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A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was inked between UTAR and Technological Association Malaysia (TAM) at Kampar Campus on 26 February 2016.

Signing on behalf of the two parties were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and TAM President Ir Tang Heap Seng, while UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology (FEGT) Dean Dr Yap Vooi Voon and TAM's Vice President Ooi Kah Biew were the witnesses for the respective parties.

"This MoU signing marks the partnership between UTAR and TAM in the mutual interest of promoting the art and science of engineering. The collaboration between UTAR and TAM will include co-organising workshops, seminars, talks, technical visits, as well as funding for joint research in UTAR and other activities of common interest. Besides that, the collaboration is also aimed to enhance the learning, teaching, and research at UTAR and to provide a valued channel to network and build industry link for our students," said Dr Yap on behalf of Prof Chuah who signed the agreement earlier.

Ir Tang in his speech said that

## UTAR and TAM seal pact



Seated, from left: Dr Lo, Dr Yap, Ir Tang, and Ooi with senior officials from UTAR and TAM

TAM is proud to be associated with UTAR and expressed his confidence that the collaboration with UTAR will be a fruitful partnership. "The MoU signed here today will provide us with a committed approach to working more closely with UTAR, especially in the disciplines of science and engineering."

After the MoU signing, Ir Tang delivered a talk titled "Engineering Mobility for Sustainable

ASEAN Economic Community" to over 50 FEGT students. The ceremony also witnessed the launching of TAM's website.

Also present at the signing ceremony were FEGT staff comprising Deputy Deans Dr Lo Po Kim, Dr Ng Choon Aun, and Dr Tan Kok Tat, UTAR staff, students, as well as TAM members.

## MoU with NKNU



Prof Lee (sixth from left) and Prof Wang (sixth from right) with the delegates from UTAR and NKNU

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between UTAR and National Kaohsiung Normal University (NKNU) at the Sungai Long Campus on 19 February 2016.

Delegates from NKNU present at the ceremony were Vice-President Prof Wang Hui-liang, his wife, Chen Hsiu-lien, Office of Academic Affairs Dean Prof Liao Pen-hwang, College of Continuing and Extension

Education Dean Prof Tam Da-chun, Graduate Institute of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language Director Prof Chun Chen-cheng, and Graduate Institute of Hakka Studies Director Prof Lee Leong-sze.

UTAR delegates who welcomed the Taiwanese guests were Vice-President for R&D and Commercialisation Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei, Division of Community and International Networking Director Dr Tan

Sin Leng, Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) Dean Dr Chong Siou Wei, ICS Department of Chinese Studies (Sungai Long Campus) and Contemporary China Studies Unit Head Dr Chin Chong Foh, and ICS lecturers Dr Pua Shiau Chen and Dr Cui Yan.

In his welcome speech, Prof Lee said that this MoU signifies the blossoming relationship between the two universities and he looked forward to more mutually beneficial cooperation

with NKNU in the future.

Prof Wang, too conveyed his heartfelt gratitude and honour to be able to visit UTAR, stating that he was impressed by the transformation that UTAR has achieved since its not too distant establishment. With the MoU marking the beginning of much future collaboration, Prof Wang welcomed every opportunity to cooperate with UTAR.

UTAR and the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Sungai Long Campus on 23 March 2016.

Signing on behalf of the parties were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and AICB Chief Executive Officer Tay Kay Luan. It was witnessed by UTAR Vice-President for Internationalisation and Academic Development Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat and AICB Head of Marketing and Communications Kristine Anne Williams.

The MoU established a base for UTAR and AICB to have future collaborations in sharing leading practices, knowledge in banking trends, and developments through industry surveys, publications, and talks at conferences and seminars. Other future collaborations that were agreed on include sharing of experience in research, teaching applications, and pedagogical materials.

"We envision that this MoU will serve as a platform where intellectual discussions and new ways of doing things may be discovered and tested," said Prof Chuah.

Tay said, "Together, we can promote education excellence in the banking and financial services industry."

Banking and Finance degree graduates with a GPA of 3.0 and above will have the opportunity to attain professional membership with the Executive Banker certification awarded by AICB. This is the first level of the Chartered Banker qualification.

## UTAR and AICB sign MoU



From left: Prof Ewe, Prof Chuah, Tay, and Kristine

Both parties will map out the syllabus for Banking and Finance degree to identify exemptions for UTAR students. Depending on the outcome of the mapping, students may be exempted from taking all three modules in the Professional Banker level or only need to complete one or two modules

and sit for the examinations by AICB.

Furthermore, AICB has generously agreed to sponsor the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers Industry Award to top students of the Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) Banking and Finance programme.

## Closer relationship with MD Kampar

UTAR and Majlis Daerah Kampar (MD Kampar) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the MD Kampar office on 6 April 2016.

Signing the MoU on behalf of the parties were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and Yang Dipertua MD Kampar Khairul Amir bin Mohamad Zubir, while UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS) Dean Dr Alia Azalea and Secretary of MD Kampar Tuan Nor Akmal bin Yang Ghazali signed as witnesses. Also present at the MoU signing ceremony were District Officer Dato' Latipah binti Sehibi, Huges Corporation Executive Director Hew Fen Yee, and Kampar District Council Members.

"UTAR is very pleased to formalise this collaboration with MD Kampar which will establish a basis for both UTAR and MD Kampar to explore further areas of cooperation. UTAR is indeed thankful to MD Kampar for your constant support of our initiatives and your efforts for a closer working relationship. Kampar is a beautiful town full of synergies and we believe that working together with MD Kampar will further enhance the spirit of community living," said Prof Chuah.

Khairul Amir said, "Partnering with UTAR exemplifies our commitment to the academic



From left: Tuan Akmal, YDP Khairul Amir, Dato' Latipah, Prof Chuah, and Dr Alia

community as well as to the local community in Kampar. The influx of UTAR and its students has transformed Kampar into a young, vibrant, and international education hub, which has also encouraged the growth of businesses and start-ups. Through this MoU, MD Kampar therefore looks forward to further win-win associations that will include more community projects, campaigns, and volunteerism projects."

The parties agreed to organise and participate in joint collaborative activities such as new village projects, career talks, conferences, workshops, publications, and seminars; to facilitate internships for UTAR students; and to promote collaborations between the two parties in final year projects of students and other activities.

## Shu-Te and Tunghai universities visit

Delegates from Shu-Te University (STU) and Tunghai University (THU) from Taiwan visited Sungai Long Campus on 22 March 2016.

They were STU's Vice-President Prof Yen Jih-Rong and its Visual Communication Department representative Dr Kung Tiwan. The visit also saw the presence of THU's Office of International Education and Programmes Dean Prof Yen Hong-Wei and delegates from THU Alumni Association of Malaysia.

Welcoming the visitors on behalf of UTAR was President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, accompanied by Vice-Presidents Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat and Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei.

Prof Chuah enthused, "There are multiple prospective collaborative areas that we can further look into such as multimedia, arts and social sciences, early childhood education, global economics, and logistics. Besides regular student exchange programmes, we could send more UTAR students to STU and THU for outbound internship or teaching practice. We also welcome STU and THU's students to UTAR for similar programmes, and UTAR New Village community projects."

Expressing his consent to materialise the proposals, STU's Prof Yen said, "Such programmes are hands-on experiences which facilitate students' learning beyond the classroom's four walls. These meaningful learning experiences will help students to develop a sense of relevance to what they have learnt in classes and books. I truly appreciate these ideas and wish to collaborate with UTAR in the foreseeable future."

Prof Yen from THU said, "UTAR has been our good partner for exchange programmes. Through today's discussion with the UTAR faculty members, we are very interested in UTAR's architecture programme."

UTAR has signed MoUs with 38 Taiwanese universities. UTAR paid a visit to STU in 2015 to explore collaborative opportunities in areas such as Game Design and Counselling. Meanwhile, UTAR

signed a MoU with THU in 2010 and has regularly partnered with them for student exchange programmes.



From left: Prof Ewe, Dr Kung, Prof Chuah, Prof Yen from STU, Prof Lee, and Dr Tan Sin Leng



Prof Chuah (fourth from left) presenting souvenirs to Prof Yen from THU accompanied by delegates from THU Alumni Association of Malaysia and UTAR

## Seminar on physiological anthropology

It was a first for UTAR's Centre for Biodiversity Research (CBR), the Journal of Physiological Anthropology (JPA), and the Japan Society of Physiological Anthropology (JSPA) to join hands in organising the JPA/JSPA/UTAR Seminar on Physiological Anthropology 2016 at Kampar Campus on 3 March 2016.

Over 80 participants including UTAR staff and students attended the inaugural physiological anthropology seminar which highlighted novel researches on physiological functions of modern man, focusing on the bio-cultural effects on human adaptability to the current environment.

According to Organising Chairperson Dr Say Yee How, the seminar was the fruit borne of a collaboration between UTAR CBR and JSPA, as the latter intended to promote and create awareness in the multi-disciplinary field of physiological anthropology in Malaysia, as well as to foster research exchange and collaborations between young Malaysian and Japanese researchers.

Malaysian presenters included UTAR's Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science lecturer Chong Yu Zheng, Dr Victor Selvarajah a/l Selvanayagam from University of Malaya, Dr Ng Yee Guan from Universiti Putra Malaysia, Dr Cameron Teoh



The seminar speakers and participants

from HELP University, and Dr Yan See Wan from Taylor's University. Other researchers hailing from the Land of the Rising Sun were Dr Hitoshi Wakabayashi from Chiba Institute of Technology, Dr Keita Ishibashi from Chiba University, Dr Takayuki Nishimura from Nagasaki University, Dr Yoshiki Yasukochi from Mie University, and Dr Yuko Tsunetsugu from Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute.

Topics discussed during the enriching sessions included ergonomics, occupational health, sports science, neuroscience, human nutrition, and biomedical engineering.

"Physiological Anthropology is something new to us. I'm sure we can learn something new from this as it will enrich our understanding on how humans live and how this will help improve our daily living," said Faculty of Science Dean Dr Lim Tuck Meng.

## Endometriosis awareness campaign

"I am still a Woman", an endometriosis awareness campaign, was held at Pantai Hospital, Kuala Lumpur on 19 March 2016. The campaign aimed to increase the public's knowledge on endometriosis and the importance of early treatment, as well as to eliminate shame of addressing women's reproductive diseases and menstrual health.

"Myendosis is a platform where we provide emotional support for women to share their problems and seek medical advice regarding the disease. I hope this campaign will inspire more women to take charge of their lives," said Endometriosis Association of Selangor and Kuala Lumpur (Myendosis) President Surita Mogan.

There are about 350,000 Malaysians who have this disease, informed Pantai Hospital obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Premitha Damodaran.

"Pain during menstruation is normal but what is not normal is when the pain starts before period, during period, and at times after period," she continued. According to her, age is not the main factor as the disease can affect females in the younger age bracket as well.

She defined endometriosis as the presence of endometrial glands outside the uterus. Some of the symptoms are period pain, pelvic pain, infertility, pain during intercourse, pain during defecation, bleeding,



From left: Dr Anjli, Dr Premitha, and Surita officiating the campaign

and depression.

PrimaNora Medical Centre's Datuk Dr Nor Ashikin introduced the audience to aggravating factors that lead to endometriosis. She elaborated on oestrogen dominance, the leading factor that causes the disease.

Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Raman Subramaniam, advised the audience to take a gynaecological examination on fertility at the

early stage of marriage. Also present at the event was National Population and Family Development Deputy Director-General Dr Anjli Doshi Gandhi.

This campaign was organised by UTAR Centre for Media and Creative Communication, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur Endometriosis Association (MyEndosis), Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur, and Bayer Co (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.

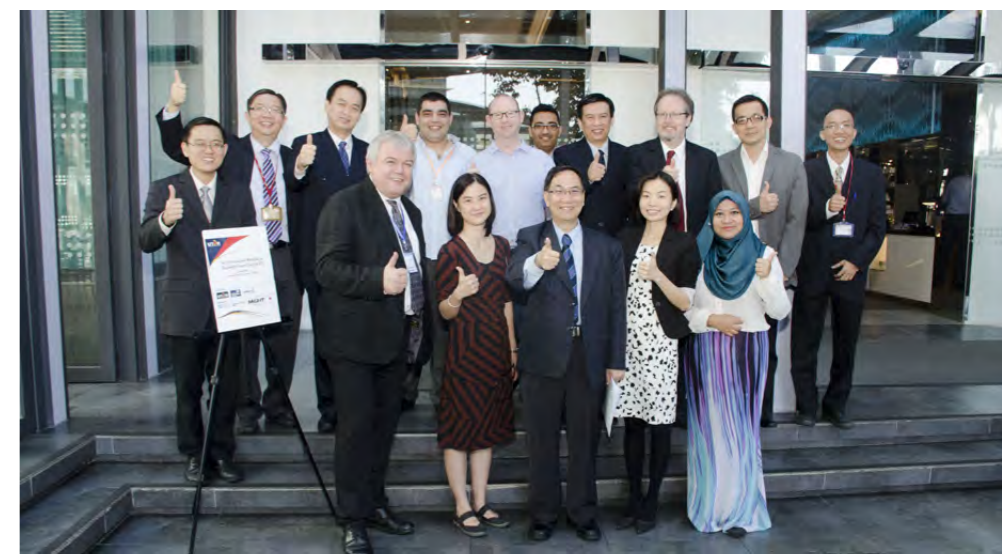
The first International Workshop on Sustainable Future Cities (IWSFC) was jointly organised by UTAR, University of Strathclyde (UoS) Glasgow, and Sunway University Malaysia on 2 March 2016 at Le Meridien Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

Present at the workshop were IWSFC Honorary Chair and UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik; Newton Programmes Manager Liew Siew Hui from British Council Malaysia; Newton Fund Programme Manager Izza Ismail and Science and Innovation Officer Lee Ching Heong from the British High Commission; and IWSFC Organising Chairman and UTAR Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) Dean Assoc Prof Dr Liew Soung Yue.

The first IWSFC saw some 90 participants comprising 21 international and local universities, as well as representatives from the industries. The workshop also received delegates from UoS including Institute of Sustainable Cities and Engineering Policy Director Richard Bellingham, and Prof Ivan Andonovic, Dr Robert Atkinson, and Dr Christos Tachtatzis from the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering. Besides, there were representatives from Kuala Lumpur City Hall, led by City Planning Department Director Tuan Haji Sahrom bin Ujang.

FICT Dean Dr Liew said, "A comprehensive and forward-looking city plan is required to ensure cities are sustainable

## For sustainable future cities



Front, from left: Prof Ivan, Lee, Prof Chuah, Liew, and Ismail  
Back, from left: FICT lecturer Dr Gan Ming Lee, Dr Liew, Dr Pua, Dr Christos, Dr Robert, FICT lecturer Dr Suliman Mohamed Ahmed Gaber, Ooi, Richard, Dr Chieng, and Dr Goh

with a thriving community to solve issues like overpopulation, congestion, and resource scarcity. In UTAR, a number of research centres are also working on topics related to Sustainable Cities such as urban agriculture and food provisioning by the Centre of Information Systems and Software Technologies."

IWSFC was set with the primary goal to assemble academic researchers, industry

players, administrative councils, and policy makers to explore ideas, problems, and solutions on the topic of Sustainable Future Cities. The workshop also intended to establish connections between research centres, faculties, and varsities with industries to explore more about future cities through aspects such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, and Industry 4.0.

## The Engineering Fiesta

The Engineering Fiesta 2016 was held at Sungai Long Campus from 23 to 27 February 2016. Themed 'Creating a Better World', it aimed to raise awareness for STEM education as the foundation of societal development.

This four-day event included an Engineering, Science, and Technology exhibition, a Green Product Design competition, talks and forum on current opportunities for STEM students, a carnival, community projects, and a career fair.

"Our nation's progress relies on good engineers, scientists, technologists, and architects for developments, while the health of the future generations will need good medical experts," said UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik at the opening ceremony.

Engineering Fiesta 2016 Chairperson Teo Hock Meng hopes that this science fair will inspire more young people to take up STEM fields as their course of study in the future. "STEM education does not mean it's boring; you'll be able to witness very creative projects created by students."

Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) Deputy Dean for Student Development and Industrial Training Dr Lai Soon Onn hoped that students will be able to cultivate good analytical skills, creativity, communication skills, business and management knowledge, and leadership traits through this fiesta.

The UTAR Engineering Fiesta 2016 was organised by UTAR Engineering Society and



Students displaying their projects to the public

eight student chapters of LKC FES, namely The Institution Of Engineers Malaysia (IEM), Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), Institution of Chemical Engineers, Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), Institution of Civil Engineers, Leibniz Institute for New Material, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, American Society of

Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

The fiesta was sponsored by Doshin Rubber Product (M) Sdn Bhd, IEM, IET, IMechE, IJM Corporation, i-Chem Solution, Loh & Loh Corporation Bhd, and BlueScope Lysaght.

## Actuary Tomorrow



Guests, judges, and participants of Actuary Tomorrow 2016

Actuary Tomorrow 2016 was a two-day event held at Sungai Long Campus from 2 to 3 April 2016, aimed at creating awareness about the role of actuaries in the insurance industry, as well as the development trends and career prospects of the field.

"Mathematical and statistical methods are important in risk management, data analysis, and the finance industry. Actuaries possess a wide range of skills that can be manifested in legislation, business, and many other industries," said President-Elect of Actuarial Science Society of Malaysia and partner of JPWALL Consulting Partners (Malaysia) Gary Hoo Chun Hua.

To encourage teamwork and

communication among the participants, a boot camp was held. Participants gained hands-on experience of the actuarial job, which included training on pricing, valuation, and capital risk management.

Besides that, a town hall meeting was held with actuaries from companies such as Takaful Ikhlas Berhad, AXA Affin General Insurance Berhad, and Zurich Insurance Malaysia. This two-way interactive session aimed at providing participants an insight on what is expected in the industry.

UTAR Vice-President for Internationalisation and Academic Development Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat said events like this are meant to display the collective talent of our youth rather than only

recognising the winners.

Serving as judges were Institute and Faculty of Actuaries Actuary Representative of Southeast Asia Caryn Chua, Society of Actuaries Programme Manager Dr Yung Wai Ling, Taiwan Munich Reinsurance Company (Hong Kong Branch) General Manager of Business Development Simon Lam, and Actuarial Society of Malaysia Vice-President and Head of General Insurance Kelvin Hii Chee Yun. Also present were Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science Dean Prof Ir Dr Goi Bok Min and Actuary Tomorrow 2016 Organising Chairman Pan Zi Joon.

## Pelangi Publishing Group donates books

Pelangi Publishing Group generously donated over 1,700 books to UTAR on 30 March 2016. The Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director Datuk Sum Kown Cheek graced us with his presence at Sungai Long Campus for the handover ceremony and spoke at the talk on "The Development and Management of Pelangi Publishing Group".

Mooted by UTAR's Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) and Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI), the books received from Pelangi Publishing Group were of various languages and genres, ranging from children's books to works of Malaysian Chinese Literature. Besides expanding UTAR Library's resources, the books will also be used for research and pedagogical purposes. In addition to the books, Pelangi Publishing Group also donated reading pens, CDs, and other children's learning tools.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Datuk Sum enthused, "This is the very first time we have donated books to a university. I am happy to know that the books will become important resources for the fellow UTAR students as useful learning and reference tools." He emphasised, "Early childhood learning is often neglected. I am glad that Pelangi Publishing Group has the opportunity to get in touch with academics who share common ground."



From left: FCI Deputy Dean David Tneh, ICS Dean Assoc Prof Dr Chong Siou Wei, Prof Chuah, Datuk Sum, Nian Hong, and ICS lecturer Dr Liao Ping Leng

Also present at the handover ceremony were Southern Malaysia Literature and Cultural Association Chairman Lee Fa (pen name Nian Hong/年红) and Pelangi Publishing Group Human Resource and Administrative Consultant Foo Ho Tim.

Speaking at his talk, Datuk Sum established Pelangi Publishing Group in 1993 with some of his friends. Under his

excellent leadership over the years, the company has achieved rapid growth by securing local school textbook projects, and expanding its product range by entering into children's books via the licensing of Disney merchandise. Doing so subsequently placed Pelangi Publishing Group on the international publishing map.

The UTAR Stair Climbing Campaign commenced from 15 February to 10 April 2016 at Sungai Long Campus.

"This initiative aims to improve campus health by reducing elevator congestion and the energy used by elevators in the transportation of staff and students up and down on campus," said Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Head of Department of Medicine and Chairperson of Centre for Research on Non-Communicable Disease Prof Dr Shelly Soo.

"I was also told that a few other lecturers from Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) are also keen to solve the elevator congestion at KB block. Therefore, we got together and started this campaign," she said.

According to Prof Soo, stair climbing is a unique form of exercise that can have a powerful and positive impact on your health over time. It does not require any special skills, training, or sporting prowess. Climbing just eight flights of stairs a day lowers average early mortality risk by 33 percent.

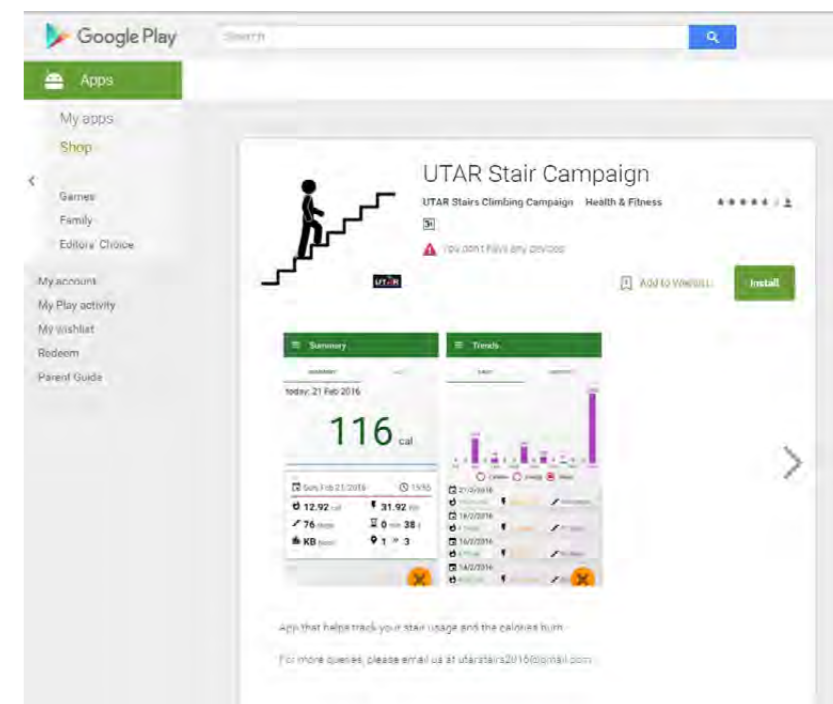
By raising our heart rate, stair climbing helps protect against high blood pressure, weight gain, and clogging of blood vessels. In addition, climbing stairs improves strength, bone density, mental health, and muscle tone. It reduces the risk of developing chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, vascular dementia, osteoporosis, and even some cancers.

Together with LKC FES, a unique mobile application was developed to enable users to track their statistics such as number of steps climbed, travelling time, calories burnt, and

## Stair Climbing Campaign



Prof Soo



UTAR Stair Campaign app on Google Play

amount of energy saved.

"We hope the data on the app would be able to encourage and motivate people to use the stairs more often. The app is the fruit and labour of LKC FES lecturers and students, who built and designed the app in-house for the campaign," Prof Soo said.

## Lecturer shines in poetry competition

Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) lecturer Wong Lih Lih's flair in poetry writing earned her a winning spot in Taiwan's 10th Ye Hong International Women's Poetry Competition (台湾第10届叶红女性诗奖) in November last year.

Wong, using her oft-used pseudonym "Ling Lu" (零露), had submitted two entries, namely *Memorandum* (《备忘录》) and *In the Name of Dad* (《以父之名》). The impressive modern poems subsequently triumphed over 200 submissions from Taiwan, China, Southeast Asia, Europe, and North America, rendering Wong as one of the eight deserving winners as well as the only Malaysian, with the rest from Taiwan and China.

According to Wong, the judges were amazed that *Memorandum*, inspired from a computer back-up feature, has long and lyrical sentences pregnant with plenty of unexpected surprises. *In the Name of Dad*, on the other hand, is a poem witty by nature but exuding affection which tugs the heartstrings.

The imaginative ICS lecturer said that the victory is also meaningful as she was able to use her beloved father's name as a theme for *In the Name of Dad*. "The world of poetry isn't something familiar to my dad. Having his name in the poetry and getting acknowledged for that brings a whole new different meaning and experience," said Wong.



Wong and her award

"There are also plenty of UTARians from other programmes who are into literary creation. It would be heartening to see the university having its own poetry or literary societies that offer a platform for staff and students with the same passion to come

together and share their works," Wong concluded.

Wong walked away with an award and cash prize of NTD 10,000.

## A molecular award

It was a crowning moment for Master of Science student Toh Wai Keat, who won the first prize in a poster competition in Molecular Biology. His winning poster was titled "Suppression of Plant Immunity and Enhanced Plant Transformation using Agrobacterium Virulence System".

The competition, which took place at the International Conference on Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (ICMBB), in conjunction with the 23<sup>rd</sup> MSMBB Scientific Meeting, was organised by Malaysian Society of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology and Nara Institute of Science and Technology. The event took place from 9 to 11 March 2016, at Connexion@Nexus, Kuala Lumpur.

Toh also walked away with a certificate, RM300 cash prize, and a gift voucher for DePiPRO worth RM488.

"One of the reasons the panel was attracted to my poster was due to the outcome of this project having an impact in increasing plant production both in quality and quantity. Also, I would like to thank my supervisors for advising me in presenting my finding in a scientific way," enthused Toh.

The Faculty of Science postgraduate student also expressed his gratitude to UTAR for providing a strong educational foundation which has brought him success in his research field. "I would also like to thank ICMBB for giving me a chance to present my project, and also to the judges for acknowledging my work. Special thanks goes to my supervisor Dr Wong Hann Ling, co-supervisor Dr Loh Pek Chin, external co-supervisor Dr Ho Chai Ling, and all my lab members for their guidance and support," he continued.

Citing from his research, Toh mentioned that the development of the novel Agrobacterium type IV protein enabled a novel anti-apoptotic chimeric protein to be delivered to plants, thus improving the efficacy of plant transformation, by temporarily suppressing the plant's basal immune response.



Toh displaying his certificate with Dr Wong

UTAR Kampus Kampar achieved another exceptional sporting feat in winning a total of nine medals — three gold, two silver, and four bronze — in the annual *Kejohanan Masiswa Zon Utara 2016* that was held at the Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) Sports Complex in Penang from 26 to 29 February 2016. The nine medal haul placed UTAR in second position in the overall rankings.

Organised by TAR UC Penang in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and *Majlis Sukan IPTS Malaysia* (MASISWA), the tournament was aimed at encouraging students' participation in co-curricular activities. The tournament saw more than 700 student athletes from a total of 15 institutions of higher learning in the Northern Zone, competing against one another for the championship title.

UTAR Department of Student Affairs, Sports and Recreation Unit Assistant Manager S. Theva Das led the contingent of 46 students. Volleyball, futsal, chess, badminton, ten pin bowling, table tennis, netball, and basketball

## Nine medals in Kejohanan Masiswa Zon Utara



UTAR contingent with its team manager Theva Das (sixth from right)

were the games played and UTAR participated in four of them.

The three golds were from women's volleyball, badminton mixed doubles, and the first team in badminton women's doubles. The two silver medals came from the first team in the badminton men's doubles and the men's volleyball event. Three

bronze medals came from the badminton players in the second team in women's doubles, the second team in men's doubles, and men's singles, while the remainder came from the men's singles in chess.

Theva Das said, "Apart from raising the standard of games amongst the student athletes from institutions of

higher learning, this annual tournament is also a great platform for UTAR students to enhance their knowledge and expertise in sports." He added, "Our UTAR players played well and I am personally proud of their determination, persistence, and motivation throughout the tournament."

A team from the Department of Mechatronics and Biomedical Engineering of the Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science made UTAR proud by winning in the Hack-a-thon competition organised by Materialise Sdn Bhd.

The team comprised two lecturers, Teoh Boon Yew and team supervisor Chai Tong Yuen, and three students, Lum Boon Wai, Eric Chua Shi Khang, and Jannex Heng Chun Kit. The team won in the track of 'Innovative use of 3D Printing Technologies' with their project titled "Biological Scaffold Printing using 3D Print" and collected a cash prize of RM3,000 with certificates.

The purpose of the event was to showcase the participants' skill in 3D design and Software Programming, besides learning 3D printing design for software engineering. Throughout the 24-hour event, participants learnt about 3D print Cloud Application Program Interface, 3D printers, Computer-aided design software, and the impact of 3D printing in our daily lives. Hack-a-thon hoped that from this exposure, 3D printing would no longer be considered as an alien technology as it can contribute to a better and healthier world.

There were 40 participants from various universities including UTAR, Multimedia University, University Malaya, and University of Nottingham in this competition. The event

## Winners in Hack-a-thon



From left: Teoh, Lum, Eric, Chai, and Jannex with their prize

was held from 20 to 21 February 2016 at Materialise Sdn Bhd headquarters in Petaling Jaya. The Hack-a-thon event was organised

by Materialise, sponsored by Designx3D Sdn Bhd, and endorsed by the Multimedia Development Corporation.

A total of 2,470 graduates received their scrolls at the 22nd UTAR Convocation held at the Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik in Kampar Campus from 25 to 27 March 2016. They received their convocation scrolls in four sessions and graduated from 77 programmes comprising 61 Bachelor Honours degrees, 14 Master's degrees, and two PhDs.

# 2,470 graduate during 22nd Convocation



Graduands on their way to Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik

The convocation also celebrated the academic accomplishments of the pioneer batches of graduates from the following two programmes: Master of Engineering (Electrical) from the Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science, and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Digital Animation from the Faculty of Creative Industries.

The convocation was declared open by UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik. Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum, UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, other UTAR Council and Board of Trustees members, university partners, and guests were also present at the ceremony.



Tun Ling (left) and Prof Chuah delivering their speeches



Guests of Honour, clockwise from top left: Tan Sri V.C. George, Philip Mathews, Tan Sri Fong, and Goh Peng Ooi

The Guests of Honour for the four sessions of the convocation were Retired Judge of the Court of Appeal and former President of the Malaysian Bar Council Tan Sri Dato' V.C. George for Session One, Editor-in-Chief of Chronicle of Malaysia and Trustee of Eco World Foundation Philip Mathews for Session Two, Founder and Executive Chairman of Silverlake Group of Companies Goh Peng Ooi for Session Three, and UTAR Council Member Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Fong Chan Onn for Session Four.

The scroll presenters were Member of the Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Datuk Oh Chong Peng for Session One, Member of the Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Tan Sri Lee Oi Hian for Session Two, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum for Session Three, and Member of UTAR Council Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Fong Chan Onn and Member of UTAR Council-cum-Minister of International Trade and Industry II Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan for Session Four.

Tun Ling congratulated the graduates on their outstanding achievements and advised the graduates to be self-motivated and continue to enrich themselves with knowledge. He added, "While striving to achieve your personal and career goals, I advise you to always respect and appreciate diversity, and uphold good ethics and values wherever you go."

In his speech, Prof Chuah said, "Academic prowess or technical knowledge is undoubtedly crucial. However, equally important for life and success are other non-academic aspects such as soft skills, life skills, ethics, professionalism, and values. The university has always taken great care in grooming and guiding the students to become holistic graduates with sound technical knowledge and other exemplary skills and qualities."

Tan Sri V.C. George gave an inspiring speech to the graduating students, saying, "At 85, I consider myself to be middle-aged. However, you are young and the world is out there waiting for you to explore and invade, waiting for you to conquer! The possibilities are endless and many opportunities are available. Go forth with a positive mind and discover your capabilities."

Mathews motivated the graduates and said, "Wherever you are and whatever you choose to do, never compromise in your pursuit of excellence. Pursue excellence relentlessly. Always aim to do the best, to be the best you can. You should also always be focused and always remember that success comes to those who never quit trying."

Goh congratulated the graduates and said, "Do what makes you happy and not what you think will make you rich. You may have heard that money cannot buy you happiness but I am proof that happiness can make you money. I was drawn to Mathematics; I excelled in it but at school I was never the 'top boy'. Being first was not important. What mattered to me was learning. I enjoyed it, therefore I excelled in it. Life is short. Make it count by doing what you like."

Tan Sri Fong advised the graduating students, "As you pursue your dreams, sometimes it's good to reflect on what you have and what you want to do and perhaps re-align your goals. Think seriously on what you want to be years from now and how you want to achieve it and then set your plan in place. It is not



Datuk Oh presenting the scroll to Master of Communication graduate Inderjit Kaur



Tan Sri Lee presenting the scroll to Banking and Finance graduate Tong Yik Liang



Tan Sri Sak presenting the scroll to Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery graduate Sarveen Prasad



Tan Sri Fong presenting the scroll to Bachelor of Science (Hons) Construction Management graduate Lim Yook Sai

always that good things just happen along the way. Sometimes we may be on the wrong path and need to make some adjustments."

The convocation also witnessed the conferment of the Honorary Doctorate for Doctor of Accounting and Auditing and the Honorary Doctorate for Doctor of Corporate Management to Members of the Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Datuk Oh Chong Peng and Cheng Hooi, Paul Geh respectively for their exceptional contributions and leadership in the fields of accounting, auditing, finance, taxation, and corporate management.

With the addition of 2,470 graduates from this 22nd Convocation, the number of the university's alumni now stands at 43,028 since its inaugural convocation in 2005.



Dato' Seri Ong presenting the scroll to Accounting graduate Chua Poh Ling



UTAR Registrar Yim Lin Heng leading the Guest of Honour procession



Datuk Oh (right) receiving his Honorary Doctorate Degree from Tun Ling



Paul Geh (right) receiving his Honorary Doctorate Degree from Tun Ling



Graduates of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery smiling with Prof Chuah (standing fourth from left) and their professors



Mace-bearers (from left): Ong Wei Koon, Chiang Ming Kin, Lau Chee Yan and Daniel Low Xiao Zun



Performance by the UTAR Chinese Orchestra Society



Musical interlude performers (from left): Sim Wen Qin, Alison Yoon, Yang Shun Kai, Evelyn Foo Ching Lin, Nurul Izwazi, Ch'ng Jing Yan, Lai Hey Yue, Mok Yee Men and R.J. Kevin



Graduates in jubilant mood



Lim Yook Sai has always dreamed of getting a degree. He finally obtained his degree at the age of 70. He graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Science (Hons) Construction Management



Graduates in Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik

# Official opening of UTAR Gallery

In conjunction with the UTAR 22nd Convocation celebration, Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik and President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik officially opened the UTAR Gallery on 25 March 2016 at Kampar Campus's Heritage Hall Building.

Also present at the ceremony were Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum, Members of the Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Datuk Oh Chong Peng and Cheng Hooi, Paul Geh, Retired Judge of the Court of Appeal and former President of the Malaysian Bar Council Tan Sri Dato' V.C. George, UTAR Vice-President for Internationalisation and Academic Development-cum-UTAR Gallery Committee Chairperson Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat, UTAR Vice-President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng, Director of UTAR Library Lim Suan Hoon, Director of Division of Corporate Communication and Public Relations Ong Soo Weon, Director of Software Development and Multimedia Services Centre Teoh Boon Chiat, Head of the Department of Estates and Facilities (Kampar Campus) Ir Abdul Majid bin Mohd Gani, Manager from the Division of Programme Promotion Hor Sin Yee, UTAR staff, and students.

With the four sections; namely, 'The Road to Independence', 'Genesis and Development of UTAR', 'Achievements and Contributions', and 'Community Projects and Student Activities', the gallery exhibits the history, memorable moments, achievements, and progress of the university since its establishment in 2002. Through the display of hundreds of valuable photographs, artefacts, and multimedia resources, it brings to its visitors a rich history of accomplishments showcasing diversity and



From left: Prof Chuah, Tan Sri V.C. George, Tun Ling, Tan Sri Sak, Datuk Oh, and Paul Geh during the ribbon-cutting ceremony

excellence in areas ranging from culture and arts to academia and research, mirroring the rapid development of the university.

In his opening speech, Prof Chuah said, "The idea of the gallery was first mooted in 2014 and commenced with some initial discussions. In 2015, a special committee chaired by Prof Ewe carried out further discussions and the groundwork was laid. This gallery showcases the genesis of UTAR, the manifold collaborations of the university with its partners and the rich exchanges of gifts and documents, and the various significant student and staff activities. The gallery also showcases a brief history of the important individuals and the parties that led to independent Malaya."

Apart from the history and achievements of the university is the showcase of three IT application projects done by students and led by Dr Ooi Boon Yaik, the Head of Department of Computer Science in the

Faculty of Information and Communication Technology. All these applications are based on the concept of "Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)". The first one is the UTAR Gallery-Augmented Tour. This application can be downloaded via Google Play store. It allows users to enjoy additional multimedia content by using their smartphone cameras to scan the posters displayed in the UTAR Gallery. The second one is the Zero Configuration Solution. This solution is used to allow users to control one of the TVs in the UTAR Gallery through their smartphone. The third application is named Event Management Solution where the solution is used to help users track the completeness of their tour in the Gallery.

The ceremony ended with a tour led by Prof Ewe explaining each section to guests and visitors.



Views of the Gallery

Setting yet another rousing example, four teams from the Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology (FEGT) were awarded medals and certificates for their innovative inventions in the National Innovation and Invention Competition through Exhibition 2016 (iCompEx'16). The competition, which took place from 22 to 24 March 2016, was held at Politeknik Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah (POLIMAS), Jitra, Kedah.

## Big wins at iCompEx'16

Organised by POLIMAS, the event saw the FEGT teams win in the category of Agriculture, Environment and Renewable Energy. Each team presented their winning inventions, with which one team won a gold medal and cash prize of RM400, two teams won a silver medal and a certificate each, and the last team won a bronze medal.

"Winners never stop trying," expressed Engineering doctorate student Sharmeeni Murugan joyfully when her research project won the gold medal. The team also walked home with a certificate. Her teammate, final year Petrochemical Engineering student Chai Chun Leong also expressed his gratitude to their advisor, Department of Petrochemical Engineering Head Assoc Prof Dr Yamuna a/p Munusamy, for being their pillar of support throughout the competition. "Through this competition, we were able to promote our research project which uses eggshells to replace commercial calcium carbonate," continued Chai.

The gold award winning research project, titled "Development of New Bio-Filler for Polymer Product from Waste Chicken Eggshell", functions by using waste eggshells as a bio-filler for polymer products, thus minimising the requirement of obtaining calcium carbonate from the natural environment. With this invention, natural resources such as limestone can be conserved, while also reducing the quantity of waste eggshells at landfills.



From left: Sharmeeni, Dr Yamuna, and Chai displaying their gold medal and certificate

As for final year Environmental Engineering students Klinmann Ng Weng Sum and Leong Wai Lun, alongside their advisor, FEGT lecturer Dr Sumathi a/p Sethupathi, their research project titled "Microwave Assisted Palm Oil Sludge Char: The Heavy Metal Remover" earned them a silver medal. Their invention is meant to help create a safe environment by eliminating waste and reutilising the waste to suppress soil contamination and water pollution. It works by using a microwave heat technique to modify palm oil sludge (POS). The carbonised POS will then be converted to a carbonaceous inert material. The invention also tested positively for removing certain heavy metals.

Another entry that bagged a silver medal was "A Novel Absorbent Produced from Unwanted Sea Mango by Microwave Induced KOH Activation", by final year Environmental Engineering students Chia Ken Lin and Tay Ming Xian, with their advisor, FEGT Department of Environmental Engineering Head Dr Mohammed J. K. Bashir. Their eco-friendly invention works as an adsorbent to simultaneously remove organic and inorganic compounds, which is a treatment solution to the problem of hazardous landfill leachate. Using a microwave heating technique, the adsorbent converts unwanted materials to value-added products, with little energy and time consumption.



From left: Ng, Leong, Tay, and Chia with their silver medals and certificates

Chai Huey Yee, Lim Ping Feng, and Tai Chee Yong, meanwhile won a bronze medal with their research titled "Performance of Innovative Hybrid Microbial Fuel Cell (MFC) in Treating Palm Oil Mill Effluent (POME)". The MFC technology functions by using microorganisms to oxidise organic and inorganic wastewater compounds while generating electricity. The brilliant invention also demonstrated significant improvements in electricity production, Chemical Oxygen Demand removal rate, and biogas production. Chai said she was grateful to her advisor, Deputy Dean for Academic Development and Undergraduate Programmes Dr Ng Choon Aun, for being the source of motivation throughout the competition.



From left: Lim, Dr Ng, Chai, and Tai with their bronze medal

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) is set to boost Malaysia's economic growth. Based on the findings reported by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in 2015, the trade agreement is projected to boost Malaysia's gross domestic product (GDP) by about RM450 billion, creating up to two million jobs by 2027.

Speaking at the TPPA Forum held in Sungai Long Campus on 7 April 2016, Malaysian Second Minister of International Trade and Industry and UTAR Council Member Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan said it will provide Malaysia with market access to Canada, Mexico, Peru, and the United States, which Malaysia currently has no Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with.

"Tariff and non-tariff barriers are eliminated or reduced across all trade like goods, services, and investment. It also facilitates cross-border integration and opens domestic markets, so as to create prospective opportunities for our businesses, workers, and consumers," said Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Principal Assistant Director and forum panelist Lim Chee Hau.

As the government is

## Business opportunities in TPPA



From left: Lim, CEE Director Lim Guat Yen, UTAR Council Member Tan Sri Datuk Seri Dr Fong Chan Onn, Dato' Seri Ong, Prof Chuah, Dr Tham, Fui, Faculty of Business and Finance Dean Dr Choong Chee Keong, and FAM Dean Dr Sia Bee Chuan

aware of the country's need for developmental policies for Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) development, the Ministry is committed to help SMEs take advantage of this trade agreement so that TPPA fulfils its potential for maximising development, competitiveness, and inclusiveness.

TPPA has become a

matter of national interest, generating debates on issues such as intellectual property rights, special drawing rights, data exclusivity, investor state dispute settlement, labour rights, standards transparency, governance, competition, sovereignty, and more.

"The university is committed to educating students and the

general public in developing the skills and flexibility needed so that they are prepared and well informed about the developments of the country," said UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik.

## Developing a balanced academic life

"Developing a Balanced Academic Life" was delivered by UTAR Vice-President for Internationalisation and Academic Development Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat to help students and academic staff seek a balance in life.

In order to optimise functioning, it is important that an individual find a balance between the roles they play. "Managing the demands of your job, classes, and personal life can be challenging, but you can be successful if you keep a few tips in mind," Prof Ewe said.

"Stay focused on the task at hand. Many times we are overwhelmed with assignments and coursework; it is important to set priorities so that you won't burn out," he continued.

"Set a schedule; plan your time for study, friends, leisure, and other things that need to be done. Experiment with the best times for you to study. Also, figure out the best place to study where all of your materials are accessible so that you can truly focus," Prof Ewe said.

Prof Ewe also advised students to pursue lifelong learning. "Don't focus on being a perfectionist — every individual has strengths and weaknesses — focus on the subjects that you're good at, as well as identifying weaknesses in the ones that need improvement. The process of learning is more important than getting good grades," Prof Ewe advised.

Quoting from the book, *Our Underachieving Colleges* by ex-Harvard University President Derek Bok, Prof Ewe says that learning to communicate and think is a priority in education. "Employers want people that they can work well with, as well as the ability to solve problems."

"Education becomes less important as we get older. Instead, as studies show, graduates with soft skills, good career results, networking abilities, and good character get ahead of others. Most importantly, make sure to reward yourselves for the great work," said Prof Ewe.



Prof Ewe giving advice on academic balance



## Student publishes three novels

Lee Ching Kai, Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) Accounting student has authored three novels, one horror and two fantasy, in less than two years. The two fantasy novels are known as *Winfred Cowell, Smedaphites, and the Aliens*, and *Winfred Cowell, Smedaphites, and the Aliens 2*, while the horror book was titled *Dare to Read It!*.

Lee, who is very passionate about language and public speaking, also happens to be a black belt taekwondo national champion. All these qualities have moulded him into an individual with a strong focus, which helps him in not only writing, but also his academic studies.

"I realised I wanted to be a writer when I had the notion that I would like to do something great and different from other people. It was not until I completed the first book that I realised I had a passion for such new ventures," said Lee.

When asked what inspired him to write, Lee said, "My unwavering desire to write at least one book in my lifetime spurred me to write the first book. Also, discerning the unparalleled patience and perseverance possessed by most authors and other successful people, I aspired to challenge my determination and set pen to paper."

Lee thinks that a good story's content should be laid out based on novel ideas and the way the content is portrayed should be able to showcase the story to book critics in the publishing industry, while the contents should be able to captivate readers.

Five copies of each novel were donated to the UTAR Main Library in Kampar Campus. The book hand-over ceremony was attended by Faculty of Business



Prof Choong, Lee, Hew, and Choong at the book hand-over ceremony

and Finance (FBF) Dean Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, Head of Library (Kampar Campus) Hew Yoke Far, and FBF Department of Business Head Choong Yuen Onn.

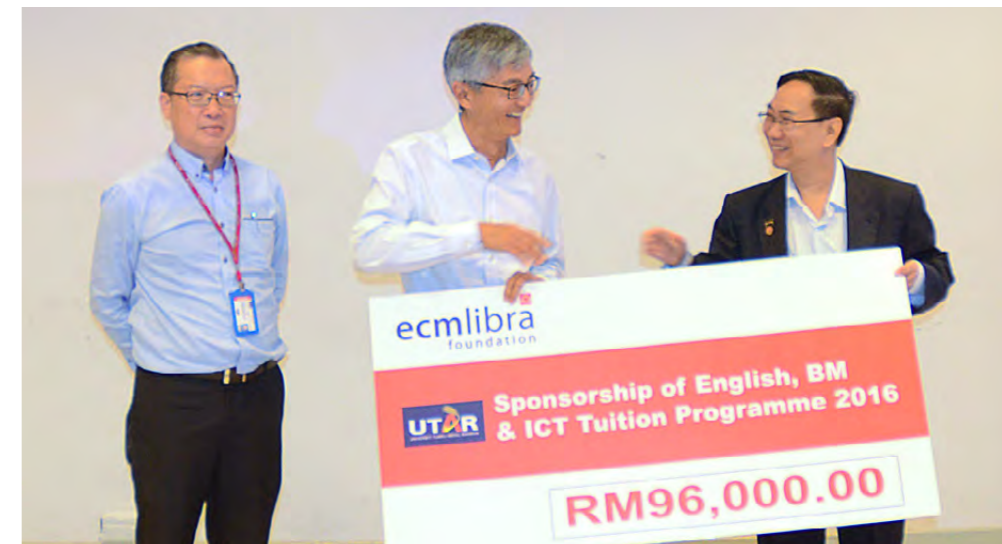
## Sponsorship from ECM Libra Foundation

UTAR received a RM96,000 sponsorship for English, Bahasa Malaysia, and ICT Tuition Programmes from its collaborative partner ECM Libra Foundation at an official launching ceremony held at Kampar Campus on 9 March 2016.

The sponsorship was presented by ECM Libra Foundation Executive Trustee Lim Beng Choon to UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik. Also present were Vice-President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng, headmasters from selected primary schools, Head of New Villages, and UTAR staff and students.

In line with the objective to reach the students in rural schools of Malaysia, UTAR collaborated with ECM Libra Foundation to organise a series of comprehensive Tuition Programmes for nine selected primary schools.

In his opening speech, Prof Chuah said, "ECM Libra Foundation and UTAR DSSC's joint ventures since 2014 have mainly focussed on English tuition for primary school students in new villages. In the first year of collaboration, more than RM32,000 was funded by ECM Libra Foundation. In 2015, the project expanded to include an IT Skills Programme for school children. This year,



Prof Chuah (right) receiving the mock cheque from Lim, while Dr Teh looks on

more of such projects are in the pipeline, especially with this donated fund from ECM Libra Foundation."

In his opening speech, Lim said, "We believe education is not only restricted to the classroom, but it should also include character and leadership development. Hence, the Foundation uses this as a platform to provide poor children with

opportunities to develop their confidence and self-awareness through tuition as well as multiple skill-based programmes."

UTAR is a collaborative partner of ECM Libra Foundation, which is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping the needy to further their studies.

## Sensation in March 2016

UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik and UTAR Planning and Development Committee Advisor Tan Sri Hew See Tong have graciously donated RM10,000 each to UTAR Wushu Club in conjunction with its 24 Festive Drums Concert, titled "Sensation in March 2016", held at the Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, Kampar Campus on 2 April 2016.

The inaugural mega concert organised by UTAR Wushu Club successfully attracted more than 2,400 visitors.

"It gives me great pleasure to attend a student event where I am able to feel the vibrancy and also witness the creativity of our students. In UTAR's pursuit to be a premier university, our mission is to provide holistic education to develop all-rounded individuals who are not just technically and academically competent, but also wise to apply their newfound knowledge and skills to benefit the community and nation," remarked Tun Ling.

Organising Chairperson Lim Woei Shyang said, "The concert is for promoting the culture of 24 festive drums around Kampar and in our campus. The concert is also aimed to represent the creative inspiration and the sincerity of the drummers to awaken the sound of drum rhythms in every individual's heart. Besides promoting the culture of 24 festive drums, through this concert we would also like to raise funds for purchasing more drums."

Sensation in March 2016 saw the innovative integration of Chinese cultural



A great show of happiness – The Sensation

elements into the fabric of the event. UTAR Wushu Club members put up a total of six enthralling performances with different themes such as social problems, an interpretation of different ethnic cultures, as well as the hitting and playing of percussion drums which garnered thunderous applause

from the audience. The six inspiring performances, namely 'Unforgettable Feud', 'Rhythm of Soul', 'Illusion', 'Back Down', 'That's Why We Are Drummers', and 'The Sensation', were all composed and choreographed by UTAR Wushu Club members.

With the ambition to help the underprivileged children of Malaysia, a charitable event known as the Moneypollie Fun Fair (MFF) was organised by the Board Games Club at UTAR Kampar Campus from 2 April to 3 April 2016.

Held at the UTAR Sports Complex over the course of two days, the event welcomed the public and students to discover the fun of various board games and card games. Besides providing a platform for students to interact, other highlights from the event were performances by both international and local stars. The crowd-pullers included Thai internet sensation Happy Polla, and local celebrities such as UTAR Alumna Yise Lo 罗亿诗, Amy 文小菲, and Uriah 徐凯.

Invited to grace the closing ceremony was UTAR Vice-President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng. Also present were Chairperson of Board Games Club Low Kelvin, Advisor of Board Games Club Kuar Lok Sin, and Chairperson of Student Representative Council Chong En Di.

The collaborative effort between the organisers and the vendors targeted a 70 percent donation to World Vision Malaysia from the total profits earned. With the donation, poverty-stricken children in Malaysia will be provided with education, nutrition and healthcare.

Complimenting the committee's effort to raise funds for a noble cause, Dr Teh also delivered his thanks to the sponsors and

## A noble cause at MFF



Fans posing with Happy Polla at the meet and greet session

crowd for their support in making the event successful. "This event helps to create an awareness of the noble works piloted by World Vision Malaysia. I do hope everyone will continue to support coming events at UTAR," encouraged Dr Teh.

Sponsored by Digi, the success of MFF served as a platform to inspire UTARians and visitors to contribute to society and help the underprivileged.

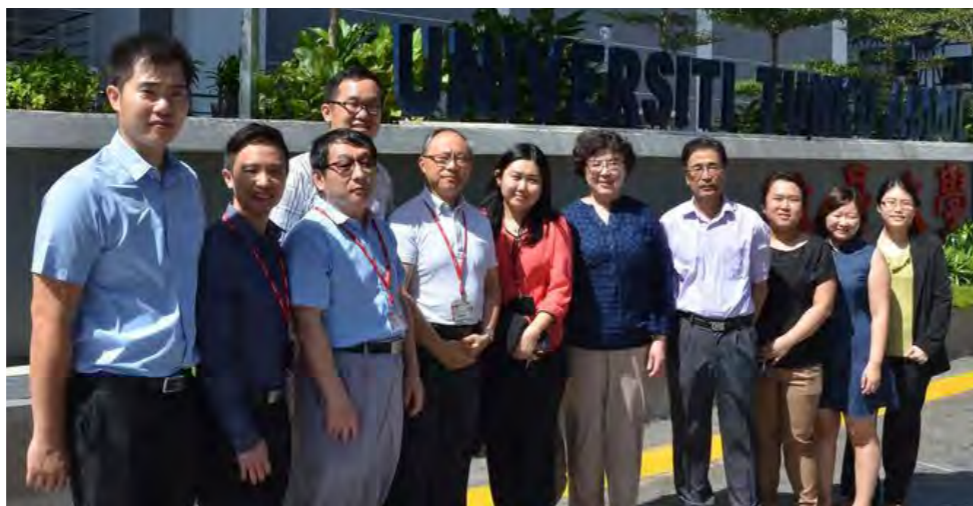
拉曼大学中医系外部考官董瑶教授于2016年2月23日造访双溪龙校区与全体中医系老师见面，并参观了双溪龙区的新教学楼。

次日，她为师生们带来了以“海外中医系发展现状”为题的讲座。她指出，中医药已传播到全球各地的百多个国家，并已成为一种国际行业。在世界范围内，约有10万家中医药诊所、约30万名中医药技术服务提供者，以及不少于1000所中医药教育机构。在世界各地的各种中医药疗法中，使用最多的是针刺疗法。她透露，目前学术界比较热门的中医药研究课题是中草药抗肿瘤的作用、针灸提高试管婴儿的成功率、中医药对于多囊卵巢综合症的作用和针灸治疗妊娠期抑郁症等。

另外，她也在当天下午与在籍学生进行交流，对学生的状况及未来所面对的就业挑战等等有更进一步的了解。她在造访大学期间也查阅了中医系各科教学档案。

董教授在这次的造访中提供了本校中医系许多宝贵的意见，对系里的教学、科研、管理均有相当的启发，让大家获益不浅。本校中医系衷心感谢董教授的造访及多年来的指导与支持。

## 中医系外部考官童瑶教授到访



一众中医系讲师与董瑶教授（右五）合影。

### 董瑶教授简介

医学博士，现任香港大学名誉教授、上海中医药大学海外推广与教育教学首席顾问，原香港大学中医学院院长、教授，曾任上海中医药大学副校长、教授、博士生导师，主要从事中医基础理论的教学与研究，临床上擅长诊治身心相关疾病及妇科疾病。

## 中华研究院办研究生国际学术交流会议

由拉曼大学中华研究院、中华研究中心及中文系研究生学生会联合主办的“拉曼大学中华研究院友好大学研究生国际学术交流会议”于2016年4月9日及10日，一连两天在金宝校区举行，获得来自拉曼大学、厦门华侨大学及台湾交通大学的20位研究生的踊跃参与。

出席研讨会的嘉宾包括中华研究院院长张晓威副教授、副院长黄文斌副教授、代副院长莫德厚、中文系（双溪龙校区）系主任陈中和博士、中文系（金宝校区）系主任杜忠全、研究生课程主任陈明彪博士、交通大学客家文化学院人文社会学系罗烈师副教授、华侨大学华侨华人研究院钟大荣博士等。

黄文斌致欢迎词时表示，人才是需要培养的，特别是从事文化研究的人才，而多年来从事文化研究的人为数不多，而人数增加幅度亦较小。借此希望提供更多的平台让研究生发表自己的研究成果，进而培养他们成为下一代的接班人，因为每位研究生都有潜质成为文化研究工作者。

张晓威致开幕词时表示，拉曼大学鼓励师生与友好学



本校研究生正进行论文发表。

校的交流与互动，因为这将有助于开拓学生的视野及提升研究知识。除了研究发表会，也寄望三校未来有其他的合作，如跨国、科系和学科的研究计划。

首先登场的是老师们的论文发表环节，并由罗烈师、陈中和、钟大荣和黄文斌发表与宗教教育、文化教育、多元族群以及僧尼相关的论文。

其余五场发表环节由三校的研究生负责发表，主题概括华侨与华商思考、教育与文化对话、信仰与丧葬初探、劳动与服务初论、艺术与外交寻绎等。研讨会以发表人及与谈人的方式进行，发表人发表完毕后，与谈人将给予评语，最后则由讲评老师负责点评学生的发表论文和整体表现。负责讲评的老师有罗烈师、钟大荣和中华研究院讲师。



与会者和嘉宾于闭幕典礼后合影留念。

# 华人历史研究青年培训计划 讲座系列

## 马来西亚华人历史重构——以马六甲青云亭为考察案例



拉曼大学中华研究中心（马来西亚华人与文化组研究）于2016年3月18日在金宝校区举办了以“马来西亚华人历史重构——以马六甲青云亭为考察案例”为题的讲座，吸引了来自中华研究院及其他院系师生的踊跃参与。

主讲人兼中华研究院副院长黄文斌副教授表示，“马来西亚华人历史要靠华人自己来论述与建构，以丰厚我们祖辈们移居马来西亚的历史，借鉴历史以开展民族的未来。历史和文化是分不开的，拥有丰厚的历史，才能创造自己的文化。”

他以青云亭为研究对象，和与会者讨论如何通过田野调查收集史料，以重新建构马六甲或马来西亚华人的历史。马六甲作为历史上重要的国际商港和地域，其官方历史皆以马六甲王朝为主轴，对于华人移居到马六甲的历史记录是不足的。他在马六甲考察期间于三宝山发现了1614年和1622年（明末时期）的墓碑，以及在厦门作研究期间发现了李为经（马六甲甲必

丹）的事迹。由此可见，明末时期的马六甲华人社会经已存在。

创建于1673年的青云亭，是一座闽南风格、儒佛道“三教合一”的庙宇，供奉的主祀神为观音、庙内有道教旗幡，并设有宗祠。此外，庙里的许多文物都有年份记载，是个了解马六甲早期华人历史的好教材。随后，他也和与会者探讨了青云亭在马六甲华人社会扮演的历史角色、马六甲数任甲必丹的生平简介、青云亭领袖的群体地位、青云亭所扮演的宗教与政治角色、青云亭与三宝山的关系等。

最后的交流环节中，主讲人和与会者一同探讨了与马六甲早期华人的籍贯、华社福利、甲必丹制度、当时的华人信仰和当地其他信仰之间的关系等等相关课题，让与会者获益匪浅。

值得一提的是，2016年度的青年培训计划的参与学生不仅仅只有中华研究院的学生，还包括了来自文学与社会科学学院、资讯与通讯科技学院及理学院的学生。

拉曼大学中华研究中心（马来西亚华人与文化组研究）于2016年4月6日在金宝校区举办了由中华研究院院长张晓威副教授主讲，并以“档案与历史研究”为题的讲座，旨在为与会者讲解档案与历史研究之间的密切关系，以及介绍与马来西亚华人研究相关的档案。

张院长表示，历史是无所不在、无所不包的，历史呈现于人们眼前的方式便是透过史料，而历史记录与历史遗迹便是史料的一环。没有史料也就无法进行历史研究。随着科技发展，历史记录已不局限于文字记录，而发展出许多不同的记录方式，如摄影、录音等，让历史记录多元化。

随后，他讲述了档案对历史研究的重要性，因为档案是历史的证据。档案可分为两类，国家档案和机关档案；前者价值高，因此会被永久保存，而后者则是各机关自行归档保存，以备日后作为参考的档案。

接着，他为大家讲解解读档案的方法。首先必须了解历史研究法及史实的基础。历史记录会因为记者立场的不同而出现偏差，因此分析与鉴定是必须的，以免出现不客观的判

断。

他亦建议从事马来西亚华人历史研究者可从中国与英国的政府档案查找相关的史料。记载马来西亚人的清朝官方档案有台湾中央研究院近代史研究所档案馆的《外交档案》当中的《总理各国事务衙门档案》（1901年后更名为《外务部档案》）、台湾国立故宫博物院收藏的《宫中档》与《军机处档摺件》、台湾国史馆《国民政府档案》与《外交部档案》、中国第一历史档案馆的《军机处档》、《内阁档》等。此外，他也特别推荐了《清代中国与东南亚各国关系档案史料汇编》一书也是可作参考的书籍，“此书是将中国第一历史档案馆中，与东南亚相关的档案进行整理后编成的，其中的第一册便是与马来西亚相关的档案。”另外，相关的英国官方档案则可在英国档案馆（Public Record Office）的殖民部（Colonial Office）中C0144、C0273至C0276等系列中找到。

最后，主讲人在交流环节上和与会者一同探讨了与档案、官方立场相关的课题，让大家对档案与历史研究有更深入的了解。

## 档案与历史研究



# Pelajar menyertai aktiviti luar kuliah

Sebagai salah satu usaha untuk menggalakkan budaya pembelajaran yang seimbang dalam kalangan pelajar UTAR, Persatuan Kebudayaan Asia UTAR atau lebih dikenali sebagai *Asian Cultural Society* (ACS) telah menganjurkan sebuah aktiviti ko-kurikulum bertajuk, "Pesta HOLA" bertempat di Kompleks Sukan Kampus Kampar UTAR pada 9 April 2016.

Disertai lebih daripada 220 peserta termasuk masyarakat awam Kampar, "Pesta HOLA" yang bertemakan '*Colour up your souls, brighten up your spirit*' tersebut menggabungkan dua acara luaran, iaitu permainan stesen dan sambutan *Holi*. "Pesta HOLA" ini bertujuan untuk menyebarkan amalan tradisi dan budaya agama lain serta memupuk semangat kesatuan dalam kalangan pelajar supaya mereka boleh membentuk pasukan yang bersemangat tinggi.

Pada majlis perasmian pesta tersebut, Pensyarah dari Fakulti Perniagaan dan Kewangan UTAR merangkap Pensyarah Penasihat ACS Charles Ramendran memuji usaha jawatankuasa penganjur yang menjayakan "Pesta HOLA" tersebut. Beliau berkata, "Saya berasa amat gembira untuk menghadiri pesta ini dan juga teruja melihat kegigihan pelajar-pelajar UTAR yang mampu menganjurkan aktiviti luaran yang penuh bermakna dan menyeronokkan di samping membawa ketenangan dan kegembiraan kepada semua peserta. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan tahniah kepada jawatankuasa penganjur atas kemampuan anda dalam merancang dan melaksanakan aktiviti yang cukup bermakna pada hari ini."

Beliau juga menambah, "Selain memberi ketenangan dan kegembiraan kepada semua peserta, pesta ini juga bertujuan untuk menyebarkan pengetahuan mengenai kepelbagaian budaya dan tradisi rakyat Malaysia, bukan sahaja kepada masyarakat tempatan, malah juga kepada pelajar-pelajar antarabangsa UTAR yang turut mengambil bahagian dalam aktiviti ini."



Charles (keempat dari kanan) dan Sri (kelima dari kanan) bergambar dengan pelajar-pelajar antarabangsa UTAR



Para peserta bergambar selepas sambutan *Holi*

Pengerusi Penganjur R. Sri Dharisanam mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada semua peserta yang meluangkan masa mereka untuk menghadiri dan menyokong pesta tersebut. "Pesta ini juga disasarkan sebagai salah satu laluan kepada para pelajar UTAR menglibatkan diri dalam aktiviti-aktiviti yang berfaedah serta dapat saling berhubung dengan masyarakat setempat."

"Pesta HOLA" dibahagikan kepada dua bahagian, iaitu permainan stesen dan sambutan *Holi*. Bahagian pertama terdiri daripada sepuluh permainan stesen yang menyeronokkan. Kesemua permainan tersebut bertujuan menguji kekuatan fizikal dan mental, semangat kerja berpasukan, serta kemahiran komunikasi yang terdapat dalam kalangan peserta.

Sebanyak 16 buah kumpulan telah mengambil bahagian dalam pesta tersebut. Kesemua kumpulan diperuntukkan had masa 10 hingga 15 minit untuk melengkapkan cabaran di setiap stesen.

Pasukan *MINT* muncul sebagai juara, diikuti oleh pasukan *PINK* sebagai naib juara. Kedua-dua pasukan teratas tersebut menerima cek tunai bernilai RM225 dan RM150 masing-masing serta membawa pulang sijil penyertaan, kemeja-T, dan beg cenderahati.

Bahagian kedua pesta tersebut terdiri daripada sambutan *Holi*. Kesemua peserta membalik dan menabur serbuk pewarna terhadap satu sama lain sebagai tanda kegembiraan. *Holi* merupakan salah satu perayaan warna-warni yang disambut oleh masyarakat Hindu bertemakan nilai persahabatan dan muhibah.

Pelajar program pengajian Psikologi Yusra Nasser berkata, "Ia adalah merupakan satu aktiviti yang menyeronokkan dan saya berasa amat teruja untuk mengambil bahagian dalam "Pesta HOLA". Aktiviti luaran seperti ini memberi satu laluan kepada kami untuk berhubung dan berinteraksi dengan pelajar-pelajar lain serta masyarakat awam. Semua permainan yang dianjurkan adalah benar-benar menarik dan begitu juga dengan sambutan *Holi* yang membawa suasana positif."

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