7月5日在拉曼大学霹雳校区的《1949新台湾与中华文化大传统》讲座会上如是说道。该场讲座系由中华研究中心中国文化研究组主办。

杨教授认为1949年对台湾文化产生了极大的转化，并实现了论述中国大传统文化的条件，而这一说法并不是主观的想象。从中国历史而言，永嘉之乱后，文化的传播有由北往南不断地扩张的趋势。以至19世纪，春秋战国时所认为的蛮荒之地如福建、广州等在文化的传播上都拥有举足轻重的地位。

杨教授继续表示，国民政府在1949年撤退到台湾，前后给台湾带来了大约120万的移民人口，占台湾总人口约20%左右。这也是台湾移民史上人口最多、分布最广的一年。最重要的是这些移民群有许多大知识分子，这是台湾移民史上少有的现象。

他指出，1949年从政治的角度看来是一场权威政治，但在



杨教授摄于讲座中。

经济上却是逐步落实了现代化。在文化上，许多机构的复制，如中央研究院、故宫、大学等，加上许多大知识分子的移民，致使台湾的学术、教育、文化等得以提升到一个可以代表中国大传统文化的水平。

杨教授认为灾难和机会是同时并存的。他说：“今天谈中国学术与文化，我们没有办法绕过台湾这个地区的论述及其研究成果。换言之，在民国时期，中国虽然面对战乱年年，然而，中华文化却在台湾得以保存下来。”

本次讲座由中华研究中心中国文化研究组主任黄文斌博士主持，出席者还包括中文系教员林志敏博士及叶秀清讲师等。讲座会上同学们踊跃地发言，并针对台湾移民与文化发展的经验与马来西亚的社会情况相互地参照及进行讨论。

杨儒宾博士为儒学研究的著名学者，现任台湾清华大学中文系教授，曾多次获得台湾国科会优等研究员奖。目前，他在拉曼大学中华研究中心邀请下来担任访问学者一个月。

## 冯达旋博士谈亚洲学术的发展

“我有证据证明，中国的科学发展领先欧洲”。

国立成功大学资深执行副校长冯达旋博士在“亚洲学术，学识与人才的发展：过去，现在，将来”讲座上说道：“中国有完整的历史文献证明，早在1054年便已观察到超新星爆炸，但欧洲却完全没有记载。另一证明，就是中国航海家郑和使用的海船规模比哥伦布的海船大。”

这场于2010年8月于8日在吉隆坡暨雪兰莪中华大会堂举行的讲座系由拉曼大学与吉隆坡暨雪兰莪中华大会堂联合。除了谈及科技发展，冯博士的讲座也涉及大学、学术的发展等。

对于中国无法继续在科学领域上领先欧洲的原因，冯博士打趣说道：“17世纪时，老天爷跟中国开了一个很大的玩笑。1663年上天把牛顿送给英国，1664年却把顺治帝送给了中国，结果清朝开始了。”他继续表示，清朝的建立是中国落后的开始，接下来的时期中国不断倒退，变成了落后国家。

自古以来，学术、学识与人才的发展是人类社会发展与进步的推动力。冯博士认为，学识和人才的发展在很大程度上与大学有关。要追求知识，就必须有“学术的敏捷，学术的勇敢”。何谓学术的敏捷和勇敢？他表示，1903年莱特兄弟制造第一架飞机，并且在美国试飞成功。13年后，“波音之父”王助便已在麻省理工学院的航空工程系毕业，取得他的硕士学位。麻省理工学院在航空学成为重要工业之前，能够领先其他学院开办该系，证明它对需求的转变有敏锐的触觉。这便是“学术的敏捷”。王助在英国取得他的第一个学位，专业是机械工程。但是，他并没有继续在该领域深造，却冒险在另一个领域发展，最终成为大师，这

便是“学术的勇敢”。

另外，冯博士亦认为，中国在很久以前便有了办大学的概念。他把至圣先师孔子比作旧时代的“大学校长”，把孔子门下的七十二位贤人比作“教授”，三千位弟子便是学生。孔子以这样的层层关系传授知识，就似“办大学”的方式。他解释道：“但是，孔子办的‘大学’并非我们现在所理解的‘大学’”。他说，现代大学是在欧洲开始的。世界第一所现代大学是建在意大利的博罗尼亚大学，接着便是英国的牛津和剑桥。

冯博士说，欧洲的文艺复兴使每个欧洲人有了内涵信心，他们的大学也在19世纪成为世界一流大学。美国因其高度发展的科技和原子弹而使得北美有了内涵信心，北美的大学也在20世纪成为世界一流大学。21世纪的今天，亚洲的大学是否能够增加其人民的内涵信心，成为世界一流大学？他说：“这，我们必须问回自己。”对于亚洲的学术发展，他以英国维多利亚时期的著名文学家查尔斯·狄更斯《双城记》的一句话来总结：那是最美好的时代，那是最糟糕的时代”。

经过这场引人深思的讲座后，冯博士在第二天，即8月9日中午拜访我校。拉大校长拿督蔡贤德教授、副校长（研究与商品化）李仕伟教授等人欢迎他的到来，并为他扼要介绍拉曼大学的发展史，让他对本校有更深入的了解。其后，双方就未来可合作的项目进行了讨论。



冯教授摄于讲座中。

## YTLC拓展4G校园网络至拉曼大学



拉曼大学与杨忠礼通讯合约交换仪式

拉曼大学和杨忠礼通讯私人有限公司（YTLC）于2010年7月27日在拉大八打灵再也校区签署了一项合作协议，正式成为该公司“教育合作伙伴计划”（Education Partner Program）的成员之一。透过这项计划，4G校园网络服务将首先在拉大霹雳校区推行。

这份合作协议的签署代表分别是我校校长拿督蔡贤德教授和杨忠礼通讯公司首席执行官 Wing K. Lee，并由我校副校长（研究与商品化）李仕伟教授和杨忠礼通讯公司执行理事杨恭耀先生见证。拉曼大学理事会主席敦林良实医生亦亲临出席该签署仪式。

## “春天，不是季节。”



敦煌飞天舞蹈

所要传达给观众的讯息。

祥和夜的宗旨是为了通过比较轻松活泼的方式将佛法呈现在舞台上，以提升观众对佛法的兴趣。此外，也借此机会提供一个机缘让会员与非会员促进彼此的情谊。

由于拉曼大学校长无法出席此次晚会，因此就晚的开幕仪式由理学院院长林德明博士带领开幕。开幕仪式是以风车的概念来进行，由林院长拉风车下的绳子，直至风车转动，继而舞台上的黑布落下，而显露出舞台背景。以风车作为开幕仪式，是希望所有的人，在每一天的生活中，都

2010年6月27日，这一个吉祥又平静的晚上，拉曼大学佛学会在霹雳校区举办了一年一度的祥和夜。此次的祥和夜主题为“春天，不是季节”。其实，这是星云大师的语录，为“春天，不是季节，而是内心”，主要表达春天，可以诠释为快乐，而我们应该每天保持着春天的心情，不受外界因素的左右，而时时照顾好自己的内心，避免像四季转换版地转换心情。这是祥和夜

通过此合作关系，拉曼大学得以提供师生更有效率、品质更佳的科技服务。同时，双方的合作亦为我国政府推介的国家宽频方案(National Broadband Initiative)起了正面的作用。

对于杨忠礼集团和杨忠礼通讯公司给予我校的信心，并且选择我校成为其计划的伙伴之一，蔡贤德校长对此表达了深挚的感激。他认为，这项协议为霹雳校区的师生带来了莫大的好处，同时也指出，一旦此网络服务取得实效，将可在其他校区展开推行。蔡教授说道：“作为一所非营利的教育机构，我们非常需要外界人士与机构的支持，以继续开办质量高的教育、研究和服。因此，这项合作协议将可提升我校的设施，让我校的科技发展更趋完善。”

杨忠礼通讯公司首席执行官 Wing K. Lee表示：“我很高兴杨忠礼通讯公司成为国家宽频方案主要的运营商。我们投资25亿令吉用作推展全国4G无线网络，期望全国覆盖率可达至少百分之六十五。”他认为大学生应该给予特别关注，因此策划了“教育合作伙伴计划”。通过这项计划，更多高等教育学府将有机会享用4G网络服务，进而为国家发展带来更多的贡献。

在这项计划下，霹雳校区和巴生谷一带的拉大校区的学生将受惠。任何时候在校园范围内的任何地点，他们都能够以更迅速和稳定的宽频网络，连接内联网或互联网。每位学生可在每个月免费使用300MB的互联网语音、数据、上网服务等，为期三年。

可以像风车那样，遇到强分却不畏惧，反而能转动得更有冲劲。

祥和夜的节目主要是以戏剧，佛曲演唱，手语，舞蹈等穿插以带出歌舞剧的感觉。戏剧的内容主要是围绕着大学生的生活发展，以三种类型的学生为主轴，分别为：刻苦耐劳但却成绩不理想的书呆子，为了让自己更受瞩目而搬弄是非的两头蛇以及为了让自己有个充实大学生活却导致最后课业活动难以兼顾的大忙人。戏剧的内容与大学生的生活相近，因此比较容易产生共鸣与感触。因此达致祥和夜的缘起原因之一，就是提供一个选择以供学生们参考。

除了围绕于大学生的戏剧与佛曲呈现，是晚也呈现了一出《敦煌飞天》的精彩舞蹈。《敦煌飞天》是极富佛教色彩的舞蹈，它原是敦煌窟里的壁画，而现今的人们把壁画搬上了舞台，变成一个生动的佛教艺术。

此外，节目间中穿插了手语与佛曲演唱的表演，以令表演更多元化。九十名筹委偕共随着歌曲的旋律，一同为观众们呈现了两手手语表演，展现了让我们像一家人的概念。大约晚上十时四十五分，祥和夜在全体九十名筹委的手语领导下，顺利画上美丽的句号。



祥和夜戏剧演员阵容

## “马中关系—挑战与机遇”国际学术研讨会



何国忠博士（前排左五）为“马中关系—挑战与机遇”国际学术研讨会主持开幕后与众学者和嘉宾合影。

自马来西亚第二任首相敦阿都拉萨在上世纪70年代踏上中国国土，与时任中国总理周恩来在北京正式建立两国的外交关系，转眼间已过了36年。作为东盟国家中，最早与中国实现关系正常化的国家，我国与中国的关系发展至今日趋成熟。敦阿都拉萨接班人，我国第六任首相拿督斯里纳吉亦曾表示，此后马中关系还将纵向深化，向更深层面发展。

为了探讨马来西亚和中国两国关系，拉曼大学中华研究中心和中国厦门大学南洋研究院于2010年7月16至17日，上午8时至下午5时，在拉曼大学八打灵再也校区举行一项“马中关系—挑战与机遇”国际学术研讨会。此国际学术研讨会的合作伙伴是亚洲媒体研究中心，并且得到海鸥集团的赞助。星洲日报则是媒体伙伴。当天，我国高等教育部副部长何国忠博士亦亲临出席主持开幕典礼。

何国忠博士在致欢迎词时说，教育是提升马中两国关系重要的一环，并认为双方可通过学术人员交换和研究合作来提升学术研究。他也强调，马中关系不应该局限于经贸方面，而是文化交流，“以文化作为基础的交流，必然可以将挑战转为良性的、文明的创造。”

我校副校长（研究与商品化）李仕伟教授表示，这项研讨会最大的特色，在于它涵盖了经济、政治、区域安全、艺术和文学领域。他也希望，未来我校可以和中国的大学有更频密的交流。

在第一场研讨会开始前，新加坡国立大学东亚研究所主席王赓武教授和厦门大学副校长李建发教授分别发表了题为“反思历史的关系”和“从首相敦阿都拉萨到拿督斯里纳吉：中马建交36年历史回顾”的主题演讲。

王赓武教授的主题演讲谈及中国、东协国家、苏联解体和冷战结束。他指出，对中国而言，东协的成功与团结是很重要的。因此，东协国家以一个声音发言，将有更好的机会和中国建立一个更安全的关系。王教授认为，要对中国过去的历史和现代的世界发展更有认知，马来西亚、新加坡和其他东协国家都须了解中国，这是非常重要的。

李建发教授在其主题演讲里，剖析了我国前任首相敦阿都拉萨、敦马哈迪医生、敦阿都拉和拿督斯里纳吉执政时期的中马关系发展与变化。他说，对中国来说，马来西亚等东盟国家是中国的近邻，因此东盟国家的政治稳定和经济繁荣对发展中的中国具有极其重要的战略意义。他强调：“对马来西亚来说，中国是个可信赖的合作伙伴，而不是一个可怕的竞争者。”他也表示，中马关系史正是两国领导人和两国关系人民不断迎接“挑战”抓住“机遇”，把两国关系持续推向新境界的历史。他指出：“回顾中马建交36年，传统的友谊和现实的共同利益为中马关系的发展提供了坚实的基础。进一步发展两国睦邻友好合作，把中马关系向更深层面发展，这符合双方根本利益。”他并展望中马关系向更深层次发展的美好未来。

这项国际学术研讨会的子题有四，即：（一）马中文化交流：回顾与展望、（二）马中关系：区域和平与安全、（三）马中关系：经济挑战与机遇，及（四）马中关系与全球经济危机：冲击与回应，多达30位来自马来西亚、新加坡、中国、台湾、香港、韩国和日本的学者参与，发表他们的论文，当中包括了北京大学历史系教授兼华侨华人研究中心主任吴小安教授、日本南山大学外国语学部亚洲学科的原不二夫教授、台湾清华大学人文社会科学学院中文系助理教授、我校文学院中文系助理教授金进博士等。研讨会的总评人由新加坡南洋理工大学的何启良教授担任。

通过这项研讨会，不仅让参与者全面地了解马中两国各领域的发展史，同时也可望藉此推广和促进区域研究与发展中的马中研究，以及促进马中和国际间的学术交流，可谓一举三得。我校副校长（国际与学术发展）尤芳达教授在闭幕典礼上表示，两国可以在更广泛的课题进行双边交流，尤其是通过学术研讨会提升彼此的认识。他认为，中国的崛起展现了无限的活力、动力和潜力，成为学术界的研讨对象，因此这次的研讨会对马中两国皆带来肯定的意义。尤教授致词后，这为期两天的研讨会便正式宣告圆满结束。