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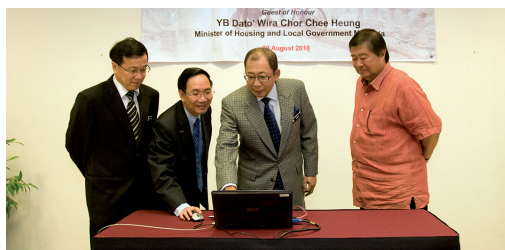
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Community at heart

The students of UTAR, a university by the people for the people, always have the community at heart.

The UTAR New Village Community Project, started in May 2009, has been attracting many student volunteers to visit new villages to better understand villagers' issues and provide solutions to improve their quality of life. So far, students have visited 22 new villages in Johor, Kuala Lumpur, Negeri Sembilan, Penang, Perak, Perlis and Selangor.



At the launch (from left): Dr. Hou, Prof. Chuah, Dato' Wira Chor, and Tun Dr. Ling

On 30 August 2010, the Minister of Housing and Local Government Dato' Wira Chor Chee Heung launched the webpages (in UTAR website www.utar.edu.my) for UTAR New Village Community Project and UTAR Student Services at Perak Campus.

Dato' Wira Chor said that socio-economic transformation of new villages required concerted efforts from various parties and he noted "the aspiration of UTAR in responding positively and constructively to the Government's efforts to modernise these new villages." He lauded UTAR for producing graduates who were academically qualified and socially responsible.

Earlier at the ceremony, UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik said, "It is our plan to cover all the 450 new villages in Malaysia." He added that UTAR would train students to resolve daily issues and to be "social entrepreneurs" who identify business opportunities for the community.

Held in conjunction with the launching ceremony was the presentation of UTAR Soft Skills Development Certificates (USSDC). Deputy Minister of Higher Education Dr. Hou Kok Chung presented certificates to 24 UTAR students who achieved distinction in USSDC.

One recipient was first-class honours Accounting graduate Chua Ken Lee from the Klang Valley. Chua said he had attended 24 UTAR soft skills programmes and a programme sponsored by Multimedia Development Corporation.

USSDC programme certifies students for competency in communication and language; ethics and integrity; emotional intelligence; teamwork and leadership; creativity and strategic thinking; and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Hou took the opportunity to present his Chinese calligraphy work to UTAR new library at Perak Campus.



Dr. Hou (right) presenting his work to Prof. Chuah

Also present at the event were UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr. Ling Liong Sik, Advisor to UTAR Planning and Development Committee Tan Sri Dato' Hew See Tong, new village heads and school principals in Perak.

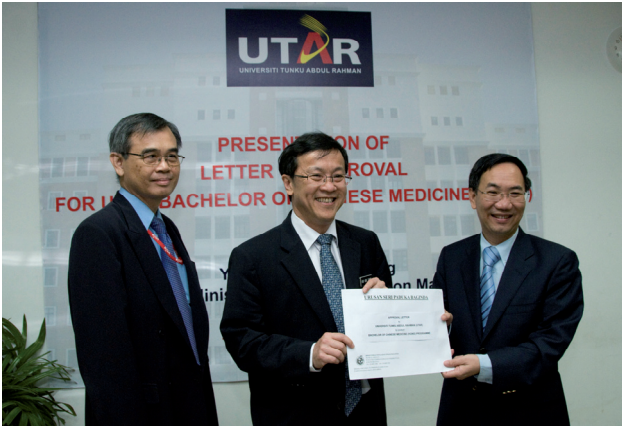
"Being together with the villagers was indeed an enriching experience. I found that I could talk and communicate well [with them]," said Advertising student Chee Kok Donq who had benefited from the project at *Perkampungan Wellesley*.

Chinese Studies student Wong Chu Kiong said, "By doing the project, I have learnt more about life in new villages." He added, "I hope to cover at least one village in every state."



USSDC recipients with VIPs

UTAR to offer Chinese Medicine course



Dr. Hou (middle) presenting the letter of approval to Prof. Chuah, while Prof. Cheong (left) looks on

UTAR is set to offer the Bachelor of Chinese Medicine (Hons) programme in May 2011.

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) in UTAR Sungai Long Campus has received the approval from the Ministry of Higher Education to conduct the Chinese Medicine programme.

In a ceremony at the campus on 14 October 2010, Deputy Minister of Higher Education Dr. Hou Kok Chung handed the letter of approval to UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik.

In his speech, Dr. Hou said that the approval of the degree programme to be conducted partly in Chinese reflected the liberal stance of his Ministry in terms of the pursuit of academic excellence for all.

"This approval will also pave the way for TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) experts from China to come here to impart their invaluable expertise, triggering knowledge transfer to our benefit," Dr. Hou added.

In his welcome speech, Prof. Chuah said that in preparation to offer the bachelor's degree programme, the University had established ties with local industry leaders such as Tung Shin Hospital and Eu Yan Sang and universities in China, including Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, and Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Prof. Chuah also announced that UTAR had just received approval from the Ministry of Higher Education a day earlier to offer two new programmes—Bachelor of Nursing (Hons) and Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Hons).

Also present at the ceremony were FMHS staff led by its dean Prof. Dr. Cheong Soon Keng, guests and students.

Online journalism: chances & challenges



International participants with the organisers, speakers and panellists

"Online Journalism: Chances and Challenges", an international seminar, was held at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 18 and 19 August 2010.

The seminar was jointly organised by UTAR, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, European Journalism Centre (EJC) and Konrad Adenauer Asian Centre for Journalism at the Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines.

The three seminar co-organisers of UTAR are independent not-for-profit organisations that promote excellence and professionalism in journalism.

The seminar, which encompassed diverse aspects of online journalism, attracted 64 participants from 21 countries. Speakers and panellists came from countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, Ireland,

Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, and the UK.

Interesting topics included the TH!NK3, the third round in the series of EJC's widely acclaimed international blogging competition. This round was reporting on the

developing world.

Other topics included the controversial debate on "Blogging Journalists: Death or Rebirth of Journalism?" and discussions on online journalism in terms of communication, business, and legal aspects. "The new media is able to provide an avenue for ordinary people to voice opinions, something the traditional media cannot accomplish so effectively. It is my belief that the so-called new media today will be the mainstream media of tomorrow," said UTAR Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof. Dr. Lee Sze Wei in his opening speech.

Prof. Lee added that UTAR would continue to organise academic conferences and forums, especially those at the international level, to promote collaboration and to advance knowledge.

Brain Skills Conference 2010

Brain Skills Conference was held at a convention centre in Kuala Lumpur on 8 October 2010.

The conference, organised by Malaysia Mental Literacy Movement (MMLM) and UTAR, was participated by about 220 academicians, industry professionals and individuals, while five speakers shared their expertise.

"MMLM was established with the aim of creating greater awareness about mental literacy and multiple intelligences among Malaysians," said MMLM Deputy Chairman and UTAR Council Member Dr. Milton Lum Siew Wah in his opening speech.

Khaw Choon Ean, Chairperson, Theory of Constraints in Education, Thinking Process Committee, talked on how the theory of constraints, founded by Dr. Elihayu Goldratt, could improve the thinking process.

"The only things you regret



VIPs (from left): Ong, Datuk Leong, Dr. Tan, Prof. Chuah, Dr. Lum, Dr. Goh, Prof. Kirpal, Khaw, Dr. Doss and Dr. Teh

before you die are the risks you didn't take," said Prof. Kirpal Singh, Centre Director, Singapore Management University. "We should take risks and be divergent in thinking to get new ideas instead of convergent to conform to the norm." His topic was *Challenges to Thinking Today*.

Dr. Cynthia Doss, an associate professor from MARA University of Technology, gave an introduction on *Mind Mapping*, a thinking technique founded by Tony Buzan.

Founder of Mastery Academy of

Chinese Metaphysics Joey Yap talked on the Chinese *bazi* (八字) system of personality profiling.

On *Learning Organisations*, Dr. Prudence Goh, UTAR Centre Director and MMLM Honorary Secretary said that in the global economy where companies rose or fell on brainpower, members at all levels in an organisation should embrace change through new and innovative thinking and continuous learning.

Chairing the sessions was UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Teh Chee Seng.

Also present were UTAR President Ir. Prof. Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik, MMLM Member and UTAR Council Member Datuk Leong Tang Chong, Principal of Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman Dr. Tan Chik Heok and Honorary Treasurer of MMLM Ong Whee Tiong.

Canadian university visits UTAR

Three delegates from the Royal Roads University (RRU), Canada visited UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 30 September 2010 to explore collaborations with UTAR.

The RRU delegates were Vice President (Marketing, Recruitment and Business Development) Cyndi McLeod, Head of the Human Security and Peace-building Programme Prof. Ken Christie and RRU Malaysian representative Lim Tang Loong.

The visitors met with Director of the Centre for Extension Education Dr. Prudence Goh and faculty members of Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM) and staff of Department of Internationalisation and Institutional Relations.

In her introduction, McLeod said that RRU was founded 65 years ago as a training institution in a military camp.



McLeod introducing RRU

Today RRU is a public university for working professionals offering a variety of undergraduate and graduate programmes with face-to-face learning, online learning or blended learning mode.

RRU was particularly interested in collaborating with UTAR in the MBA programme.

McLeod said that she looked forward to the transfer of MBA students, mutual field visits and staff exchange between the two universities.

Collaboration on continuous learning modules was also discussed.

Head of Programme (Research and Postgraduate Programmes) of FAM Hen Kai Wah welcomed the suggestions and said, "Field visits will be an excellent platform for students to gain insightful knowledge on the differences between the businesses and industries of Canada and those of Malaysia."

"The alliance will benefit both universities in terms of sharing knowledge and resources," McLeod concluded.



From right: Lim, Prof. Christie, McLeod, Dr. Goh and other UTAR staff

4th IAP Meeting at KL Campus

UTAR Industry Advisory Panel (IAP) for Faculty of Engineering and Science and Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology had its fourth meeting at Kuala Lumpur Campus on 8 October 2010.

To ensure that UTAR produces graduates that meet the national human capital needs, it is essential that the University offers courses which are relevant to the industry.

IAP members are experienced practitioners and experts from the industry and professional bodies who are able to provide pertinent feedback and advice on the needs and trends of industry to facilitate the faculties in designing and updating the curriculum. Since 2009, IAP for the two faculties has been meeting in May and October.

Eighteen IAP members were present to meet with UTAR Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof. Dr. Lee Sze Wei and academic staff of the two faculties.

"This meeting is held to enable UTAR to produce well-trained graduates who can contribute to boosting the country's economy,"

Prof. Lee said at the meeting. He added, "It's also vital for us to get feedback from the industry to equip our students with the right soft skills, so that they will fit into the working world."



Participants of the IAP meeting

"The industry is looking for engineers who incorporate eco-friendly aspects in their creations which help in sustaining a safer environment," said IAP Member Ir. Looi Hip Peu, Vice President of Malaysia Green Building Confederation.

"We, from the industry, will do our part by providing internship opportunities for students and help undergraduates by inviting them for field trips to our factory sites,"

said See Sen Chemical Berhad Group General Manager Ir. Shyam Lakshmanan, another IAP member. He added, "This will give them a clearer picture and understanding of their job scope." Ir. Shyam was impressed with what UTAR had achieved in the short span of eight years since its establishment.

After the meeting, the party broke into smaller groups where IAP and faculty members of a particular field discussed in finer detail. Later they went for a lab visit which showcased nine students' research projects: Aerated Lightweight Concrete Block and Panel for Energy Efficient Construction, Automated Storage and Retrieval System, Autonomous Amphibious Vehicle, Backpack UAV, Brain-Computer Interface Powered Wheelchair System, Electric Vehicle, Simulation of the Metal Forming Processes, Solar Cell, and Solar Panel.

Ir. Looi (left) and Ir. Shyam after the meeting



Mind Mapping for bankers

Staff of United Overseas Bank (UOB) attended the Mind Mapping programme at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 13 and 14 September 2010.

UOB recognises the importance of shifting the mental paradigm of its staff to one that is of creative and innovative thinking.

For this purpose, UTAR Centre for Extension Education (CEE) organised "The Buzan Techniques: Mind Mapping and Creativity" programme for the staff members of UOB. One such programme was held on 13 and 14 September 2010.

"The programme included group discussion to analyse problems and decision making based on the concept of Mind Mapping founded by Tony Buzan," said Dr. Prudence Goh, Director of CEE, adding that other topics were the power of associative thinking; Mind Map laws; and applying Mind Maps in business including strategic planning, preparing reports and presentations, brain blooming, problem solving, running meetings and decision making.

There were fun and creativity activities such as



Participants drawing Mind Maps and having fun

Mega Mind Maps for teamwork and creative thinking, where participants could identify barriers to creativity and steps to unleash their creativity.

Through creating Mind Maps related to their jobs such as property, IT, investment, and banking, the participants said that they would be able to solve problems, and think critically and creatively.

"Overall, the participants enjoyed the sessions and benefited from the programme," Dr. Goh concluded.

Yokohama Industries seeks ties

Three delegates from Yokohama Industries Berhad visited UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus on 4 October 2010.

Located in a 32-acre site in Semenyih, Selangor, Yokohama Industries Berhad is one of the largest battery manufacturers in Malaysia.

The delegates were its Chief Executive Officer Dr. Patrick Yong, Head of Centre for Electrochemical Research G. Balasubramaniam and Head of Corporate Communications Michelle Yong.

Present to meet the delegates were UTAR Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof. Dr. Lee Sze Wei, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Science Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wang Chan Chin, Deputy Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Tan Yong Chai and several other faculty and staff members.

The two parties explored the possibility of collaboration in



From right: Dr. Tan YC, Dr. Tan CS, Balasubramaniam, Yong, Dr. Yong, Prof. Lee and other UTAR staff

research, student adoption programme, and subsidies and scholarships.

Chair of Centre for Vehicular Technology Asst. Prof. Dr. Tan Ching Seong also presented slides on the research areas of the centre.

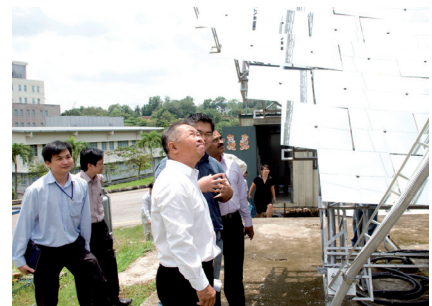
“One of the main purposes of my visit is to get to know relevant young talents [in UTAR] earlier and offer them an opportunity to learn together with the industry,” said Dr. Yong during the discussion.

Dr. Yong added that Yokohama

Industries was planning to engage undergraduates to work part-time and provide them with a monthly allowance.

The meeting was a fruitful one. Besides engaging UTAR students to work part-time in Yokohama Industries, both parties were keen on collaborative research on electric vehicles.

The delegates also indicated their keen interest to establish closer links with UTAR in other related matters in the future.



Dr. Yong looking at the solar collector at Kuala Lumpur Campus

UTAR launches freight forwarding course



Class in session with Lui

UTAR, in collaboration with Selangor Freight Forwarders and Logistics Association (SFFLA), launched the Certification Course in Freight Forwarding in September 2010.

UTAR, through Centre for Extension Education (CEE), collaborates with SFFLA to offer courses to raise the level of professionalism of the logistics and shipping industry.

The first of such courses was a two-week, part-time course

conducted at Petaling Jaya Campus from 20 September to 2 October 2010.

“This course is recognised by the industry, as it is offered in collaboration with SFFLA” said Dr. Prudence Goh, Director of CEE, adding that the course would enhance the career prospects of logistics and freight forwarding personnel who pursued such qualifications.

Topics covered included linkages between trade and transport, evolving role of freight forwarders, maritime transport chain, overview of Malaysian ports, planning and execution of export and import shipments, and carriage of goods—insurance and liability.

Each of these topics was taught by qualified freight forwarding professionals who shared their specialised knowledge and work

experience with the participants.

Designed to be learner-centred, the course was delivered through interesting and interactive classes involving case studies and group discussions.

On the last day, participants went on a field trip to Northport to learn about its operations, before they underwent an assessment moderated by SFFLA.

Overall, the participants found the course well-conducted and they had gained useful knowledge from the experienced instructors.

Commenting on the purpose of the course, SFFLA Committee Member Paul Lui said, “The course is conducted to expand the knowledge and competency of the participants in the logistics and shipping industry.”

Lui was the course instructor for insurance and liability.

In search of excellence through teambuilding

UTAR staff learned teambuilding for better work performance in an in-house training programme at Perak Campus.



A teambuilding activity

“Teamwork is the ability to direct individual accomplishments towards organisational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results,” famous entrepreneur and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie once said.

It aptly describes what UTAR staff had learnt in the Dynamic

Teambuilding and Leadership Programme held on 23 and 24 September 2010.

The in-house programme was organised by UTAR Centre for Extension Education.

It was a learner-centred programme in which participants created through activities an environment conducive for team cohesiveness where they learned about leadership, teambuilding and effective communication in a fun way.

Through interactive sessions, participants learned the ingredients of an effective team such as shared responsibility, mutual respect, open communication, trustworthiness, and active participation.

“Focusing on organisation’s vision and mission is important as it helps to bring the team members to work together as a team rather than as individuals,” said training

facilitator Ng Thian Watt. He urged team members to discover what took place during the process of achieving goals to realise that their individual roles contributed greatly to the accomplishment of organisational goals.

“I’m now more aware of the body language and voice tone when communicating with team members and superiors,” said Kor Chien Yen from the Department of Students Affairs (DSA).

“I learned that mutual trust is vital to building an effective team,” said Ng Wai Loon also from DSA. He learned the value of mutual trust from the teambuilding activity called spy game where the members needed to identify the spy in the team but actually there was none. The game had facilitated them to develop a sense of interdependence and oneness.

Engineer talks on fibre optics

A representative from Finisar Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. talked on ‘Advancement of Fibre Optic Technologies’ at Perak Campus on 4 August 2010.

The speaker was Chan Tze Weng, a senior staff engineer of the company. He came with the intention to provide UTAR students with better understanding of fibre optic technologies and to promote Finisar as their future employer.

According to Chan, Finisar has over 20 years of experience and is a global technology leader in optical communications subsystems and components. In 2008, Finisar merged with Optium Corporation, creating the world’s largest supplier of optical communication components and subsystems. With approximately 7,000 employees, Finisar with corporate headquarters in Sunnyvale, California has sales, channel and support offices worldwide.

“Finisar is recognised as the world leader in Vertical Cavity

Surface Emitting Laser or VCSEL manufacturing and technology, offering a broad range of components for the data communication industry,” said Chan. He added that Finisar offers high-performance optical network products used in delivering both analogue and digital signals over optical fibres in cable TV, telecommunications and private networks.

Finisar’s fibre optic technology enables its active optical cables to accelerate data storage and improve high-performance computing connectivity at a lower weight, density and power consumption compared to traditional copper solutions. Their in-house designs of major transceiver elements provide for higher margin, better performance, yield improvement and shorter time to market.

The future of optical communications is becoming increasingly challenging with

greater demands for lower cost, higher density and speed, longer transmission distance and more product customisation. However Finisar is already all geared up to meet these challenges.

After an information-packed session, Chan opened the floor for questions. He also encouraged students who were interested to join Finisar to submit their applications and résumés.



Chan giving his presentation

UTAR sweeps 5 MAViC awards

Two UTAR teams won five of the nine awards of the Merdeka Award Video Competition (MAViC) 2010.

The competition, open to all students of local institutions of higher learning, was organised by Merdeka Award Secretariat and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in collaboration with *Perbadanan Kemajuan Filem Nasional Malaysia* (FINAS) and satellite TV provider Astro. The award ceremony was held at UPM in Serdang on 25 September 2010.

The team led by Mark Woo Mun Kit with members Yufie Lim Pik Ngan, Adrian Lai Tjun Kong, Ang Swee Yoke, Tina Loh Xueni, Jimmy Wong Tai Yuen, Tor Chee Roy and Dorcas Cheok Huai Yee won the *Anugerah Perdana* in the three-minute Best Short Video category with their entry titled "The Call of Freedom" and the *Anugerah Khas* for Best Poster.

Woo himself received two



UTAR winners after the award ceremony

Anugerah Cipta for Best Director and Best Concept/Script.

The other team, made up of Sarannya Komarakuru (leader), Alicia Lavinia Liguori, Ratha Subramaniam and Ishani Balamorgan, won the *Anugerah Perdana* in the eight-minute Best Public Service Announcement category with their entry titled "One".

Loh is currently a student of Master of Communication in UTAR, while the other 11 are Broadcasting undergraduates.

Besides trophies, the UTAR teams also walked away with a total prize money of RM13,000.

"It was remarkable that UTAR teams received nominations in all the categories and won so many prizes," said UTAR Broadcasting lecturer Beh Chun Chee who was present at the ceremony.

UTAR students had won many prizes in similar contests in the last two years.

Lai, whose team won prizes in three competitions last year, said, "We just enjoyed what we did and lady luck helped us out."

"It was the first time we participated in such a competition; I didn't expect to win any prizes," said Sarannya.

The competition, themed "*Aku dan Merdeka*", drew 170 entries. Only 80 entries made it to the Super Pitch round for the selection of ten finalists.

A head-start in petrochemical technologies



Chan (far left), Ching (front 3rd left), Yong (front 4th left) and Doh (back 3rd right)

The Petrochemical Poster Competition held at UTAR Perak Campus on 5 August provided first-year students with a head-start in exploring the world of petrochemical technologies.

The competition was organised by Department of Petrochemical Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology (FEGT) to encourage first-year students to explore the field early.

Sixteen students competed in the event, whose panel of judges comprised FEGT faculty members

Chong Foon Yee, Doh Shu Ing, Dr. Soh Chit Siang, Wong Lai Peng and Wong Ling Yong.

After two hours of presentation of competing entries, Daniel Yong Ooi Hee and Chan Jiun Haur emerged as champion duo with their poster on biodiesel.

"Biodiesel is not something new," said Yong, adding that it could be produced through a simple transesterification process which the duo had used to produce biodiesel samples for the contest.

The process involves heating vegetable oil with an alcohol and catalyst. Biodiesel is obtained after removing the by-product glycerine, excess alcohol and catalyst, and impurities.

Yong described the competition as an eye-opener for him as a first-year student and said, "From the competition, we've also learnt how to do a proper presentation."

Yong added that biodiesel was renewable, biodegradable and environmentally friendly, and was therefore promising as a replacement fuel. He would like to further research on biodiesel in his future postgraduate studies.

"Their presentation was very clear and creative. I can see that they have put in a lot of effort in their project," said FEGT Deputy Dean Doh Shu Ing when commenting on the first-prize poster.

Second prize went to Chai Yew Leong and Yee Foong Min for their poster on 'Recycling of Plastic', while third prize went to Ooi San Nee and Teo Shy Yea for their poster on 'Life with Fibre'.

Proud of the students' achievements, Head of Department of Petrochemical Engineering Ching Yern Chee said, "The competition has enhanced independent learning and sharing of knowledge among students."

20 win RM100k lab

Twenty UTAR students used their newly learnt investment skills and won a computer laboratory worth RM100,000.

The 20 students were from UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus and they won the Special College/University Prize in the OSK Investment Challenge (OSKIC).

OSK Investment Bank Berhad (OSK) held the seven-week-long online stock trading competition from 16 August to 1 October 2010, for which over 29,000 students from 592 local institutions of higher learning had registered.

Each participant was given virtual capital of RM100,000 to trade online through an OSK system based on the real-time stock prices.

Through the competition, the participants were able to learn trading fundamentals such as investing basics, financial objectives, risk management strategies, market trends, etc.



UTAR winners with the trophy

Prizes were awarded to participants and the institution of higher learning with the highest portfolio values.

"I am glad that these young and enterprising students have already had a taste of what it is like to trade in Bursa Malaysia, through the OSKIC," said OSK Deputy Chief Executive Officer Wong Chong Kim in his welcome address during the prize presentation ceremony on 14 October 2010 held in a hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus

emerged as champion in the campus category—the campus with the highest combined portfolio value from 20 student participants.

Besides winning the RM100,000 lab for UTAR, the students also received an iPod Nano each.

The 20 students of the winning team were Bong Hui Chin, Bong Tin Long, Chew Way Jan, Chua Wei Kiang, Chuah Aik Sheng, How Meng Teik, Lee Meng Fatt, Lee Sze Mei, Lee Yong Hong, Ling Siang Sheng, Ng Chi Hwa, Ng Weng Chiat, Ooi Lip Khun, Sim Ken Yang, Tan Kuen Keong, Tee Kit Siang, Teng Kai Wea, Yap Chun Liang, Yap Yee Wen and Yong Kok Jeng. Their names will appear on a plaque in the lab.

Other prizes given out were three individual prizes and 14 weekly prizes. UTAR Actuarial Science student Ling Siang Sheng won a weekly prize.

UTAR Perak Campus was ranked fifth in the Campus category.

Second in second green challenge

UTAR trio was first runner-up in the second Schneider University Challenge.

This annual competition, which was organised by global specialist in energy management Schneider Electric, challenges local Engineering undergraduates to come up with sustainable energy-saving solutions.

The UTAR trio were Mak Kwan Wuey (team leader), Liu Chee Wei and Gan Yu Han from Faculty of Engineering and Science.

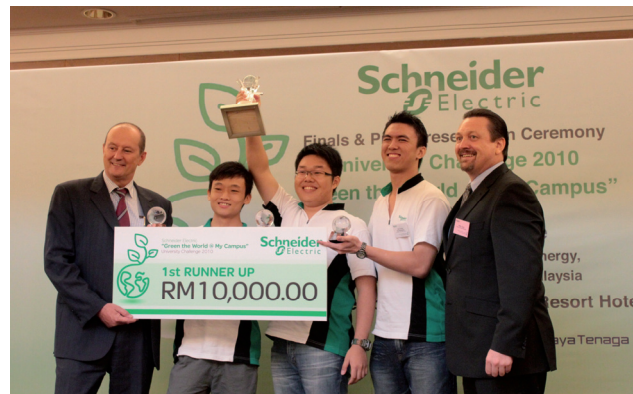
Their team, called Eco-University, emerged as first runner-up out of 55 competing teams from 13 local universities and took home RM10,000 prize money, trophies and certificates of honour.

They won with a prototype of a comprehensive building energy-saving system which they assembled using Schneider energy-efficient products.

This year's competition was the second round; the three students participated in the competition last year but did not win any prize.

"Without the experience from last year, we would not have won in this year's competition," said Mak adding that he learned a lot about Schneider products although he and Liu lost in last year's finals.

Team-mate Liu concurred and said, "Through the



On stage (from left): Thorogood, Liu, Mak, Gan and Cave

experience and knowledge we gained last year, we went for the second attempt with full confidence that we would win."

"What I have learned and gained from this competition is priceless," said Gan.

The UTAR trio now have more confidence for next year's competition.

Presenting the prizes at the ceremony were Schneider Electric South-East Asian Operations Senior VP Stuart J. Thorogood and Schneider Electric Malaysia Country President Peter Cave.

1st and 3rd in highway design competition

UTAR Civil Engineering students won first and third prizes in the inaugural Nehemiah Design Competition 2010.

The competition, organised by Nehemiah Reinforced Soil Sdn. Bhd., a specialist in reinforced soil retaining, was open to construction-related students of local institutions of higher learning.

Competitors were posed a real-life challenge of constructing a highway through a 20-metre deep, 200-metre long valley in rugged terrain in a remote area of Sabah.

Held at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus on 20 August 2010, 12 finalists presented their designs, each with a model, and the UTAR team The Top Consultant emerged as champion.

The champion team, comprising Lee Kok Sheng (leader), Lee Lian Wei, Chiew Yi Zhong, Cheong Wei



The UTAR winning teams

Hao, Richard Chai Chen Foon and Peter Soo Chin Yee, received a RM5,000 cash prize and a plaque from the organiser's Senior General Manager Ir. Tan Cheng Chong.

"My team members and I took the competition very seriously," said team leader Lee, who found the hard work of several days and nights all worthwhile.

Lee added, "We had to think of a practical solution, while making sure our costs were well within

control. It's like tendering for a project."

Gephyrophobia, another UTAR team, comprising Tan Meng Yue (leader), Chew Sin Tat, Chong Jia Hoe, Foo Chee Liang, Lim Yong Kiat, Hwong Shih Siong, Chan Wei Siang and Peh Shuo Yan, was second runner-up.

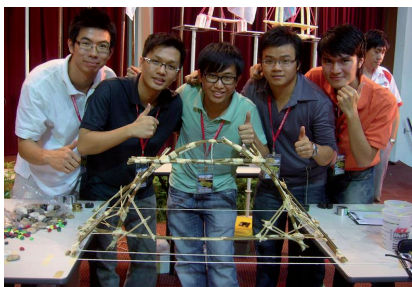
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia's Quad team was the first runner-up.

The lead judge was the organiser's Managing Director Ir. Dr. Nehemiah Lee Chee Hai.

Other judges were from professional bodies including the Master Builders Association Malaysia, Institution of Engineers Malaysia, Road Engineering Association of Malaysia and The Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation Malaysian Branch.

Champion in "Build and Break"

UTAR team emerged as champion in the ASIAN Universities Build and Break Competition held at Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) in Kajang on 2 October 2010.



From left: Chai, Chiew, Lee TW, Lee KS and Lee LW with their winning model

structural model from fixed quantities of specific materials such as bamboo sticks, cardboards, strings and masking tape. The teams were judged based on the failure-load-to-weight ratio, aesthetic appearance and structural viability of the models they built.

The champion team, comprising final-year students Chiew Yi Zhong (leader), Lee Teck Wei, Richard Chai Chen Foon, Lee Lian Wei and Lee Kok Sheng, received a RM2,000 cash prize and plaques.

"After building the model and testing it, we were confident of doing well in the competition," said Chiew, adding that they had learnt much from last year's participation.

"The winning UTAR team has done well, because they've put the arching effect of the bundled-up bamboo sticks to good use," said UTAR Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ir. Jeffrey Chiang, who was present to show support. "And they have also provided a wide base to ensure

stability and rigidity of the overall structure of the model. Even the judges were impressed with the model," he added.

Another UTAR team also did well and was among the top 17 of the 55 teams from 30 institutions, though it was their first attempt.

"Building a structural model on the spot was a new experience for me and my team-mates," said Ong Huei Xing, the only female UTAR participant. Her team-mates were Lu Hee Ping (leader), See Tiong Bun, How Kah Choong and Ooi Chong Yang; all in their final year.



From left: Chai, Lee TW, Chiew, See, Lee KS, Dr. Chiang, Lu, Ooi, Ong, How and Lee LW

The competition was organised by UNITEN and Malaysia Division of Institution of Structural Engineers, a UK professional body with members in 105 countries. It was open to local Civil Engineering undergraduates and those from several invited foreign universities.

Each team was required to build within four hours on the spot, a

Merdeka Ranggoli Contest



ACS members with top two entries

In celebrating the 53rd Merdeka, the Asian Cultural Society (ACS) of UTAR held a Merdeka Ranggoli Contest from 3 to 20 August 2010.

The contest was held in the Faculty of Engineering and Science at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus.

Ranggoli (also rangoli) is an ancient traditional folk art from India. Traditionally, natural colours such those from flowers are used. Today, chemical colours are also used. These colours are arranged

into an art piece on the floor, usually in the hall, courtyard or in front of the house, during auspicious occasions.

Based on the theme of "One Malaysia: Transforming the Nation", participants of this contest were required to design a ranggoli using the colours of the *Jalur Gemilang*.

From the contest, the best two designs were selected and displayed in front of the faculty office in the administration block.

"This is an excellent way of showing our love for Malaysia," said Chemical Engineering student Raguvaran Veeramuthu, the first prize winner.

The second prize went to Matthews Munis, also a Chemical Engineering student.

The display of the ranggoli

attracted many spectators of different races. The ACS Chairperson Mahendra Varma Boopathy said, "This contest is aimed at introducing the Indian traditional art of ranggoli to promote unity among the different races."

"The response from the students has been amazing. We are glad that we have successfully conducted this event," said Tivagaran Krishnan, the organiser of the ranggoli contest.



Beautiful art in the making

Wushu squad wins **BIG**

UTAR wushu team won 11 medals and 13 certificates in the Perak Wushu Championship 2010 held on 14 and 15 August 2010.



Winners with their instructors

The championship was organised by Persekutuan Wushu Perak and it was held at Dewan Majlis Sukan Negeri Perak, Ipoh.

The 18-member UTAR wushu team did the University proud by winning five gold, five silver and one bronze medals. In addition, 13 certificates were awarded to contestants from UTAR who had performed well in the barehand and apparatus categories.

"Chinese martial arts teach us many things and I have learnt a lot from them, the most important being the moral aspects and ethics," said Lo Yew Kong who received a silver medal and two certificates. He began learning martial arts at the age of 13 and grew up watching movies of his idol Jet Li.

The five gold medallists were from the men's wushu sanda (散打 or sparring) event—Ong Ghee Leong, Robin Ng Jia Li and Chew Yee Siang; men's taiji (太极) sparring event—Ooi Kee Siong; and women's wushu sanda event—Ng Chin Yen. The five silver medals were won by Lo Yew Kong, Yaw Wai Kit and Ooi Chee Choon in men's wushu sanda event and Wan Pui Yee and Lee Wai Wai in the women's wushu sanda event. The bronze was won by Tan Ding Yao in the men's wushu sanda event.

The main instructor and advisor to UTAR Wushu Club, Lee How Chinh said, "Through wushu, students can gain physical and mental fitness." Lee, a lecturer in Faculty of Science, encourages students to participate in competitions to improve their skills.

Lee Yu Jen, a lecturer in Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology, instructs the club members on traditional routines. Tan Syh Yuan, a tutor in Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, instructs on taiji, and his faculty mate, Lim Seng Chee serves as the team manager.

754 take part in sports carnival

A total of 754 students participated in the UTAR Sports Carnival 2010 which was held in Perak and the Klang Valley on 7 and 8 August 2010.

As UTAR strives to become a premier university, its mission has always been to provide holistic education to its students.

Part of the University's holistic approach to education is the promotion of its students' involvement in sports activities.



Perak: Basketball match

The UTAR Sports Carnival is a major annual sports event of the University.

This year the sports carnival was held over two days in two locations, Kampar in Perak Campus on 7 August, and Setapak, Kuala Lumpur on 8 August.

A total of 754 students participated in the sports carnival, 262 in Perak and 492 in the Klang Valley.

In Perak Campus, the games competed were table tennis, basketball, badminton, futsal, volleyball, tug-of-war, and tennis which was newly introduced.

To ensure a fair game of the necessary international standards, qualified referees from the relevant sports associations were invited to referee the games.



Perak: Table tennis match

After a day-long of battling, Faculty of Business and Finance emerged triumphant, winning the coveted overall challenge trophy.

Second place went to Faculty of Arts and Social Science, and third place, Centre of Foundation Studies.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Teh Chee Seng, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science and Mavis Tsang Mei Lin, Head of the Department of Student Affairs gave away medals to the winners.

Satisfied with the outcome of the sports carnival in Perak, Tsang said, "It's good to know that besides all the sweat and pain, participants experienced the true meanings of camaraderie and sporting spirit.



Klang Valley: Tug-of-war

"They also learned that what mattered most, at the end of the day, was not the number of medals won, but the participation with true sportsmanship and the pride they derived from it."

The sports carnival for faculties in the Klang Valley was held at the main campus of Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman, adjacent to Kuala Lumpur Campus in Setapak.

The sports carnival in Klang Valley saw 492 participants competing in nine games.

They were basketball, volleyball, futsal, badminton, table tennis, netball, tug-of-war, and women's three-on-three basketball which was newly introduced specifically to attract greater participation from female students.

Participants from the Petaling Jaya Campus and Sungai Long Campus left their campuses as early as 6.45 am to arrive at the venue on time.



Klang Valley: Volleyball match

Faculty of Engineering and Science emerged as the overall champion in Klang Valley.

On hand to give out the prizes to winners were Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Science Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wang Chan Chin, Sports Club Advisor for Petaling Jaya Campus Asst. Prof. Dr. Kavitha Subaramaniam from Faculty of Creative Industries, and Sports and Recreation Unit Manager Deneish S. Easan.

"This [sports] carnival has successfully promoted students' participation in sporting activities to enhance their understanding of the spirit of sportsmanship," said Deneish, adding that the sports event also enabled selection of potential athletes and players to represent UTAR in future external tournaments.

Students on cultural exchange to Korea



Participants with MNU staff

Two UTAR students participated in the 13th Mokpo National University 2010 Korean Language and Culture Program from 2 to 12 August 2010.

This was the second time that UTAR students visited Mokpo National University (MNU), South Korea for the programme. Five UTAR students participated in the programme last year.

UTAR students, Wong Chin En and Ng Kae Yong and other participants from Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Russia, Japan and Vietnam were taught basic Korean

language and etiquette, and experienced the local culture.

The participants were taught how to make Korean traditional pottery, kite, and natural dyed scarf and cook simple traditional dishes. Female participants even tried on the traditional costume *hanbok*.

They also had a stay at the historic Daeheung Buddhist Temple and toured around South Jeolla Province, where the port city Mokpo is located. They visited the tourist attractions Jindo Island and Mount Yudal; the shipbuilder, Hyundai-Samho; Hoesan White Lotus Habitat in Muan; and a green tea plantation in Bosung.

"All this first-hand experience is very valuable to me," said participant Ng, thanking UTAR for making the special arrangement. He added that as a result he knew the thriving economy better. He was also impressed that the Koreans could still maintain their

traditions despite being a fully developed country.

The other UTAR participant Wong was also grateful to UTAR. Describing the experience gained as priceless, she said, "This eye-opening study tour has given me the chance to know more about the Korean language and culture, which can help me a lot in the future." Wong also discovered the various special consumer products, and packing and merchandising methods only found in Korea. She said this knowledge would be useful to her.



Participants in traditional Korean costume *hanbok*

Student goes for internship in UK

It was all excitement for Yap Ye Vone who went on an internship in the UK from 27 September to 17 December 2010.

Yap is a second-year UTAR Biochemistry student from the Faculty of Science in Perak Campus.

Like most other UTAR students in their second year, she has met the requirements to go for the compulsory internship.

The adventurous Yap decided to have her internship special after learning about the Sheffield Hallam University-UTAR International Work Experience Programme.

In April, Yap attended a briefing on the programme in the campus by Daniel Chi, Director and Chief Representative of Sheffield Hallam University (SHU), South East Asia Office.

SHU and UTAR are partner universities which have signed a

memorandum of understanding for collaboration.

Through the International Work Experience Programme, SHU provides opportunities for UTAR students to work as interns in its various departments in the UK and regional office in Beijing, China.

After the briefing, five students applied for the internship, two were shortlisted and Yap was finally selected.

"I didn't expect to receive the offer," said Yap who had not been to the UK before.

She added, "I look forward to getting hands-on experience and applying what I've learnt in the real world."

Yap is working with Dr. Thomas Smith and Dr. Karen Stanley in the Molecular Microbiology group which has projects in the areas of Bioremediation and Infection

Control.

Senior Lecturer Dr. Smith has been collaborating with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alan Ong Han Kiat of UTAR under the Prime Minister Initiative 2 (PMI2) funded by the British Council. Their research project is in Molecular Microbiology for sustainable freshwater fish and hydroponic food production. Yap's internship is possible because of the research at SHU.



Yap (right) with Chi before she left for UK

Soft Skills Enhancement Week

The Soft Skills Enhancement Week (SSEW), held at Perak Campus from 16 to 22 August 2010, met with overwhelming response.



Case presentation in a workshop

Organised by the Department of Soft Skills Competency (DSSC), the week-long event featured talks, workshops and exhibitions on soft skills, new villages and environmental issues.

"From the workshop on critical thinking, I've learnt ways to improve my thinking skills which will be useful in problem solving and decision making," said final-year Marketing student Yeo Tsui Teng.

Information Systems Engineering student Wong Yee Jian said that the entrepreneurship workshop had provided him with guidance on how to start a business with his expertise in IT.

Foh Chui Wern, a Business Administration student, was glad that she attended the work ethics workshop. She now knows more about the legal aspects and consequences of misconduct in the workplace, which will be useful when she starts her career.

Soka Gakkai International and the Earth Charter International jointly held the "Seeds of Hope, Visions of Sustainability, Steps towards Change" exhibition which served to remind students of their role in making the Earth a better place to live in.

Enlightened by the exhibition, Psychology student Bhargkavi said, "To set the change [for the good of the Earth] in motion, we must first change ourselves before trying to change others."

Her course-mate, Sor Lee Ting concurred and said, "Each of us is like a cell in the universe. When one cell vibrates, it influences the next cell to vibrate as well. Our actions will influence those of others."

To complement the exhibition, Prof. Dr. Show Kuan Yeow, SP Setia Professor of Environmental Engineering and Green Technology, conducted a seminar

on anaerobic bacterial processes and the 3Rs (reducing, reusing and recycling) approach to sustainable wastewater and waste management.

Also held at the venue was an exhibition on UTAR New Village Community Project to solicit students' participation to help in improving the quality of life in new villages.

Financial Economics student Ng Pui Leng, a city dweller, found the exhibition informative. She now has a better understanding on new villages.

Satisfied with the turnout of students for SSEW, Head of DSSC Lok Bee Lan said, "We're glad to know that students are more aware of the importance of soft skills and take initiatives to respond to our [promotion] efforts."



Preparing a business plan in a workshop

Say **NO** to polystyrene

Campaign Green Alert: Say No to Polystyrene continued from 30 June to 19 August 2010 at Perak Campus.

Organised by the Community Service Society, the campaign had its soft launch in the previous trimester.

This time around, the campaign reached a larger UTAR community with the cooperation of canteen operators. In support of this green campaign, canteen operators agreed not to use polystyrene lunch boxes every Wednesday and Thursday. Instead, for takeaways, students were advised to bring their own food containers or buy new ones at RM1.80 at the canteen

stalls or campaign booth.

After selling 657 containers this trimester, Vice President of the Community Service Society Lee Wai Jean said, "The sales are better than last trimester and containers were out of stock before the campaign ended."

Encouraged by the increased support from the students, Lee added, "Polystyrene is harmful to human health and destructive to the environment. In future, we plan to enforce 'no polystyrene' everyday and encourage students to either eat-in or takeaway using their own food containers."

"The sales of containers received good response. Some students even

came to buy containers on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays," said Michael Chang Thien Yow, a canteen operator at Block C. He added, "Students using their own food containers would reduce the usage of polystyrene lunch boxes. I definitely support this environmental campaign."



Food containers for sale at the canteen

Students tackle heritage conservation

UTAR students presented their proposal to restore Kampung Kepayang to Perak Heritage Society (PHS) on 29 July 2010.

Founded 135 years ago during the bustling tin-mining era in the colonial days, Kampung Kepayang, nine kilometres south of Ipoh, is today an abandoned one-street town due to the decline of the tin industry in Perak.

Supervised by the Head of Department of Construction Management Architect (Ar.) Tan Seong Yeow, in January 2010 a group of students embarked on a 14-week project to preserve the historical elements of Kampung Kepayang especially the pre-war buildings.

"We started the project with a site survey to understand thoroughly the needs and current situation of Kampung Kepayang," said student Chang Kok Yung. The survey included interviewing the residents and soil tests to determine how to strengthen the existing building foundation.

Students also analysed building settlement, traffic flow, air quality



Ar. Tan (middle), students and their works

and sound quality of the area. The sound and air qualities were found to be above the health and safety thresholds.

"In addition, material analyses for the brickworks, arches, and roof tiles were conducted including tests for material deterioration, sulphate attack, moisture movement in masonry and brick compression," said Chang, adding that the site was also assessed for risks such as building collapse and accidents due to the high traffic flow on the narrow road between the two rows of shop-houses.

From the data collected, the students came up with a detailed redevelopment proposal with a

proper construction sequence of over-roofing, temporary support, replacing the existing brickworks and structures, I-beam foundation strengthening, underpinning, post-tensioning to realign the two rows of shop-houses, slab construction and waterproofing.

Besides structural works, also proposed were civil works for road and river diversion, and bridge construction. The proposal also included budgets, façade layout and even a plan to turn this heritage town into a tourist destination.

The project was presented with slides, story boards and scale models to PHS delegates when they visited UTAR Perak Campus on 29 July 2010. They were impressed with the quality of work and the training the students had received.

"This project has expanded the students' capabilities beyond the course syllabus," said Ar. Tan, adding that the students had learnt new skills on conservation, chemical testing and animation. He added, "More importantly, the project has a significant impact on the community."

Travellers' Den goes camping

Travellers' Den members camped at Kuala Woh on the weekend of 14 and 15 August 2010.

Breathing in fresh air and basking in nature were some of the delightful experiences the Travellers' Den members enjoyed in the relationship-building camp at Hutan Lipur Kuala Woh near Tapah.

Some 30 members from Perak Campus had a great time making new friends and learning about the environment at the fun-filled camp. The camp met its objectives of promoting students' interest in travelling and exploring the wonders of nature.

The members set up their camps at the campsite on Saturday. That night, they lit a bonfire and had barbecue—enjoying the food,

warmth and company. Throughout the night, games such as Captain Ball, Face to Face, Black Tortoise, Eat or Die were played to bring members closer together. The thrill was that losers got to eat bread with an exotic spread made of wasabi, garlic, pepper, and chilli sauce.

Sunday morning, after breakfast, the party hiked in the jungle around Kuala Woh and boiled eggs at the hot springs.

"The camp is fun and exciting," said participant Alex Yap Su-Wei who got to know many new friends through the activities. He added, "We took turns to keep watch at night and I only slept for four hours, but I felt energetic the next day."

"Although there were no internet connection and phone

signal at the campsite for the two days, I managed to get by without them," Yap quipped.

Travellers' Den Chairperson Wong Chye Huat said, "We'd like to let UTAR Perak Campus students know that Travelers' Den is back after being less active for two years." He added that this camping trip was the first activity after the two years. He thanked his new committee members for organising the camping trip.



Students preparing their lunch

Green construction visited

UTAR Construction Management students visited a project site on 14 August 2010 to learn about green construction.



Ranjit (right) briefing Doh (left foreground) and students

Led by Deputy Dean Doh Shu Ing and tutor Anselm Dass of Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology, 30 Construction Management students visited the Haven Lakeside Residences project.

The project, which is currently underway in Tambun, Ipoh, boasts a picturesque landscape of 260 million-year-old limestone

formations and a four-acre natural lake with undisturbed virgin forest.

The visiting party went on the trip to get first-hand exposure on the green construction approach adopted by the developer The Haven Sdn. Bhd.

The company's Mechanical and Electrical Manager Ir. Yong Tak Hoong, and Senior Manager Rangit Singh welcomed and briefed the visitors on the architectural designs and construction methods they used to ensure maximum ecological and environmental friendliness.

The company taps on natural elements such as sun, wind and water as renewable energy resources.

They also use a paperless security system through an intranet. Residents alert the security post of incoming visitors through emails giving details of the visitors. Similarly, residents receive announcements through emails.



Students checking out the 260-million-year-old limestone structure

According to Doh, the visit had served as an eye-opener for the students as they were presented with many applicable green construction methods. Students should have some understanding on how to preserve nature in a construction project.

"The architect of the project spent time to teach us about the design of the project, covering the ways they applied the green concept to the buildings," said student Ling Lee Yong, adding that he had gained much from the visit.

On ON Semiconductor®



Visiting students at the front entrance

Four UTAR lecturers led 40 Electronic Engineering students to visit ON Semiconductor, Seremban on 25 August 2010.

The educational trip was jointly organised by the Department of Electronic Engineering of the Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology and Engineering Society of Perak Campus.

ON Semiconductor is a multinational company which is listed on NASDAQ and has its

headquarters in USA.

The company supplies to customers worldwide a wide range of discrete, logic and analogue products in surface-mounted and power packages including QFN, DPAK, SM, TSOP, TO, and leadless series packages.

The facilities in Seremban form the company's centre of excellence for advanced package development.

The visit to this hi-tech facilities was with the objective to keep the students abreast with the technology advancements in the electronic industry.

At ON Semiconductor, its Engineering Manager Teh Eng Hooi was pleased to receive the visitors from UTAR.

He welcomed such an initiative taken by UTAR which would give a significant level of industrial

exposure to the students.

"This trip was indeed an eye-opening experience for all of us," said Yeap Kim Ho, a lecturer from the Department of Electronic Engineering, adding that the students had enjoyed the visit very much.

"They were all talking about what they saw and learned in ON Semiconductor in the bus on our way back," he added.



ON Semiconductor human resource manager briefing the students

华巫学者比较学术研讨会

拉曼大学中华研究院和马来西亚留台校友会联合总会于2010年9月25日，在拉曼大学八打灵再也校区联合举办了一场“马来研究—中华研究比较学术研讨会”。



上议员拿督玛林丹尼斯(前排左四)和研讨会讲员、主席、主办者。

这项研讨会吸引了逾100人出席，其中包括学者、研究人员、学生。

主礼嘉宾新闻、通讯、文化及艺术副部长上议员拿督玛林丹尼斯代表部长莱士雅丁主持这场研讨会。

上议员拿督玛林丹尼斯在致词时表示这场研讨会很重要，因为它和国家在实行“一个马来西亚”的理念和努力上是一致的。

拉曼大学校长拿督蔡贤德教授和马来西亚留台校友会联合总会会长姚迪刚先生也出席了当天的开幕仪式。

蔡教授告诉出席者这次研讨会的宗旨有三，即加强马来研究学者和中华研究学者的联系以及提倡更多根据马来西亚两大族群进行不同领域的比较研究。

他补充说这项全国研讨会是拉曼大学中华研究院积极深入中华研究包括和马来研究作比较的活动之一。他希望能有更多相关研讨会延续这份努力。

一共有10位来自社会和私立高等学院的本地学者参与这次的发表。5位中华研究学者和5位马来研究学者分别在四个场次，根据四个不同论题：关系、文学、社会政治、哲学，发表他们对马来和中华研究有关论题的相同和相异之处。

这项研讨会全程以马来文进行，但每位出席者均会得到发表者一份附有马来文和中文的双语论文。

拉曼大学中华研究院助理教授郑文泉博士亦这次研讨会的组委会主席和讲员在研讨会结束后说：“我们很高兴看到这次研讨会所取得的成果，特别是得到马来学者积极的回应。”郑博士表示，由于这次研讨会的成功，下一个相关研讨会也准备在即了。

拉曼大学和海鸥能源合作研发新科技及学生实习计划

在高等教育部副部长何国忠见证下，拉曼大学于8月23日在银行家俱乐部和海鸥企业子公司海鸥能源(马)有限公司签署了两份谅解备忘录。

第一份谅解备忘录是在节能和保护环境的大前提下，两造共同签署研发革新的传热技术。拉曼大学校长拿督蔡贤德教授非常惊讶这项创新科技。这项谅解备忘录将提供该校研究人员和海鸥能源合作研发的机会。他强调，对该校的研究人员来说，从事有利于公众的研究，使非常重要的。

海鸥集团主席丹斯里奥斯曼卡欣指出，这项备忘录为该集团开启了新的里程碑。在和拉曼大学的研究人员合作研究下，海鸥能源将可以朝高强度传热科技进行研发，并在节能减排及可再生新能源技术方面扮演显著的角色。他续说，海鸥集团两年前成立的海鸥能源(马)公司，以研发新科技，象征着该集团正逐步转型，进军高科技领域。

海鸥集团董事经理陈凯希指出，此项合作使两造有机会分享知识及开发有关节能产品，并将产品商业化。他期待新产品早日面市。

第二项备忘录，提供两造一个双赢的局面，海鸥集团提供实习及工作机会予拉曼大学在籍生及毕业生。而海鸥集团可在学生到公司实习时发掘及加以培训，而学生也可在毕业后加入海鸥集团工作，因此海鸥集团将会有一批合格以及受过训练的员工。



何国忠(中)见证海鸥能源有限公司及拉曼大学签署2项合作谅解备忘录。左起为海鸥能源有限公司技术总监李居强和拉曼大学校长拿督蔡贤德教授；右起为海鸥集团主席丹斯里奥斯曼卡欣及陈凯希

高等教育部副部长何国忠喜见这项合作计划的签署并鼓励更多学术机构和企业签署类似，促进国家进步及发展的合作协议。

这两项签署仪式象征着两造更紧密合作关系的开始。出席仪式的还有海鸥集团和拉曼大学高级管理人员。

签署仪式后，海鸥能源有限公司技术总监李居强也在提问时间讲解有关革新传热技术的理论和其带来的好处。