



Students in the Power and Control Laboratory



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Council Chairman visits Schools

UTAR Council-cum-Malaysia Mental Literacy Movement (MMLM) Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik led a delegation to visit nine secondary schools on 27 and 28 April; and 11, 14, 15 and 28 May 2015. Passionate about affordable education and mental literacy for all, the visits were a continuation of the Teach For Malaysia (TFM) school visits of 2014.

The secondary schools visited were SMK Gemas, Negeri Sembilan; SMK Puchong, Selangor; SMJK Yoke Kuan, Sekinchan, in Selangor; SMK Dato' Wan Ahmad Rasdi, Changkat Jering and SMK Kamunting, Kamunting in northern Perak; as well as Penang schools SMK Sungai Ara, SMK Sungai Nibong, SMK Permatang Rawa and SMK Taman Sejahtera.

The delegation was joined on various days by Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) President Datuk Dr Tan Chik Heok, TAR UC Vice President for Facilities and Academic Development Chan Kum Wing, Datuk Lee Leck Cheng, UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee, Dr Cheong Khai Wing, TAR UC Department of Student Affairs Deputy Director Chew Peck Hoon, Head of TAR UC, Perak Branch Campus Assoc Prof Dr Choy Siew Chee, Chairman of UTAR Education Foundation Board of Trustees Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum and Head of TAR UC, Penang Branch Campus Amos Teoh Eng Hock.

The delegates were cordially received by the principal, assistant principals, head teachers and TFM fellows of each school and were introduced to the brief history, school and student activities, achievements and challenges faced. The TFM fellows of each school also presented their past and ongoing school-based as well as community engagement projects aimed to bring the best out of their students.

Impressed by the



Second from left: Tun Ling and Chan surrounded by SMK Gemas students



From left: TFM Fellows chatting with Tun Ling

dedication of the TFM fellows and the success of the projects in benefitting mostly underachieving students in various potential ways, Tun Ling also extended his welcome to students of the schools to further their education at institutions under the University System of Tunku Abdul Rahman (USTAR), namely UTAR, TAR UC, the Institute of Childhood Education-Studies and Community Education (CECE) and KOJADI Institute.

"The world is changing and moving forward, and students must know there are tremendous opportunities outside their world to further their education. We must guide students in the right direction. They must be given opportunities to further their studies to secure future employment," said Tun Ling. While we

welcome top achievers, we're also interested in engaging the underachieving but talented, skillful students to hone their existing talents, be it in cooking, repairing, arts and performances and others," remarked Tun Ling.

Acknowledging the importance of mental literacy, Tun Ling invited the students to attend the upcoming 11th Malaysia Festival of the Mind held at UTAR Perak Campus



Wong demonstrating his speedy mental arithmetic at different schools

from 8 to 9 August 2015. "We'd be happy to see all of you at the festival where the students will be shown and taught fascinating tips about tapping the potential of the human mind," he said, further introducing West Wong Woon Chieng, a UTAR Actuarial Science alumnus who is dubbed the "Human Calculator".

Wong demonstrated his extraordinary ability to give razor-sharp answers in split seconds for whatever equation thrown at him which garnered thunderous applause.

"It'll be interesting to let the students know that if they can train their minds, they will also be able to calculate digits like how West Wong does," Tun Ling said. In concluding, Tun Ling also emphasised to the students that, "the language of the brain is pictures, and if you pictorialise everything you read, you will remember it better."

UTAR was visited by the High Commissioner of Uganda at Petaling Jaya Campus on 12 May 2015.

The delegation was led by the High Commissioner of Uganda, His Excellency Stephen Mubiru accompanied by the First Secretary Mbabazi Samantha Sherurah. On hand to welcome the guests were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Vice President for R&D and Commercialisation Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei, Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research Director Prof Dr Faiz bin Abd Rahman, Division of Programme Promotion Director Lee Choy Fong, and Division of Programme Promotion Assistant Manager Judith Flora Etabale Wanda.

The guests were first given a welcoming address by Prof Chuah followed by a viewing of UTAR's corporate video. This was followed by a broad discussion on education systems of both countries, campus life in UTAR campuses, and the importance of ICT in education.

The discussion also touched on the possibility of UTAR conducting an educational tour to Uganda in the future and possible collaboration between Uganda and UTAR Institute of Management and Leadership Development in providing training for government and corporate

Visit by High Commissioner of Uganda

leaders.

"I consider this an important day in our lives, as we have placed a key into the door that opens up to great possibilities in the future," said Mubiru with a smile.

"We have a lot to learn from Malaysia when it comes to technology application," he continued.

He further expressed desire for continued collaboration, including the possibility of setting up an exchange visits for staff and students from UTAR and universities in Uganda.

To date, UTAR houses one international student from Uganda who is undertaking the Bachelor of Computer Science (Hons).



From left to right: Lee, Judith, First Secretary Mbabazi Samantha Sherurah, His Excellency Stephen Mubiru, Prof Chuah, Prof Lee, and Prof Faiz

UTAR was visited by a delegation from the Tanzanian Ministry of Education at Sungai Long Campus on 23 April 2015.

The delegation was led by Tanzanian Minister of Education and Vocational Training Hon Dr Shukuru Jumanne Kawambwa, accompanied by the Ministry's Permanent Secretary Prof Sifuni Mchome, Deputy Minister of State (Education) Hon Kassim M. Majaliwa, and Personal Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Education Raymond F. Gowelle.

On hand to welcome the guests were UTAR Vice President for Internationalisation and Academic Development Prof Dr Ewe Hong Tat, Institute of Management and Leadership Development (IMLD) Director Prof Dr Cheng Ming Yu, Division of Community and International Networking Director Dr Tan Sin Leng, Division of Programme Promotion Director Lee Choy Fong, and UTAR postgraduate student from Tanzania Rashid Nourdin.

After viewing UTAR's corporate video, a broad discussion ensued touching on UTAR's education system including the affordability of its fees for international students and the use of ICT in teaching and learning in the university.

Delegates from the Tanzanian Ministry of Education



Dr Shukuru (sixth from left), Prof Ewe (fourth from right) and UTAR staff with the delegation from the Tanzanian Ministry of Education

The discussion also touched on UTAR's planned educational tour to Tanzania in the coming September and possible collaboration between Tanzania and UTAR IMLD in providing training for government and corporate leaders.

"The purpose of our visit is to learn the Malaysian experience in education. We find that the country provides a conducive environment for international students to study," said Dr Shukuru. He further

expressed desire for continued collaboration, including the possibility of setting up an exchange programme for UTAR students to visit Tanzania.

The visitors were then brought on a tour of Sungai Long Campus before leaving. To date, UTAR houses nine international students from Tanzania including seven PhD students and two undertaking master's studies.

UTAR signed an MoU with China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong (CELAP) at Shanghai on 12 May 2015.

UTAR Vice President for Internationalisation and Academic Development (IAD) Prof Dr Ewe Hong Tat and Vice President of CELAP Dr Jiang Haishan signed the MOU.

“The collaboration between UTAR and CELAP will benefit both institutions in many ways, particularly in sharing expertise and joint development of research, as well as facilitating academic development exchanges,” said Prof Ewe.

The MoU marks the beginning of closer ties between UTAR and CELAP. Also present at the signing ceremony were Director General Song Jin, Executive Vice President of CELAP Prof Dr Feng Jun, Transport Minister of Malaysia Dato’ Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Ir Dr Wee Ka Siong, and Deputy Minister in the Women, Family and Community Ministry Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun.

CELAP has emerged as a leading government academy in China because of its innovative delivery methods such as lab and

experiential learning and its focus on contemporary issues such as crisis management.

Since its establishment in 2005, CELAP has trained more than 100,000 senior government officials and top business

MoU with CELAP

executives in China. In addition, more than 5,000 government officials from over 120 countries attended various courses in CELAP.



Prof Ewe (front left) holding a souvenir with Dr Jiang as (second row, fourth from left) Dato’ Liow, Prof Feng and Datuk Wee look on

Thirty-eight science discipline teachers participated in the 3rd Kuala Lumpur Engineering Science Fair (KLESF) Mentor Development Programme which was held at MARA Junior Science College (MRSM) Kuala Terengganu on 17 and 18 April 2015.

The programme encourages teachers, parents, and interested members of the public to mentor school students in hands-on projects involving STEM subjects, with the aim of raising interest for STEM learning and future career development.

During the opening ceremony, UTAR Vice President for R&D and Commercialisation Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei highlighted the significance of the programme. He explained, “Students can be better guided to pursue STEM careers if they are more exposed to learning STEM through alternative means like hands-on experiments and design projects. Through this programme we hope to help teachers to be more prepared for such a task.” KLESF Steering Committee Chairman Datuk Hong Lee Pee was also present at the opening ceremony.

Facilitators hailing from UTAR’s Faculty of Science and the Centre for Foundation Studies conducted the two-day workshops with partners from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris. Three tracks were offered for the workshop: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Participants comprised of secondary school teachers from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan and MRSM.

3rd KLESF Mentor Development Programme



Group photo of participants

Activities that took place were experiments on the use of natural dyes, demonstration of alcohol fermentation and cheese making, introduction to emulsion in French dressing, DNA extraction projects and simple Physics demonstrations using light and water along with brainstorming and

experience sharing sessions.

At the end of the workshop, email listings of facilitators and participants were compiled and distributed via email to all to assist networking and follow-ups when participants embarked on their mentorship programmes.

The UTAR Institute of Management and Leadership Development (IMLD) organised a four-day Islamic Finance training at Beifang University of Nationalities in Ningxia, China from 30 March to 2 April 2015.

Deputy Dean of UTAR Faculty of Business and Finance (R&D and Postgraduate Programmes) Dr Mahmud Bin Hj Abd Wahab, Dr Ahmad Nazri Wahidudin, and Department of Finance lecturer Woo Kok Hoong were the facilitators of the training programme which was attended by lecturers and students of Beifang University of Nationalities, regulators from the Securities Commission in Ningxia, and representatives from Ningxia state-owned banks.

In general, the training provided an understanding on the principles, practices, and challenges of the Islamic financial market. The topics included the history of Islamic Finance, its governing laws and guidelines, the roles and responsibilities of Shariah Council, fund mobilisation and financing method, regulatory framework, ‘Sukuk’, Shariah Supervision of Islamic Banking from regulatory perspective, Takaful and human capital development of Islamic Finance.

IMLD conducts Islamic Finance training in China



The speakers (second from left: Dr Mahmud, Woo, Dr Ahmad) and two Beifang University of Nationalities academic staff

Following the training was a discussion between UTAR delegates, Beifang University of Nationalities Faculty of Economics management and academics, and state bank

officials on future collaboration opportunities. The interactive discussion also touched on the issues pertaining to the growth of Islamic Finance in Ningxia, as well as the university’s strategic

direction and prospect of creating a new financial planning centre in the university.

NVIDIA GPU Education Centre at UTAR

The Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) at UTAR was named a GPU Education Centre by NVIDIA, the world leader in visual computing, based in the United States of America.

GPU Education Centres are recognised institutions that have integrated GPU computing techniques into their mainstream computer programming curriculum. GPU computing leverages the parallel processing capabilities of GPU accelerators and enabling software to deliver dramatic increases in performance for scientific, data analytics, consumer, and enterprise applications. UTAR has been recognised based on its demonstrated commitment to advancing the state of parallel education with GPU technology and the CUDA parallel programming model.

As a GPU Education Centre, UTAR will have access to a number of benefits, including teaching materials, NVIDIA parallel programming experts and resources, NVIDIA GPU hardware, and the CUDA

Cloud Training Platform. GPU Education Centres were formerly known as CUDA Teaching Centres.

FICT Dean Assoc Prof Dr Liew Soung Yue explained, “We initiated the application process and NVIDIA granted us the status after reviewing our subject syllabus. We are going to include GPU computing curriculum in one of our subjects in FICT.”

He further added, “As a GPU Education Centre, UTAR will be identified on NVIDIA’s website, which can help boost the university’s profile in terms of industry collaboration. The students can get access to the latest GPU computing technologies.”

Dr Liew also said that FICT hoped to promote state-of-the-art technologies such as GPUs to students, be they postgraduates or undergraduates, to enhance the University’s research profile.



The 3rd UTAR National Postgraduate Fundamental and Applied Sciences Seminar (NPFASS) 2015 was successfully held at UTAR Perak Campus from 29 to 30 May 2015.

Jointly organised by UTAR Centre for Biodiversity Research, Faculty of Science (FSc) and the Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research (IPSR), the two-day seminar was an assembly point for over 85 postgraduate students from UTAR and other institutions such as Universiti of Malaya (UM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Taylor's University, International Medical University (IMU) and UCSI University. The agenda of NPFASS 2015 covered biotechnology, health sciences, chemistry, agricultural and food sciences-related topics.

Also present was FSc Deputy Dean for R&D and Postgraduate Programmes Assoc Prof Dr Tee Chong Siang who welcomed the speakers, saying, "It's a pleasure to have all of you here today as NPFASS is a good platform for postgraduate students like you to share and discuss your research projects."

With 10 oral presenters and 27 poster

NPFASS 2015

presenters, the discussions and exchange of ideas amongst the participants were further intensified with enriching keynote addresses by five seasoned speakers, namely Prof Dr Lee Soo Ying from Singapore's Nanyang Technological University, Assoc Prof Dr Tang Thean Hock from USM, Assoc Prof

Dr Hii Yii Siang from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Dr Siow Lee Fong from Monash University Malaysia and Assoc Prof Dr Alan Ong Han Kiat from UTAR Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. An added bonus to the seminar was a talk by industry expert Marina Yusoff from Medigene on the revolution in microorganism identification.

The two-day seminar officially came to an end after an announcement of winners for best oral and poster presentations.



Group photo of 3rd NPFASS 2015 speakers, organising committee and participants

Over 140 participants converged at UTAR Perak Campus from 16 to 17 May 2015 for the 6th Malaysian Symposium of Biomedical Science 2015 organised by the Department of Biomedical Science.

Themed "Highlighting the future and diversity of Biomedical Science", the annual affair was hosted by UTAR for the first time after being given the honour during the 5th Malaysian Symposium of Biomedical Science in 2014. Participating universities included the University of Malaya (UM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Management and Science University (MSU) and Asia Metropolitan University (AMU).

Organising Chairperson Angela Goh said, "This symposium highlights the research findings and final year projects of local Biomedical Science undergraduates and provides more opportunities to exchange ideas and seek potential for further research

6th Malaysian Symposium of Biomedical Science 2015

collaborations."

Head of Department of Biomedical Science Dr Tan Gim Cheong said, "We should continue to be proud and embrace the profession of Biomedical Science, as without us, there won't be medication, vaccines and diagnostics. Therefore, we should look into the needs of our country and subsequently, re-evaluate,

re-establish, and broaden the aspects of our roles."

There were presentations by UM Head of Research Business Unit, High Impact Research, Prof Dr Koh Chong Lek; UPM Senior Lecturer of Department of Human Anatomy, Dr Cheah Pike See; and Chairperson of UTAR Centre for Biodiversity Research, Assoc Prof Dr Say Yee How.

The Symposium ended on 17 May 2015 with UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng gracing the closing ceremony. "I believe that through such a symposium, all of you are able to build friendships and network with one another. This is a good academic platform to share thoughts and knowledge."



Group photo at the majestic Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik

Silvers in Track and Field

A team of seven UTAR students won three silver medals in the Open Track and Field Championship - Athletics Association of Kerian District 2015 (*Kejohanan Balapan dan Padang Persatuan Olahraga Daerah Kerian Terbuka 2015*). The tournament was held on 26 April 2015 at Stadium Trek Sintetik, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Engineering Campus Trans Krian Nibong Tebal, Penang.

The team was led by UTAR Department of Student Affairs (Sports and Recreation Unit) Assistant Manager S. Theva Das. They participated in seven out of the 30 track and field events, namely, 100m Track, 200m Track, 100m Hurdles, Triple Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put and Javelin Throw.

The three silver medals were won by Foundation student Imelda Tan Ler Min, Industrial Engineering student Lee Yong Zhe and Advertising student Cheang Wai Leng in the Long Jump, Triple Jump and Shot Put event respectively.

"The experience of taking part in the tournament was very enriching and enlightening. It is an honour to represent UTAR in the tournament. In the past, I have taken part in a few other tournaments and this is my second medal for UTAR so far. I hope to be able to contribute more victories to UTAR in the future," enthused Cheang.

The tournament was a collaboration between Athletics Association of Kerian District (*Persatuan Olahraga Daerah Kerian*), USM Engineering Campus Trans Krian Nibong Tebal and Kerian District Education Office (*Pejabat Pendidikan Daerah Kerian*). Aimed at encouraging students' participation in co-curricular activities, the tournament involved more than 420 student athletes from institutions of higher learning as well as schools.



Tan posing with her medal after the prize giving ceremony



Lee (left) and Cheang with their medals

Best Poster Award at IBS 2015

UTAR students Ooi Eu Hock and Lai Hey Yue clinched the Best Poster Award in the 26th Interservice Biochemistry Seminar (IBS) held at Monash University Malaysia on 16 May 2015.

Both are third-year Bachelor of Science (Hons) Biotechnology students from the Faculty of Science. They won with their research titled 'Screening for the presence of *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* in bovine faeces and bovid-contacted soil via a combined phage amplification and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) assay.' They received a certificate of achievement and a Starbucks gift card each.

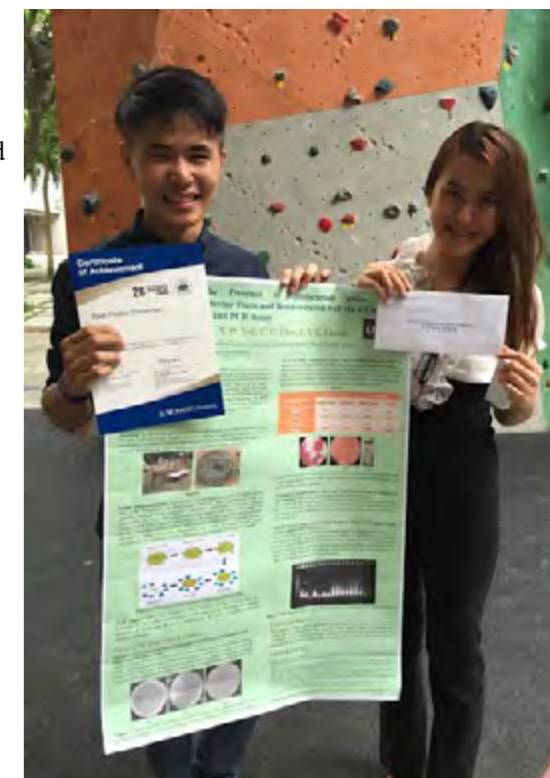
Their research aimed to address John's disease, a chronic intestinal disease among ruminants caused by *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *Paratuberculosis* (MAP) by developing and evaluating a combined phage and PCR assay for detection of MAP in bovine faeces and bovid-contacted soil samples.

Ooi said, "I am glad to win as this is

the first time I presented my work outside the university. I want to acknowledge my final year project supervisor Dr Eddy Cheah Seong Guan, and my teammate Lai. Without them, I would not have completed this project let alone win the competition."

Meanwhile, Lai was buoyed by the win and enthused, "By participating and presenting in this seminar, I had the chance to share my final year project findings and exchange my research experience with undergraduates from other universities in the country."

Themed 'Emerging Frontiers in Biochemistry and Life Sciences: Progress for a Better Tomorrow', the 26th IBS was jointly organised by Monash University Malaysia and Malaysian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. It was held to provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to share their final year project research findings and to exchange ideas and experience in the fields of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.



Ooi (left) and Lai with their award-winning poster and prizes

UTAR Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) Deputy Dean for R&D and Postgraduate Programmes Assoc Prof Dr Wong Wun Bin was recently announced as one of the winners of the Malaysian History Essay Writing Competition 2014 (*Pertandingan Menulis Sejarah Malaysia 2014*).

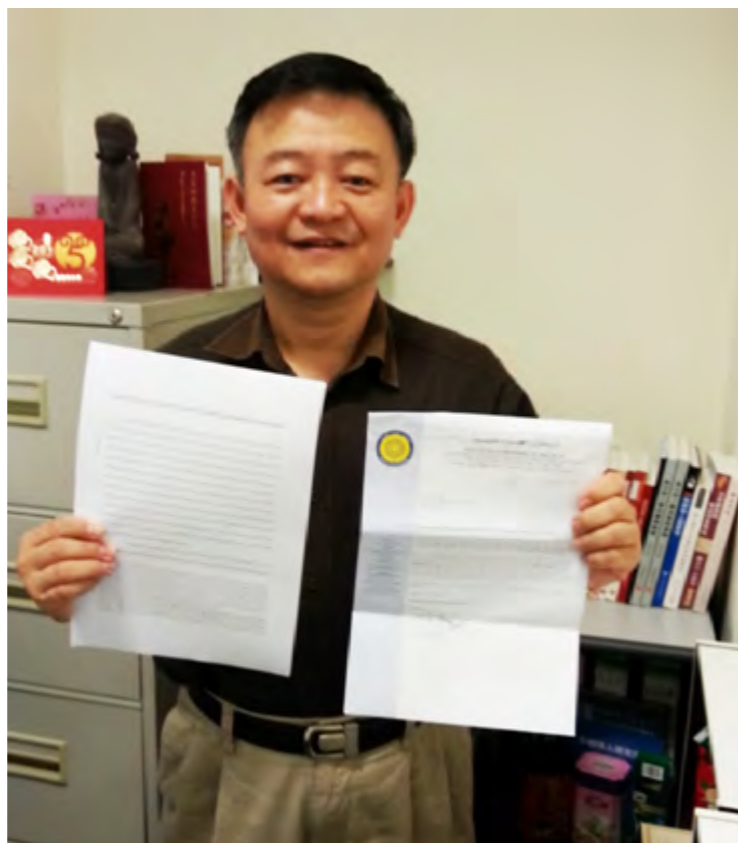
Organised annually by the Malaysian Historical Society (*Persatuan Sejarah Malaysia*) and funded by the Prime Minister's Department, the competition saw a total of 75 entries. Dr Wong's essay titled "*Kajian Kapitan Cina Melaka Pada Akhir Dinasti Ming Sehingga Awal Dinasti Qing*" (Study on Chinese Kapitans in Malacca from end of Ming Dynasty to early Qing Dynasty) won the consolation prize and was one of the six winners in the Public/University Category.

"According to the report on the competition, entries this time have displayed encouraging scholastic qualities. The report also indicated that the writers were serious in their researches, fact-finding process and analysis. Therefore, with so many quality

Win in Malaysian History Essay Writing Competition 2014

and deserving entries, it's indeed an honour and delight to be one of the winners," said Dr Wong, who also thanked those who have assisted him in the research and translation.

"Not many people have heard or even know about the existence, the roles and contribution of the early Chinese community during the Dutch Malacca period," explained Dr Wong, who added that the study was conducted based on field trips to Cheng Hoon Teng and Bukit China as well as references to evidence such as artifacts and old texts. "With the translation into Malay and possibly even English, more will learn about the rich and colourful history of this country. Such competition can spark people's interests in researching more about our country and its communities, further enriching Malaysia's history," he shared.



Dr Wong with the congratulatory letter and the winning entry

A research team of four from UTAR won a Gold Award at the 26th International Invention and Industry Design and Technology Exhibition (ITEX), held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 21 to 23 May 2015.

Their winning invention, the Bio-Crypto Authentication Solution (BCA), is a two-factor authentication solution that relies on a user fingerprint and a user token (e.g., smart card and smart phone) that stores a user secret cryptographic key.

"The presented invention is unique such that it does not require database in storing fingerprint for matching purposes. Besides, the fingerprint of a user is protected using template protection technique and thus the user privacy is preserved. Since database is not needed, the database management and security related issues can be ignored", explained by team leader Ir Prof Dr Goi Bok Min.

The team from Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering

Gold award at ITEX 2015



From left to right: Dr Tan, Prof Goi, Yap and Jin Zhe with the Gold Award

and Science were Ir Prof Dr Goi Bok Min, Dr Tan Syh Yuan, Yap Wun She and Jin Zhe.

"We gratefully acknowledge the financial support from UTAR that makes this invention a reality. We believe our

innovative invention will become a turnkey to enable a paperless and storageless authentication solution", said Dr Goi with a smile.

ITEX is an annual convention that acts as a

platform for creators and inventors across the world to showcase one of a kind inventions from categories such as engineering, environmental science, telecommunications and many more.

Rishon Shun, a UTAR Bachelor of Arts (Hons) English Language student, beat 13 other finalists to be crowned Miss Perak Tourism 2015 at the pageant finals at Syuen Hotel, Ipoh, on 18 May 2015.

The 21-year-old lass of Indian-Chinese parentage walked away with RM6,000, a crown, sash, a RM20,000 pearl necklace with precious topaz, a holiday package for two to Korea and other beauty and health products. She is also the winner of the Miss Popularity, Miss Glamorous and Miss Elegance subsidiary titles.

"I am very thankful for everything and I hope you will continue to support me in my journey. This title will now bring me closer to achieving my dreams," said Rishon, who aspires to become a model. She thanked the pageant organisers, sponsors and crew members for making the night possible. She

Miss Perak Tourism 2015



Rishon (centre) flanked by first runner-up Davina Naidu (right) and second runner-up Nicole Tan Yi Pao

also acknowledged her family members, friends and supporters and called them 'her greatest source of strength'.

Rishon credited the

education she received in UTAR for helping her to shine in the competition. She said "Being an English Language student gave me a competitive edge over

other contestants. During the interview and Q&A session, I was able to converse well using perfect sentences in English. I think my eloquence convinced them about my ability to carry myself well in the public eye."

Offering her advice to aspiring beauty queens, Rishon said, "Beauty is more than just meets the eye. Pageant organisers are increasingly looking for girls with the complete package, which consists of brains, beauty, personality and talent, to be their company's image and ambassador of goodwill."

As Miss Perak Tourism, she will represent Perak to the Miss Malaysia Tourism pageant which will be held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2015.

Best Presenter Award at RICS-RISM Conference



Lim (left) receiving his "Best Presenter Award"

UTAR student Lim Che Liang awarded "Best Presenter" for his paper, "The Impact of Proximity to LRT Station and City Centre on the Value of Condominium in Kuala Lumpur", at the 7th RICS-RISM International Surveying Conference for Undergraduate 2015, held on the 23 and 24 May at INTI International University, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.

His paper aimed to find out how the proximity to LRT station and city centre affects the value of condominium in Kuala Lumpur.

"The study also wished to establish a regression model to explain the relationship of property value of condominium and the proximity to LRT station and City Centre", said Lim.

"I am really pleased and honoured for being awarded the best presenter for Parallel session 7 on behalf of UTAR. It means a lot to me. I would like to thank my advisor, Dr Chia Fah Choy for guiding me," he said with a smile.

Besides UTAR, the participating university comprises of Universiti Malaya, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Taylor's University, Assumption University, International Islamic University Malaysia, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, ChongQing University and Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

This year's theme, "Young Surveyors: Assets of National Growth", acted as a platform for undergraduate students pursuing quantity surveying in universities across Asia Pacific to learn, exchange and also share their undergraduate research papers.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and The Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) organise this annual conference annually with participating universities.

Farewell PJ and Setapak, Hello Sg Long!

After 13 years in Section 13, Petaling Jaya (PJ) and about 11 years in Setapak, Kuala Lumpur (KL), the two UTAR Campuses have ceased operations and moved into the new City Campus built opposite the existing Sungai Long Campus building. For many of us it was a bittersweet moment to finally say goodbye as the memory of work and studies in these buildings will continue to represent UTAR as we knew it, particularly for many of our alumni.

PJ Campus was established as UTAR's first campus in 2002 with just 411 pioneer students, taking over the building previously occupied by The Star newspaper. Over the years as our student body grew and new faculties and programmes were introduced, UTAR began expanding into separate campuses, eventually totalling four, including Perak Campus and the existing Sungai Long Campus. After all these years, it was time to move out from the PJ and KL rented premises into our own university campus in Sungai Long.

Thousands of students have walked our halls, many with nostalgia of days spent in the two campuses. Many will remember fondly of raucous laughter filling the hallways, days spent absorbing precious knowledge in classes, happy times eating with friends at the cafeteria and hanging out at the *mamak* stalls. Many of our alumni will look back and agree that these are memories to be cherished for a lifetime.

The UTAR Sungai Long Campus commenced full operations on 1 June 2015. In the days before the relocation, staff members were busy wrapping up

work and packing all belongings. It was the end of a memorable journey for many in PJ and KL.

The UTAR Sungai Long Campus now houses the all the administrative divisions and the following faculties, centres and institutes:

- Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM)
- Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS)

- Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI)
- Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES)
- Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS)
- Centre for Foundation Studies (CFS)
- Centre for Extension Education (CEE)
- Institute of Management and Leadership Development
- Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research



PJ Campus PD Block



PJ Campus Plaza Hamodal



PJ Campus PC Block



PJ Campus PE Block

Some of the main facilities in the new campus building are:

- 34 tutorial rooms
- 20 lecture rooms
- 10 lecture theatres
- A multipurpose hall
- 45 Science and Engineering labs
- 4 broadcast labs
- 6 architectural studios
- A library with 800 seating capacity
- 32 computer labs
- A gymnasium
- A student activity centre



KL Campus in Setapak



UTAR Sungai Long Campus

UTAR welcomed the new students of the June 2015 intake with orientation activities from 1 June to 5 June 2015. It was a special moment for the university as the new facilities finally debut to the students.

UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik welcomed the new students in his speech during mass call as did the various Deans, and Heads of Departments. Students were also briefed on university policies, safety, welfare, rules, and procedures, while students who wished to apply for financial aid were also briefed on various sources of financial assistance including PTPTN loans.

Throughout the orientation week, various tours, talks and icebreaking activities were held to familiarise the students with the campus and its facilities, and for the benefit of the students to foster new friendships and feel more at home in the Sungai Long community. For many new students who came to Sungai Long for the first time, it was indeed a memorable experience, not just for them but also many parents who came to see the new campus.

New intake accounting student Divenesh Sivanathan said, "The brand new campus and learning environment will give us a chance meet and interact with other students from different programmes where we can learn more from our differences."

Another accounting student Lai Shu Ting had her future in mind, saying that "UTAR is famous for accounting; therefore, I decided to pursue my degree here to be highly employable after graduating. It is also nice to be studying in a new campus building."

When queried about his decision to study in UTAR, Year One MBBS student Lim Boon Tsann said, "Whenever anyone mentions UTAR, many good impressions come to mind. I have heard many good recommendations from my family and friends. Now I am experiencing this myself and so far, I am not disappointed. The new campus building looks impressive from outside. I look forward to meeting other students from various faculties."

This move to Sungai Long is one of the most defining moments in UTAR's history and it injects a refreshing shot of vigour and energy urging all onwards towards the university's mission as UTAR enters its next decade of excellence in education. Now UTAR has two purpose built university campuses: the UTAR Perak Campus and the UTAR Sungai Long Campus.

The consolidation of all its Klang Valley campuses to Sungai Long enables UTAR to provide an improved learning environment to enhance the learning experience of its students with better library facilities, a more efficient management of resources in the building and with better security in the one-building complex. This will also provide more opportunities for the UTAR community of staff and students to network and participate in the various programmes of the university which will make the campus a vibrant hub of activities. UTAR now owns both its campuses, reflecting the foresight of the university in gathering its strength and resources in anticipation of greater growth ahead.



First day of classes at the Sungai Long Campus



New students, orientation committee members and staff at the Sungai Long Campus

Third in Microsoft Imagine Cup Malaysia

A team of UTAR students won the third place in the Innovation Category in the Microsoft Imagine Cup Malaysia finals which was held at Multimedia University, Cyberjaya, from 16 to 18 April 2015.

Nicknamed iCu, the four-member team comprised Joseph Foo Chean Hsu, Ngoo Chun Sin, Ng Yuxin and Tan Khai Ching. They are third-year Bachelor of Information Technology (Hons) Communications and Networking students who received a mock cheque of RM2,000 and certificates of participation.

Their project, titled 'Smartphone Discovering Application', aimed to provide an overlay network that does not require any server and sends and receives distress signal using the Mobile Ad-Hoc Network (MANET) technology. The application is used for search and rescue team in areas where there is no connectivity at all.

The team expressed their appreciation towards their mentor, FICT lecturer Tan Teik Boon. "It was Mr Tan who proposed to us the project idea. We are thankful to him for his invaluable advice and guidance, and for helping us to clinch the third place in the national finals," said Foo.

The team started to work on the project one month before the competition. After much research on MANET and Microsoft technology, they submitted their proposal as entry for the Imagine Cup.

In developing the project, they managed to overcome challenges such as integrating MANET into Windows phone and how to deliver



(From right) Ng, Foo, Ngoo and Khai Ching (left) posing with their mock cheque and Tan (second from left) after the competition

their ideas convincingly to the judges.

Founded in 2013, the Microsoft Imagine Cup is a global student technology competition that provides opportunities for students across all disciplines to team up and use their creativity, passion and knowledge of technology to create applications, games and integrated solutions that change the way people live, work and play.

AppAsia Mobile Challenge 2015

Following its launch on 21 January this year, the AppAsia Mobile Challenge 2015 reached its final on 17 April 2015 at the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT), UTAR Perak Campus.

Organised by FICT and sponsored by AppAsia, the Mobile Challenge was open to all UTAR students to design original mobile applications. The Challenge saw a total of 40 submissions from individuals and groups showcasing concepts and ideas which could contribute as handy mobile application to users.

Nine outstanding finalists presented their application ideas during the final. The judges comprised AppAsia Chief Technical Officer Joekie Thong, FICT lecturers Yong Tien Fui and Lai Siew Cheng who judged and evaluated each application based on its creativity, originality, ease of use, visual appeal and other features.

"We are heartened to see that the submissions by UTAR students are up to standard and innovative in terms of originality and commercial value," commended Organising Chairperson-cum-FICT lecturer Tou Jing Yi, who also hope that AppAsia Mobile Challenge will motivate more students to design and develop mobile apps with good commercialisation values.

The champion of the Challenge went to team 'Collective Mind' whose application was inspired by 'Twitch Plays Pokemon', a social experiment consisting of a crowd-sourced attempt to play 'Game

Freak' and 'Nintendo's Pokemon' video games by parsing commands sent by users via the channel's chat room. The team walked away with a trophy, a certificate each and RM 5,000 cash. First runners-up went to team 'Conawa' which bagged RM 2,000, while second runners-up from the Faculty of Creative Industries received RM 1,000 for their 'Lunch Hunter' app.



'Collective Mind' team members receiving the award from Thong (second from right) while Tou (right) looks on

First Basketball Championship League 2015

UTAR launched its first Basketball Championship League on 31 January this year and the finals were played on 20 March at the UTAR Perak Campus Sports Complex.

Organised by the Department of Student Affairs (Sports and Recreation Unit) of Perak Campus, the basketball championship was open to all UTAR students. The championship saw a total of seven participating teams with each team comprising 12 players showcasing their intense involvement, skills and teamwork in the games.

UTAR's Sports and Recreation Unit Senior Assistant Manager Adrin Yeap Wai Kuan said, "The main objectives of this championship are to promote and develop the standard of basketball game among UTAR students as well as to encourage healthy sporting activities and university-wide participation by students in the game."

Four teams in the finals were awarded prizes. The *Little Apple* team won the championship with a cash prize of RM800. *Secret Service* won second place with a cash prize of RM500, *Falcons Flare* won third place with a cash prize of RM300 and *Mocking Jay* won fourth place with a cash prize of RM100. Apart from cash prizes, each team also received a trophy and individual medals.

One of the participants, Ong Wei Yong

said, "It was a very humbling experience to be part of this championship as there were so many fast and skillful players in the game. It was a good platform for me to mingle with the players and learn more about teamwork and communication."

After the finals, 16 players were chosen to undergo training to be part of the UTAR basketball team. Over the years, UTAR's basketball team has won many competitions with many skilful players making the team proud.



Clockwise from top, left: The winning teams comprising *Little Apple*, *Secret Service*, *Mocking Jay* and *Falcons Flare* pose for their group photograph

First prize in public speaking

UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science second-year Journalism student Sivaraj a/l Lingaraj emerged as champion of the *Intervarsity Bhajan Competition* held at the Faculty of Built Environment, University of Malaya on 24 May 2015.

Sivaraj was presented with RM1,000 cash and a certificate of achievement for his topic on 'Scientific Terminology of *Sivapuranam* - A Spiritual Hindu Poem'.

Organised by the 1Malaysia Indian Student Movement, the competition aimed to promote and instill morality, positive values, discipline and unity among young Indians, as well as to promote public speaking skills in Tamil. Fifteen contestants from seventeen universities and colleges across Peninsular Malaysia participated in the competition by delivering a five to seven minute impromptu speech.

"Participating in this competition was an enriching experience. It was challenging because most of the contestants were really articulate and well-trained. I did not expect to win the competition and it came as a surprise to me. It was very exciting and we had to think very fast to speak impromptu upon receiving the topic," enthused Sivaraj, who had so far accrued 12 winning titles in public speaking.

He added, "Public speaking in Tamil is like my second nature. I would like to thank



Sivaraj (third from right) receiving his prize from Prof Rajendran while others (from left) Mahaganapathy, Umasudhan and Livanyah look on

my parents, lecturers and friends who gave me much encouragement and to UTAR for giving me this opportunity to represent the university in the competition."

The guest of honour who gave out the prizes was a lecturer of Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris, Prof Datuk Dr Rajendran Nagappan. Also present at the prize giving

ceremony were Director of 1Malaysia Indian Student Movement, Mahaganapathy Dass; Director of *Intervarsity Bhajan Competition*, Umasudhan; and President of Hindu Association of University of Malaya, Livanyah Priya Manimaran.

The Department of Early Childhood Studies (ECS) of UTAR Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI) organised a preschool education exhibition titled "Let's Play!" on 13 April 2015.

The objectives of the event were to promote awareness of children's holistic development through exhibits, talks, workshops, hands-on learning experiences as well as showcasing ECS students' teaching skills and creativity through teaching aid materials designed.

FCI Deputy Dean for Student Development and Industrial Training David Tneh Cheng Eng officiated the event. Also present were ECS Head Cik Jamela Begam binti Oli Muhamad, Department of Mass Communication Head Chew Wee Lee, Department of General Studies Head Cik Ira Meilita binti Ibrahim and ECS lecturer Geraldine a/p Pangiras, as well as the student organising committee Chairperson Chew Chee Theng.

The exhibition was a learning experience through events such as interactive learning tools 'Texture Boards' and 'Sound Shaker', a shadow play workshop and a 'Peek a Build' teaching aid competition for the students.

Other highlights were the talk on 'Why Story-telling' by Tree Top House School Senior Principal or Trainer Loh Lin Khuan,

and exhibits on teachings aids made from recyclable items by third year ECS students.

While expressing her gratitude to the working committee, lecturers and participants, Chee Theng enthused, "We received a lot of positive feedback from the participants which motivates us to be better as future facilitators of childhood education."

Geraldine added that, "I am impressed by the efforts of the ECS students, especially

Exhibition on early childhood studies

in designing practical and marketable teaching materials. Much attention and time have been spent on the making and setting up of the teaching aids on display today. The various displays are not only for children with normal learning abilities, but also for children with special needs."



ECS students assisting a participant at the 'mix-and-match' booth

The International Students Interaction Day was organised by the Department of International Student Services (DISS) at UTAR Perak Campus on 11 April 2015.

More than 50 international students took part in the Interaction Day. The students come from countries as diverse as Hong Kong, China, Pakistan, the United States of America, Canada, Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Nigeria, Uzbekistan, Germany, Myanmar, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and Iran.

Kicking off the day were welcome remarks by Head of DISS Perak Ngan Mun Wai. Besides giving an overview of DISS, Ngan also advised the international students to approach DISS for enquiries and assistance on living and studying in Malaysia.

UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng also gave a brief address to the international students. He said, "I hope that you will have an enjoyable experience with us, and that your horizons will be broadened by the education you receive in UTAR."

The day included games and activities for the students to make new friends and for some fun and laughter as a break from the routine of studies. The day concluded with a buffet dinner of local food.

Interaction Day for international students



The international students posing for a group photo with Ngan (third row, second from left) and Dr Teh (second row, third from right)

"It is fun to be present at such a gathering where I am able to meet students from different parts of the world," said Manan Ahmed, a UTAR Master of Engineering Science student.

When asked what influenced his decision to study in UTAR, Manan said, "I was already working in Malaysia and I felt

that a Master in Engineering would give me good career advancement prospects. I researched universities in Malaysia and found that UTAR is a top university with good facilities, affordable fees and a good reputation."

UTAR alumni enjoyed a trip to Sabah organised by the Department of Alumni Relations and Placement (DARP) from 1 May to 5 May 2015.

The trip exposed UTAR alumni to the natural beauty of Kota Kinabalu. Among the highlights of the trip included a city tour in Kota Kinabalu, dinner at the scenic Tanjung Aru beach, and an excursion to the Mari Mari Cultural Village, situated in a forest setting in Kionsom, Inanam.

The trip to the Cultural Village was an eye-opening experience. Apart from savouring authentic Sabahan delicacies, they also watched demonstrations of blowpipe-making, tattoo-making and fire-starting using bamboo.

The trip also brought the alumni to the Desa Cattle Farm which produces 900,000 litres of milk every year. Nestled at the foothill of Mount Kinabalu, the farm offered one of the most breathtaking views one could ever imagine. The alumni tried their hands at the milking process and fed calves with bottled milk and goats with grass.

The group also dropped by the Poring Hot Springs where one can unwind and reduce their muscle aches by soaking in the spring's hot sulphuric minerals, deemed to have healing properties.

The trip concluded with a snorkelling spree at the Manukan Island and Sapi Island. From the crystal clear waters to the coral reefs and eye-catching fish, the islands are a paradise for nature lovers looking to indulge in an unforgettable rendezvous.

The trip served as a platform for alumni to meet regularly for social and intellectual engagement, and to encourage friendship and

Alumni trip to Sabah



UTAR alumni posing for a group photo in Kundasang, overlooking the majestic Mount Kinabalu

networking opportunities. For the trip, DARP gathered alumni who love to travel, some from as far as Penang, Sandakan and Tawau, to visit alumni living in Kota Kinabalu.

Buddhist Society theatrical performance

An inaugural UTAR Buddhist Society theatrical performance ("登燈澄燈"舞台劇) was successfully held at UTAR Perak Campus on 13 June 2015.

Co-organised by Young Buddhist Association Malaysia (YBAM) Perak State Liaison Committee, the event aimed to cultivate loving kindness and raise funds for charity, attracting 2,000 participants.

Present at the opening ceremony were Choong Shin Heng representing of Perak State Executive Council Member Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon, UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng, UTAR Buddhist Society Spiritual Advisor Venerable Tong Ming, Chairperson for YBAM Perak State Liaison Committee Lau Seong Wah and Chairperson of Kinta Buddhist Society Lim Hoei Yien. They were accompanied by UTAR Buddhist Society Advisor Dr Tan Hung Khoon and Organising Chairperson Lim Hooi Shi.

Venerable Tong Ming lauded UTAR Buddhist Society efforts in promoting life values. "The heart-wrenching calamities worldwide serve as a wake-up call for us to reflect on impermanence and compassion. It is times like this we should shower the unfortunate with our compassion and loving kindness. May our sincere help and positive thoughts for their well-being allay their pain and sorrow," she remarked.

Choong was so impressed by the theatrics and he announced that Dato' Mah, on behalf of the Perak Health, Public Transport, Non-Islamic Affairs, National Integration and New Villages Committee will donate RM3,000 to support the organising committee's initiative.

The performance depicted five students who lost their way in the jungle but eventually forged closer bonds as they overcame all odds, to find their way out. The story was an allusion of people blinded with materialism lost in darkness, only freed once they discover the humanity in their hearts.



The main casts showcasing their acting talents

Closing ceremony of PR Campaign 2015

The Public Relations (PR) Campaign 2014/2015: Volunteerism IV, co-organised with Kampar District Council (MDKpr) and Kampar District Police Headquarters (IPD), officially ended on 8 May 2015 at the Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS), UTAR Perak Campus.

PR Campaign's main director Chia Yi Jing said, "Planning and executing events are not simple but we gained extra skills, invaluable experience as well as forged close friendships in the process."

"I'm very proud that through the campaign activities, some of our collaborators and guests from renowned organisations were impressed by the students' positive attitude, determination and creativity. Some students were offered internships with the organisations," said PR lecturer, Diong Fong Wei.

Themed 'Embracing Volunteerism, Enriching Lives', the PR Campaign consisted of five student groups. Each championed a different sub-theme, namely: Road Safety, Food Tourism, Vandalism, Environment, and Charity.

Group One and Three jointly organised a musical drama titled 'If 如果' which aimed to raise awareness of road safety and prevention of vandalism. To reinforce its message on road safety, Group One kicked off an outreach cycling event titled 'One Ride One Kampar' aimed to highlight the importance of installing cycling lights. Present



(From left) Dr Alia, Dr Teh, Nor Akmal, Leong, ACP Suresh, Supt Ng, police officers and Group One mascot Ant-Traffic

at the launch were FAS Dean Dr Alia Azalea, UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng, MDKpr Secretary Nor Akmal Yang Ghazali, Group One Director Melody Leong Wai Lok, *Timbalan Ketua Jabatan Pencegahan Jenayah dan Keselamatan Komuniti (JPJKK) Ibu Pejabat Kontinjen (IPK) Perak* ACP Suresh Kumar a/l Suppiah and Kampar District Police Chief Supt Ng Kong Soon.



(From right) Dr Teh, Chang, Hajah Hasnah, Bey, Dato' Nolee, Group Two mascot Ant-Cheffie, Nor Akmal and the sponsors

To promote Kampar as a food paradise, Group Two kick-started a social media photography competition and an on-campus food exhibition. "Our group initiated a self-designed map to indicate the location of famous hawkers, eateries and restaurants," said Group Two Director Bey Bun Kiat. Perak Tourism, Arts and Culture Committee Chairman Dato' Nolee Ashilin Binti Mohd Radzi, Dr Teh, Nor Akmal, MCA Kampar Division Deputy Chairman Chang Gwo Chyang and Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia Perak Office representative Hajah Hasnah Binti Abd Kadir attended the event.



Group photo at the newly painted mural with Dato' Lee (in red shirt) and Khairul (in blue shirt) and the volunteers

Group Three spread their message of stopping vandalism through an outreach event titled 'Ayuh! Bersihkan Air Terjun Batu Berangkai'. Group Three Director Soon Chia Jun said, "Graffiti around the waterfall prompted us to educate the people about taking good care of public properties. We organised a mural competition and also encouraged the locals to volunteer to clean up the surroundings." Present at the event were Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry Dato' Lee Chee Leong and MDKpr President Khairul Amir Mohamad Zubir.



Dr Alia (front row, second from left) and Ir Sanusi (in white shirt) holding the signboard presented by Heong (first row, left)

To intensify their efforts in conserving the environment, an on-campus symposium titled 'Youth Environmental Symposium (YES) 2015' was held by Group Four. "One of the issues close to our heart is the excessive use of disposable chopsticks. In order to obtain the raw materials, deforestation must occur," explained Group Four Director Heong Kian Kee. A signboard made of disposable chopsticks bearing the acronym 'FAS' was presented to Dean Dr Alia witnessed by Solid Waste Corporation Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Technical) Ir Hj Sanusi bin Alwi.



VIPs and guests giving their thumbs up at the 'Charity Begins with You' event

Group Five launched the 'Charity Begins With You' outreach event and 'Jom! Timbang Carnival' on-campus charity drive, which encouraged visitors to donate 1kg of sundry goods in exchange for an entrance ticket. The group successfully collected over 7,000kg of sundries which were then handed to MDKpr for distribution to the needy. Group Five Director Joycelyn Teh Pooi Yee said that such activities aimed to inspire others to help the less fortunate within their means. ■

EXE camp for school students

Fifty-nine lower secondary students from SMK Sentosa, Kampar had an enriching learning experience during the EXtra English (EXE) Camp at the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, UTAR Perak Campus on 11 April 2015.

Organised by the Department of Languages and Linguistics (DLL), the one-day camp aimed to make English learning simple and enjoyable for the secondary students, further spurring them to take interest in using the language on a daily basis. The camp engaged 10 English Education (ED) undergraduates as teachers so that they are exposed to real classroom teaching and management scenario.

After an ice-breaking session, the participants were then evenly divided into Red, Blue and Yellow groups for the classes where they learnt vocabulary, reading and grammar. The syllabus was developed by the ED students along with lecturers Lee Ling Khai and Teh Tze Chien.

"Teaching these students has been an interesting experience. The EXE Camp is a good platform for us to be in real classroom situation before we begin our internship," said Year Two ED student Cheah Shi Thing.

Classes aside, the EXE Camp also introduced intriguing language games such as 'Reading Bingo', 'Code Breaker Game' and 'Visualising Riddles' which Form One student Zulaikha binti Sidek thoroughly enjoyed. "I'm happy to learn how to use synonyms, vocabulary and



Participants in the ice-breaking session

adjectives better," shared Zulaikha.

EXE Camp came to an end following Head of DLL Christina Ong Sook Beng's closing speech which encouraged the participants to discover the fun in learning and using English. "English is an important language; I hope all of you had fun learning today and will start using English not only in class, but on a daily basis."

Leadership Breakthrough Programme

Following the success of the first 'Leadership Breakthrough!' programme in December 2014, UTAR and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) jointly organised the second instalment at UTAR Perak Campus from 29 to 31 May 2015.

A total of 48 students took part in the programme aimed to nurture budding leaders and empower them with leadership qualities through workshops, outdoor activities and games. Participants from diverse backgrounds came together to put the leadership skills learnt in practice to solve problems.

USM Master of Computer Science student Choong said, "This programme has given me valuable insights into the importance of leadership. I learned that a good leader is also a good listener and a good team player."

Meanwhile, USM student Teo Keng Boon said, "This programme has taught that leadership is not just about giving commands. To be a good leader, you must be able to communicate with and maintain good rapport with subordinates."

At the closing ceremony, Deputy Dean of UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science Ng Eng Kiat said, "It is our pleasure to collaborate with USM and welcome our



Group photo with (third row, from right) Ng, UTAR staff, student helpers and corporate trainer Ng Thian Watt (front, centre)

USM friends to UTAR. We hope you have benefitted and that it has helped to uncover hidden talent or skills that you can develop further."

Representing USM Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof Dato' Dr See Ching Mey, student leader Ng Liu Yi said, "I would like to thank UTAR for your dedication and hard work in preparing this programme.

The wonderful times we spent together has strengthened the bonds of friendship between UTAR and USM."

The closing ceremony ended with a certificate presentation to the participants, an exchange of mementos between UTAR and USM, a group photo-taking session and a group dance performance.

第一届中医系师资培训



拉曼大学和南方大学学院中医系讲师与南京中医药大学的马勇教授（后排左二）和蒋中秋教授（后排右四）开心合照。

拉曼大学中医系于2015年5月12日至15日在双溪龙校区举办了第一届中医系师资培训课程。主办单位很荣幸地在为期四天的师资培训课程中邀请到南京中医药大学中医骨伤科专家马勇教授和中医耳鼻喉专家蒋中秋教授前来给中医系的讲师们授课。

马勇教授和蒋中秋教授分别给讲师们讲解骨伤科和耳鼻喉科的教学体例、备课和教学重点，以及示范教学。

课程的最后一天，来自本校中医系的讲师蔡伟聪、陈美瑜、刘锦辉和南方大学学院的苏俊雄讲师皆参加了试讲环节，并得到了在场者详细而有针对性的评教。这让在场的参与者都有很好的启发。

值得一提的是，这次的师资培训促进了南京中医药大学、拉曼大学和南方大学学院授课讲师之间的交流。参与者皆表示从中获益匪浅，并且期盼这项有规模的师资培训课程将成为中医系的年度活动。

本校生喜获花踪新秀新诗组优秀及评审奖



郑羽伦（右）和陈奕进（左）分别以《为你撑伞》和《为青春填写的赎罪券》夺得第13届星洲日报花踪文学奖新秀诗歌组的首奖和评审奖。

拉曼大学生物科技系的郑羽伦和中文系生陈奕进分别以《为你撑伞》和《为青春填写的赎罪券》夺得第13届星洲日报花踪文学奖新秀诗歌组的首奖和评审奖。星洲日报花踪文学奖新秀奖是第13届星洲日报花踪文学奖的一部分。

郑羽伦：诗有一定的美学魔力

新诗首奖得主郑羽伦表示，“花踪文学奖是大马文坛重大的奖项，能够在新秀奖中获得优秀奖是对我诗歌写作的肯定。”其获奖作品《为你撑伞》是他在实验室里等待实验结果时诞生的，“我既喜欢科学，同时也喜欢文学，所以我不断地在两者之间寻找平衡。写诗能够点缀一个人的生活，因为诗有一定的美学魔力，它能够让我们在压抑的生活中稍作休息，以沉醉在文字的奥秘之中。”值得一提的是，他也于去年荣获台湾第十二届宗教文学奖新诗奖。

《为你撑伞》的内容以年轻人的角度出发，兼容爱情与政治。这首诗以香港占中事件为背景，讲述一对年轻情侣在民主边缘所做的身理与心理抗争，以内心的部分教女孩如何更成熟地面对现实，要勇敢，不能逃避。此外，倾向于写抒情诗的他，希望用自己擅长的方式去为社会尽一份力，就如香港的占中事件让他很震撼，但实在无法亲临现场，唯有以自己力所能及的力量写下《为你撑伞》来声援占中事件的人们。

陈奕进：计划将来更深入地钻研文学写作和文学研究

对于热爱写作的中文系生陈奕进来说，此次获奖来得太突然了，让他欣喜不已。他表示，“获得评审奖让我体会到什么是值得我一生去追求的。”他也计划将来更深入地钻研文学写作和文学研究。

《为青春填写的赎罪券》的创作主题为作者感叹毕业将近，青春流逝的事实。关于这首诗的诞生，他打趣地回答说，“只因‘人不轻狂枉少年’，青春就这样轻易地流逝，只剩下癫狂时所造成的遗憾。这些遗憾，从青春期的尾端幻化成蛇一样追赶着自己到今时今日。有时仿佛感觉自己被它缠住了，像绳索一样要把我五花大绑，交由自己的良心去审判。中年的日子在前头不断招手，自己的事业、健康和婚姻是否准备好迎接一个全新的人生旅程呢？在这之前，我得把身上那罪孽一般的遗憾和悔恨清除干净，于是‘填写’了这首诗。”他补充，“虽然每当回头看那些带着遗憾和无奈的往事会感到难过，但生活还是必须继续前行。”值得一提的是，陈奕进也在花踪后浪文学营特设的“花踪后浪文学营创作奖”的新诗组中以《得奖感言》荣获评审奖。

两位年轻诗人受访时不约而同地表示拉曼大学如诗如画的校园氛围不多不少影响了他们的创作。他们也希望师生们可在校园内多筹办诗社，培养文学创作的风气，让文学创作在校内蓬勃发展。

香港树仁大学历史系师生的到访

来自香港树仁大学（仁大）历史系的莫世祥教授和周子峰博士于2015年6月8至13日到访拉曼大学霹雳校区中华研究院和师生进行交流。随行的包括仁大历史系大二生韦卓贤、锺勇宏、潘俊恩及陈淑芳。

另外，拉曼大学出席交流会的有中华研究院副院长黄文斌副教授、林志敏博士、系主任杜志全、课程主任陈明彪博士、大学公宣处主任卓瑜进以及一众研究生和本科生。

黄文斌副院长代表致欢迎词时表示，香港树仁大学和拉曼大学一样都是私立大学，而且也在去年正式成为了姐妹校，寄望未来两校师



黄文斌副院长（右二）代表中华研究院赠送该院出版品给仁大，并由莫世祥教授（左二）接收；右一为杜志全主任，左一为周子峰博士。

生有更多的合作与交流。同时，他也鼓励学生不妨考虑以学分转移的方式到仁大去短期学习。

从香港远道而来的莫世祥教授和周子峰博士分别进行了以“马来亚华侨与中国抗战——1937-1941年香港报刊记录的历史”以及“港英政府与香港殡仪文化之演变（1895-1980）——以殡仪馆为中心之讨论”为题的短讲座，让与会者受益匪浅。

除了校内交流，仁大团队也在拉大师生的陪同下参观了金宝周边如怡保、务边等地的历史古迹。



仁大团队在霹雳校区地标之一的孔子与爱因斯坦弈棋铜像前合照留念。

《为你撑伞》（节选）郑羽伦

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你就坐在人群里阅读
以每个昨日的雨沾染欠交的历史作业
仿若堵塞的交通与经济里
激荡起一朵骄傲的花，玻璃般地存在。你说，
珍贵的事物总是易碎，如心之虔诚。
因而我们必须学会护花，让花
淡雅成一座城市
我在伞下阅读一本诗集，把心事
交托雨伞，但你告诉我
那不是我们要的隐喻
伞的开合本不该有太多遐想
但要怎么沉着面对一场
精心策划的雨景？
宛若一场以历史之名的暴风雨
——以路人与造路者之名的
伪天气
我不知道。
不知道一场雨淋湿的是一份早餐，还是一群干旱的鱼
“就让我们用伞，维护最后的纯真吧。”

《为青春填写的赎罪券》（节选）陈奕进

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罪状一：教唆睡眠偷窃时光
一睁眼，往事已被砸碎
散落于求学时期泛黄了的课本里
捡起，像是握住锋利的迟暮
一不小心就割伤现实
仿佛一条古道被轻轻划开
那是意识曾经迷失的路途
书本无神地张口
企图诱捕过度清醒的灵魂
我闭上双眼避开所有蛊惑
将视线前的文字眯成咒语
防身
直到厚厚的尘埃把中年压醒
一个问号瘫坐在岁月隔壁
我只好以此为钩，垂钓
已过的永远
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Ceramah kesedaran pencegahan jenayah

Jabatan Keselamatan dan Jabatan Kompetensi Kemahiran Insaniah UTAR bersama-sama dengan *KickStart Academy* telah menganjurkan sebuah ceramah kesedaran pencegahan jenayah pada 4 April 2015 bertempat di Kampus Petaling Jaya. *KickStart Academy* merupakan sebuah pertubuhan bukan kerajaan yang memberi tumpuan dan menawarkan pelbagai program seni pertahanan diri yang intensif.

Tujuan utama ceramah ini diadakan adalah untuk mendidik seluruh komuniti Universiti mengenai langkah-langkah keselamatan diri serta cara-cara mudah yang harus diketahui oleh seseorang individu untuk melepaskan diri daripada serangan penjenayah. Ceramah tersebut dihadiri oleh para pelajar, dan kakitangan universiti yang terdiri daripada kakitangan pentadbiran dan akademik.

Antara penceramah yang memberi ceramah kesedaran pada hari tersebut ialah Master Saiful Hamiruzzaman Bin Mohd Hazir dari Yayasan Pencegahan Jenayah Malaysia (YPJM) dan Pengarah *KickStart Academy* Puan Azalea Binti Abd Wahab.

Ceramah tersebut bermula dengan satu pembentangan mengenai usaha-usaha dan langkah-langkah penting yang harus diambil orang awam dalam menangani jenayah. "Kami di YPJM selalu memberi nasihat kepada orang awam untuk lebih prihatin dan sentiasa berwaspada dengan keadaan persekitaran supaya mereka boleh mengelakkan diri daripada jenayah. Kami juga berpendapat bahawa kemampuan mengelak jenayah daripada berlaku



Master Saiful (berbaju warna merah jambu) dan pelatih-pelatihnya memberi pendedahan mengenai teknik-teknik pertahanan diri kepada para peserta

merupakan satu seni mempertahankan diri yang paling berkesan," kata Master Saiful. Beliau turut menjelaskan bahawa seni mempertahankan diri merujuk kepada mana-mana langkah yang diambil oleh seseorang untuk melepaskan diri daripada penjenayah dan serangan jenayah. Menjerit meminta pertolongan, atau menggigit tangan penyerang juga merupakan salah satu kaedah seni pertahanan diri.

Master Saiful juga menasihati para

peserta supaya bertenang dan tidak kelam-kabut jika diserang oleh penjenayah. Beliau berkata, melalui cara ini seseorang itu boleh mengelakkan dirinya daripada tercedera dan juga dapat mengurangkan risiko. Beliau turut mengulas, "Apabila anda diserang oleh penjenayah atau peragut, satu perkara yang perlu diingati oleh semua adalah bertindak bijak dan mementingkan nyawa. Anda tidak seharusnya mempertahankan barangan berharga semasa diserang oleh peragut, sebaliknya harus bertindak untuk menyelamatkan diri terlebih dahulu."

Master Saiful yang juga merupakan ketua jurulatih di *KickStart Academy* menggesa peserta untuk sentiasa berwaspada serta meminta para peserta mengamalkan sikap berhati-hati di mana-mana saja dan tidak memberi ruang kepada penjenayah untuk melakukan jenayah. Ceramah tersebut berakhir dengan persembahan teknik pertahanan diri yang disampaikan oleh Master Saiful serta para pelatih dari *KickStart Academy*.



Para peserta bergambar dengan pelatih-pelatih dari *KickStart Academy*

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