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MoU with Tianjin Chengjian University

UTAR and Tianjin Chengjian University (TCU) officially inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at Kampar Campus on 18 November 2016.

The MoU will see UTAR and TCU exploring a wide spectrum of areas including collaboration on teaching and research, student and staff exchange, and programme development.

Signing on behalf of the parties were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and TCU President Prof Li Zhongxian.

Delegates from TCU present at the ceremony were Dean for Academic Affairs Office Prof Mao Cui, Vice Dean for School of Civil Engineering Prof Yang Aiwu, School of Economics and Management Assoc Prof Dr Wang Xiao and Section Chief of International Cooperation Office Wang Li; while the delegates from Brunswild International Group were Director of Human Resources Goh Siew Chin, President of Brunswild America Vincent Lim and Senior Manager of International Business Shirley Tan.

Prof Chuah expressed his warm welcome to the delegates and gave a brief introduction of UTAR, Malaysia's education system and the emphasis on education by the Chinese community in Malaysia. He said, "Thus far, we have 33 higher education institutions from mainland China among our 230 collaborative partners."

Impressed by the Kampar Campus' beautiful scenery and UTAR's rapid growth in a mere 14 years since its inception, Prof Li said, "I believe the success of UTAR is the culmination of the continuous efforts of UTAR staff and students, and is a model of educational excellence."

He also gave a brief introduction about Tianjin, TCU and its programmes during the ceremony. He said, "Our visit to UTAR lays



Prof Li (left) and Prof Chuah with the signed agreements

the cornerstone of our understanding of Malaysia's educational landscape and the institutions that serve its people. We dearly cherish it and look forward to working closely with UTAR."

UTAR and the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at the Sungai Long Campus on 3 November 2016.

Signing the MoU was UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and MICPA President Dato' Abdul Rauf Rashid, witnessed by MICPA Council Member Dato Gan Ah Tee and Faculty of Accountancy and Management Dean Dr Sia Bee Chuan.

Other representatives from MICPA present were Council Member Venkatramanan Viswanathan, Executive Director Foo Yoke Pin, Senior Marketing Manager Eileen Grace Lee and Marketing Executive Hasiib Shaharuddin.

The MoU aimed to be a framework for academic cooperation in areas of mutual interest. UTAR and MICPA agreed to work closely to develop educational programmes related to the accounting field, and promote institutional exchanges by inviting staff from both parties to organise future symposia, conferences and short courses pertaining to accountancy. Apart from that, joint effort in the exchange of information for teaching, training and student development will be part of the collaboration.

"We need to partner with professional bodies that are industry-relevant in order for students to acquire knowledge not taught in

MoU with MICPA



Prof Chuah receiving a souvenir from Dato' Abdul Rauf, while Dato Gan and Dr Sia look on

the university. I believe that this collaboration with MICPA will provide relevant accounting experience for our students in preparation for the pressures of the job and standards required by the industry," said Prof Chuah.

Meanwhile, Dato' Abdul Rauf said, "I hope that MICPA and UTAR will cooperate in this MoU to create worthwhile and impactful

benefits for students, the university, our institute, and the greater nation as a whole. We ensure that our qualified members can work in any part of the world professionally. We also have many ongoing initiatives which facilitate accounting students in order to help achieve the government's target."

UTAR hosts University-Industry Forum

UTAR hosted the University-Industry Forum at its Kampar Campus on 28 November 2016 following the inaugural University-Industry Link Campus Open Day held previously at the Sungai Long Campus in July 2016.

A concerted effort by UTAR, the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) Perak and The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCIM), the University-Industry Forum aimed to connect UTAR's academic fraternity with industry players through networking sessions, further allowing both sides to jointly explore opportunities for win-win collaboration.

Invited to officiate the forum was Second Minister of International Trade and Industry Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan, who is also a Member of the UTAR Council. Also present at the ceremony were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Chairman of FMM Perak Dato' Gan Tack Kong, Chairman of ACCIM's Science, Technology and Innovations Committee Datuk Ir Hong Lee Pee, SiTerra Senior Sales Director Timothy Lee, UTAR Vice President for R&D and Commercialisation Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei, Dean of UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology Assoc Prof Dr Yap Vooi Voon, and Chairperson of UTAR Centre for Very-Large-Scale Integration (VLSI) Research Tang Chong Ming, along with over 150 participants consisting of academics and 103 industry representatives.

Dato' Gan said, "We need this paradigm shift of university-industry collaboration that is vital to help the economy and industries flourish, which in turn benefits students and universities as well. Hence, both sides must overcome the cultural and communication divide to foster closer cooperation for collaboration. I believe UTAR will be able to provide an effective link to the industries, and to bring out the best creative minds for this era of globalisation."

Representing the government's efforts to encourage universities to strengthen their ties with the industries, Dato' Seri Ong in his speech said, "To face challenges in the economy, we need to work with advanced countries in R&D and we need the market to facilitate in these R&D activities. Through a



Launching of the RUMPS401 with (from left) Dr Yap, Datuk Hong, Tang, Dato' Seri Ong, Prof Chuah, Dato' Gan, Lee and Prof Lee

strategic ecosystem, especially through the growing electronics industry, the production of high value products is made possible. So we see university-industry collaboration as a way to conduct more research and to generate innovative solutions for the supply chain and the ecosystem."

The highlight of the event was the launching of the Rahman University Multi-Processor System-on-a-Chip 401 (RUMPS401). The invention, spearheaded by Tang, includes four ARM Cortex M0 processor systems in a single silicon chip communicating and working together via a UTAR proprietary Adaptive Network-on-a-Chip (NoC). Its built-in hardware also features functions that can be used for signal processing, AES encryption in security sensitive applications, error detection and correction, and communication protocol implementation.

Prof Chuah said, "It is heartening to see an expert in the very-large-scale integration (VLSI) design industry like Mr Tang returning from overseas after a highly successful career with the world-renowned Bell Laboratories to help UTAR design the entire undergraduate VLSI Design teaching curriculum in the Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology."

With the launch of RUMPS401, UTAR's

successful partnership with industry partners, such as Suzhou Galaxy Camphol (SZGC) Technology Co. Ltd Shanghai, GLX Malaysia Sdn Bhd, SiTerra Malaysia Sdn Bhd, ARM Consulting (Shanghai) Co. Ltd, Synopsys and others, once again strongly reflected the university's contributions to society and nation through innovative research.

Apart from the RUMPS401, the VIPs and participants also learnt of new innovative inventions and products from various companies which exhibited at the forum. They included ARM Consulting (Shanghai) Co. Ltd, Cytron Technologies Sdn Bhd, Eclimo Sdn Bhd, GLX Malaysia Sdn Bhd, SiTerra Malaysia Sdn Bhd, and Pensonic Holdings Bhd. Not to be outshone, several UTAR research centres joined in the showcasing of their work, namely the Centre for VLSI Design, Centre for Information System and Software Technologies (CISST), Centre for Business and Management (CBM), and Centre for Environment and Green Technology Research (CEGT).

The forum came to an end after the "University-Industry Dialogue" session, where staff and industry representatives wasted no time sharing ideas, exchanging information and discussing on potential collaborations.



The VIPs admiring some of the exhibits

12th Malaysia Festival of the Mind

The final leg of the 12th Malaysia Festival of the Mind was held in conjunction with the Kuala Lumpur Engineering Science Fair (KLESF) from 4 to 6 November 2016 at the Mines International Exhibition and Convention Centre.

Themed 'Great Mind, Great Future', the festival aimed to raise awareness on the importance of mental literacy among Malaysians.

"The human brain has boundless potential to enable us to create, innovate, advance, develop and transform. Hence, the key element to activating the potential of the human brain is to educate society about the significance of mind literacy and the techniques to optimise the human brain," said Malaysia Mental Literacy Movement (MMLM) and UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik.

With a total of 19 workshops, 19 talks and 22 exhibitors, the festival managed to attract over 12,000 visitors including children, students, families and educators.

Cash prizes worth RM55,000 were awarded to the Mind Competitions 2016's winners.

"The competition helped me to better remember facts and figures, especially for subjects such as mathematics and history," said 14-year-old Teng Sew Yik, winner of the Random Words category of the Memory Competition.

Winner of the Random Alphabet



Participants trying out sport stacking

category of the Memory Competition Nik Adib bin Nik Muhammad from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) said the competition helped him to realise the potential of his brain. He also said the skills he acquired were very useful for theory-based subjects.

Also present at the festival were MMLM Deputy Chairman Dr Milton Lum Siew Wah, ASEAN Academy of Engineering and

Technology (AAET) President Ir Academician Datuk Hong Lee Pee, Country Heights Holdings Bhd Chairman Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew, and Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), Science to Action (S2A) Agenda Programme Director Norhasrizam Hashim.

Classical Chinese poetry conference

UTAR's Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) hosted "The 2016 Malaysia International Conference on the Tradition, Progression and Development of Classical Chinese Poetry at Kampar Campus from 5 to 6 November 2016.

Aimed to be a platform for scholars to share their research findings in classical Chinese poetry, the conference was a joint collaboration between the Mencius Institute's Centre for Chinese Studies (CCS) Sinology Unit and UTAR Chinese Studies Society.

The two-day conference saw 29 papers submitted by 90 participants hailing from as far afield as China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Among the delegates were CCS Chairperson-cum-ICS Deputy Dean for R&D and Postgraduate Programmes Assoc Prof Dr Wong Wun Bin, President of the Alumni Association of the Department of Chinese Studies of UTAR Loh Say Chung, and Keynote Speaker from Nanjing Normal University Prof Zhong Zhen Zhen. Prof Zhong's keynote speech titled "Reading Inertia in Prose and Misreading of Poetry" discussed text comprehension, artistic analysis, aesthetic judgment, and reader and author positioning relating to classical



Group photo of the organisers and speakers during the opening ceremony

Chinese poetry.

Dr Wong said, "Poetry is precious and wonderful. These graceful words are formed by the ancients' deep contemplation on the meaning of life, and with the passing of age, you will find that the verses in classical poetry impart important wisdom for our lives."

Topics of discussion included the spread and acceptance of classical poetry, the writing of classical poetry in Malaysia, literature, theory and practice, poetics, Song

iambic verse and Yuan drama.

ICS Deputy Dean Assoc Prof Dr Tee Boon Chuan said, "The vital intergenerational transmission of our cultural heritage has occurred in this conference today, where senior professors provided us with their remarkable experience and guidance, while the younger generation brought forth their youthful vitality for new, continuous research."

The UTAR National Wushu Open Championship 2016 was successfully held at Kampar Campus from 12 to 13 November 2016. Held for the second year running, the championship saw more than 200 participants. It was initiated by the Perak Non-Islamic Affairs Unit, and organised by the UTAR Kampar Campus Wushu Club with technical support from the Wushu, Dragon, and Lion Dance Federation of Perak.

This year, the championship saw a total of three events, namely the *sanda* and *taiji tuishou* as well as the traditional taolu, which was introduced for the first time.

Administrative Officer of Non-Islamic Affairs of Perak Ch'ng Teng Leong represented the guest of honour, Perak State Executive Council Member Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon, to officiate the opening ceremony.

In his opening speech, Ch'ng enthused, "Sports and physical education is essential to the early development of children and the skills learned during physical education and sports contribute to the holistic development of young people. Through participation, youngsters learn about the significance of fundamental values such as honesty, teamwork, respect for themselves and others."

Wushu Club Advisor Lee How Chinh said this year's championship drew more participants with the introduction of the traditional taolu event. "Due to the standardisation of Wushu with only the

Wushu Open at UTAR



Sanda event

sanda and *taiji tuishou* competitions found at international championships, many have forgotten about traditional Wushu. Hence, this is one of the efforts on our part to promote traditional Wushu."

Organising Chairperson Pang Li Wen added, "Through this event, we truly hope

that we will be able to promote Wushu to the public. We believe that the sportsmanship and spirit of Wushu culture will convince you to practice them in your daily life for better health."

Themed 'Shining Night', the UTAR Alumni Annual Dinner was held at the Genting International Convention Centre on 26 November 2016. Organised by the Department of Alumni Relations and Placement (DARP) and the UTAR Alumni Association, the annual dinner was a memorable night of entertaining performances, lucky draws and good food among all 430 attendees.

Present at the dinner were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Registrar Yim Lin Heng, DARP Head Lim Swea Jen, Alumni Association President Koh Fook Huat, Division of Corporate Communication and Public Relations Director Ong Soo Weon, alumni, their family, UTAR staff, students and invited guests.

Prof Chuah welcomed everyone during his opening speech and stated his hope that the alumni will continue to keep UTAR close to their hearts and contribute towards UTAR's cause for the benefit of their juniors at the university.

Since the dinner was a night especially for the alumni, it was befitting that alumni talent was fully showcased. A highlight was the fashion show featuring designs by UniQueens Fashion Founder Esther Soon.

There were singing performances by alumni Joanne Lai, Evelyn Foo Ching Lin, Eric Yang Shun Kai, Rebecca Pang Sing Yun, Alson Tan Boon Han and Grace Anne

Alumni annual dinner



Organising committee and some performers

Mak Zhi Hui, along with performances by a capella band Black Muffin.

These were followed by dance performances by the Sungai Long Campus Dance Club and the Rhythmix Dancers. There was also performances by Loong Bee, a sand artist. There was even a surprise proposal by an alumnus to his girlfriend on

stage which brought the house down with cheers and applause.

Overall, it was a night to remember with the lucky draws attracting hearty participation from the audience who joined in the suspense and thrill of winning.

Visit by Swedish Ambassador-Designate and Lund University

The Ambassador-Designate of Sweden to Malaysia His Excellency Dag Juhlin-Dannfelt together with International Coordinator of Lund University Kieve Saling visited Sungai Long Campus on 17 November 2016.

The delegates were accompanied by Jenn Lew and Eric Petterson, officers from the Embassy of Sweden in Kuala Lumpur. Welcoming the guests on behalf of UTAR were its President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Vice Presidents Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei and Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, as well as representatives from faculties, institutes and administrative departments.

His Excellency said, "This is my first visit to a university in Malaysia as the ambassador-designate to Kuala Lumpur. The main role of the Embassy is to strengthen mutual understanding and enhance the relationship between Malaysia and Sweden in all aspects. One of our primary concerns is education."

"As of now, the number of Malaysian students in Sweden is fairly low. We welcome more Malaysian students to



The delegates with UTAR staff and students

further their scholarly ventures in Sweden, especially at the postgraduate level. Similarly, I also wish to see our students from Sweden visiting and studying in Malaysia. I hope the Embassy of Sweden in Kuala Lumpur can become the bridge that facilitates the closer relationship between higher learning institutions and people

from Sweden and Malaysia," said His Excellency. Saling, on his part, shared crucial information on pursuing studies in Sweden and particularly Lund University. Mentioning Lund University's standing as one of the best research universities in Sweden, he explained, "Lund University is home to more

than 30 world-leading research and innovation centres and cutting-edge facilities. We have received the highest amount of research funding in Sweden. The research-oriented learning environment has also opened up many opportunities for Master's students to enter doctoral studies."

CLT participates in UNESCO conferences

The UTAR Centre for Learning and Teaching (CLT) recently participated in three UNESCO events in Bangkok, Thailand. They were the World Teachers' Day Forum held on 5 and 6 October 2016, the Expert Meeting on Facilitating Teachers' Use of Open Educational Resources on 7 October 2016 and the 18th UNESCO-APEID International Conference held from 26 to 28 October 2016. The CLT is an official Resource Distribution and Training Centre (RDTC) of UNESCO Bangkok.

The objective of the World Teachers' Day Forum was to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and UNESCO's recommendations concerning the status of teachers. Themed 'Valuing Teachers, Improving their Status', it focused on reviewing teacher policies with reference to the 1966 recommendations. CLT Chairperson Winnie Er Pek Hoon was invited as a panellist to discuss on "Teachers' Needs from Ground Perspective".

The next event was the Expert Meeting on Facilitating Teachers' Use of Open Educational Resources (OER). CLT Senior Member Lee Chee Heong represented Chong Chee Keong to present the findings of a UNESCO-funded research project titled "OER Awareness among Teachers in Malaysia".



Participants at the 18th UNESCO-APEID Conference making a stand for quality education

As for the 18th UNESCO-APEID (Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation for Development) Conference, it was themed 'In Pursuit of Quality Education: The Past, Present and Future'. At this conference, Er represented Chong Chee Keong in presenting a UNESCO-funded research project named "Awareness of Open Educational Resources (OER): A Malaysian

Case" at the concurrent presentation titled "Open Educational Resources in Asia and the Pacific". While attending these conferences, the CLT delegates got to interact with many influential and inspiring individuals with much knowledge to share.

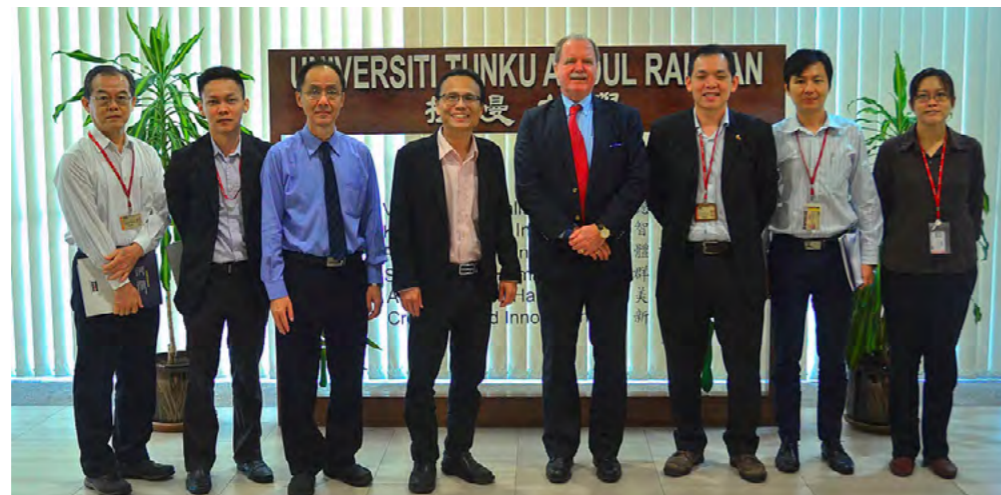
German Ambassador visits campus

His Excellency Holger Michael, Ambassador of Germany, made a visit to Kampar Campus on 23 November 2016.

Receiving the ambassador were UTAR Vice President for R&D and Commercialisation Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei, Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology (FEGT) Dean Assoc Prof Dr Yap Vooi Voon, and FEGT Deputy Deans Dr Ng Choon Aun, Dr Lo Po Kim and Dr Tan Kok Tat.

In introducing UTAR, Prof Lee highlighted UTAR's strategic partnership with the Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule (OTH) Regensburg in offering twin Master's degree programmes, which involves the mutual recognition of credit hours for both UTAR's Master of Engineering (Electronic Systems) and also OTH Regensburg's Master of Electrical and Microsystems Engineering. "The collaboration with OTH Regensburg is an attraction for the postgraduate programme due to the availability of student exchange between the two universities, and internship opportunities in Malaysia and Germany," explained Prof Lee.

Dr Yap added that the university has active collaborations with Infineon Technologies, OSRAM, and Beckhoff



From left: Dr Tan Kia Hock, Dr Tan Kok Tat, Dr Yap, Prof Lee, Michael, Dr Teh Peh Chiong, Dr Ng and Dr Lo

Automation, which further solidifies UTAR's relationship with university and industry partners from Germany.

Impressed by UTAR's exponential growth, Michael expressed his keenness to learn how the German Embassy could help facilitate collaboration with German organisations. "I know UTAR is a very prominent university in Malaysia. In fact, German universities are very open to collaborating with others and are keen in

intensifying collaborations in the areas of education and vocational training," said Michael. His Excellency added that the driver of Germany's economic success is the co-operation among businesses, universities and research centres, which generated a high amount of patents, innovation and research results. Therefore, with almost 400 German companies in Malaysia, there will certainly be exciting prospects for university-industry collaboration.

NOVUS Youth Arena Malaysia Convention 2016

A team of UTAR students and lecturers attended the Novus Youth Arena Malaysia Convention 2016 held on 14 to 15 October 2016 at the Construction Industry Development Board Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The event was organised by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) and Chartered Institute of Buildings Malaysia (CIOBM). The fourth instalment of this annual event sought to bring together all the undergraduates and young professionals of the built environment.

The 28 students from the Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology (FEGT)'s Department of Construction Management were accompanied by Senior Lecturer Ar Tan Seong Yeow and Dr Olanweraju Abdullateef Ashola.

The VIPs for the event included CIOBM President Sr Ong Bok Siong, CIOBM Principal Gan Hock Leong, and National Physical Planning Division Director Rokibah Abdul Latiff, representing Deputy Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government YB Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique.

Day One kicked off with a talk by Gan titled "Sustainable Construction and the CIOB Carbon Action Plan 2050". During the ice-breaking session, the participants were encouraged to shed their shyness through various games. The afternoon session required the participants from various universities to form groups for a treasure hunt game called "In search of excellence in construction and the built environment".

The activities for the second day continued with many talks at the NOVUS Youth Arena 2016 Forum, headlined by a talk titled "Success Never By Chance" by CIDB Malaysia's Department of Construction Personnel Senior General Manager Mohd Nazli Ahmad Mahyadin.

The common thread of all the talks was the ingredients for success, especially, the ability to quickly grasp golden opportunities,



The UTAR lecturers and participants at the end of the event

being adaptable and good interpersonal skills. The major advice delivered by the speakers to the audience was to always have a positive outlook before making a decision.

SAFEA training programme

The Institute of Management and Leadership Development (IMLD) organised a 14-day State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA) training programme named "Principles, Practice, Challenges and Human Capital of Islamic Financial Market" from 25 September to 8 October 2016 at Sungai Long Campus.

The delegates hailing from China's Beifang University of Nationalities comprised Prof Zhou Ailan, Prof Ren Zhijun, Prof Wang Jinyun, Assoc Prof Li Su, Assoc Prof Zhang Zhengbin, Assoc Prof Luo Xiaojun, Assoc Prof Cai Xiaochun and Assoc Prof Ma Jinhua.

The programme included an introduction to Islamic Finance and Banking, overview of Islamic financial systems, Islamic Finance in Malaysia, and regulatory frameworks of Islamic Finance. The delegates enjoyed fruitful discussions with UTAR staff and representatives from the Malaysian banking industry.

Besides that, IMLD had also prepared visits to Malaysian banks and financial institutions, including OCBC Malaysia, Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad, Bank Negara Malaysia and Islamic Banking and Finance Institute Malaysia (IBFIM).

Prof Zhou Ailan said, "It's a great



UTAR staff with all the Beifang University of Nationalities delegates

pleasure for me to attend this programme. It gives us a chance to understand and learn more about the history, development and current situation of Islamic Banking in Malaysia."

UTAR Vice President for R&D and Commercialisation Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei said, "Malaysia has a strategic location that connects East Asia to Europe and the Middle East. Malaysia also maintains a strong network of international relations and a multicultural society. Thus, Malaysia has

very high potential for international trade with Western and Eastern countries. I hope UTAR will have many more collaborations with Beifang University of Nationalities in future."

SAFEA is responsible for certifying foreign experts to work in China and organising overseas training for Chinese technical and managerial professionals. UTAR's IMLD is the first and only institute in Malaysia recognised by SAFEA to conduct such training.

Japanese students study tour to UTAR



FEGT and SIT lecturers with the students

The "Japanese Students Interaction Tour to UTAR Kampar 2016" was jointly organised by the UTAR Department of Construction Management (DCM) and the Department of Architecture and Building Engineering of Shibura Institute of Technology (SIT) held from 6 to 16 October 2016 at the Kampar Campus.

Twenty-six UTAR Construction Management students and 24 SIT students spent a productive 10 days at the workshop that was part of the interaction tour. They were guided by experienced academics from both institutions. The workshop acted as a platform for information exchange and international networking. It taught them new knowledge on Construction Management and

gave them the chance to try out the new 4D simulation software known as Navisworks. A special series of programmes planned by FEGT lecturers and SIT students also enabled the UTAR students to learn about the cultural differences between Malaysia and Japan.

Learning was not limited to the indoors as they were brought on a site visit to a nearby village where students studied traditional wooden houses. The students conducted various measurements and analysed the structures and landscapes for their house modelling projects later on.

Despite differences in culture and knowledge, the workshop saw the students working cohesively to complete their house

modelling projects. They began with 4D simulations of their house models, worked on to the actual building process and beautification of the house models, and finally presented their project on the last day of the workshop.

"The workshop was a good experience for me and I had a great time working with the UTAR students. They were friendly and helpful, and from them I learnt more about Malaysian culture. Dinner was the best moment where we could interact freely with everyone while enjoying the local delicacies prepared," said SIT student Fuuka Takahashi.

Second for Best On Campus Award

UTAR IET (The Institution of Engineering and Technology) On Campus was awarded First Runner-Up for the IET Malaysia Best On Campus Award 2015-2016 at the IET YPS Malaysia Network On Campus Annual Dinner in conjunction with the IET YPS Annual General Meeting 2016-2017, which was held at Armada Hotel, Petaling Jaya on 15 October 2016.

They were awarded based on the quality and number of events organised by the chapter. The awarding also took into account the activeness and participation rate of the members.

Besides that, UTAR IET On Campus members Lai Jia Shern, Ng See Loon, Leong Cui Xin, Quah Hui Ping and Lew Kang Jun were also awarded the IET Leadership Award 2015-2016.

UTAR IET On Campus 2015-2016 Chairperson Lai Jia Shern said, "Team recruiting is not an easy task and being the president, my task was to lead the team to success. What we have learnt from textbooks is only a part of what we will be practising in the real world. Therefore, UTAR IET On Campus regularly organises industry visits, talks, seminars and more to help engineering students to understand and get an overview of the real engineering world."

"This award will motivate the UTAR IET On Campus 2016-2017 committee members



From left: IET YPS Malaysia ex-Chairperson Michael Yong Boon Heng with Leadership Award recipients Lai, Ng, Leong, Quah and Lew

to perform better and organise more quality events in future. We hope that students will be able to acquire useful skills and knowledge through our events," said UTAR IET On Campus 2016-2017 Chairperson Quah Hui Ping.

IET On Campus is designed to support all in the engineering faculties with students

at the heart of it. IET On Campus Malaysia gives engineering students access to tailored practical, technical and career-related resources, helps students create links with the industry and other universities, and builds a platform for students to demonstrate skills and raise their profiles.

Two wins at design competition

Teams *Future Light* and *Aces* took home first and second place at the Nehemiah Design Competition 2016 held at Monash University on 18 October 2016. They also walked home with cash prizes worth RM5,000 and RM3,000 respectively.

Team advisor Assoc Prof Ir Dr Lee Min Lee said the students' success were contributed by the use of practical, cost-effective and sustainable construction materials in their proposed solutions.

"Our proposed design uses a bamboo-piled mattress system. Bamboo piles were constructed and used to support embankments on soft soils. The bamboo will distribute the load uniformly across the soil, while helping to minimise the settlement of the soil," said *Future Light* leader Tan Sheng Hua.

Besides Tan, the team consisted of Civil Engineering students Lee Yee Linn, Alice Lim Pei San, Yap Ying Qin, and Wong Hwei Hann.

Meanwhile, *Aces* leader Liew Chi Hoe said, "Our project was to create an inexpensive foundation to support heavy embankments on deep and soft soils. We filled tyres with low density industrial waste such as plastic bags, plastic bottles and



Teams *Future Light* and *Aces* with their mock cheques

polystyrene together, creating an inexpensive foundation to distribute the load of the embankment and vehicles effectively."

The team also consisted of Civil Engineering students Lim Kah Kien and Yim Zen Wai.

Team advisor Assoc Prof Ir Dr Low Kaw Sai said this competition gave an opportunity for them to see how an engineering project is carried out through the planning, design, implementation, control and management

stages.

Also present were Minister of Works YB Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, Nehemiah Reinforced Soil Sdn Bhd Founder Chairman Ir Dr Nehemiah Lee Chee Hai, G&P Professionals Group CEO Dato' Ir Dr Gue See Sew, and Towoong Engineering & Construction Co Ltd, South Korea Chief R&D Centre Manager Lee Eun Ho.

The Kuala Lumpur Engineering Science Fair (KLESF): The Fair 2016 was held from 4 to 6 November at the MINES International Exhibition and Convention Centre with the aim to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

KLESF: The Fair 2016



UTAR, AAET, MIGHT and IEM jointly organised KLESF: The Fair 2016 with the primary goal to boost school students' interest in STEM subjects



The launching of KLESF: The Fair 2016

The fair was launched by the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Wira Dr Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah, accompanied by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, KLESF Steering Committee Chairman and ASEAN Academy of Engineering and Technology (AAET) President Ir Datuk Hong Lee Pee, KLESF Steering Committee Co-Chairman and Malaysia Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) President Datuk Dr Mohd Yusoff Sulaiman, Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) President and MIGHT Joint Chairman Tan Sri Dr Ir Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and Malaysian National News Agency (BERNAMA) Chairman YBhg Datuk Seri Azman Ujang.

In his speech, Prof Tan Sri Ahmad Tajuddin Ali said, "One of the key takeaways is that the next industrial revolution is a fusion of technology that will blur the lines between the physical, digital and biological spheres. The ability to adopt and apply foreign knowledge to local contexts is key for economic development in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. I believe prior to adapting to foreign knowledge we need to prepare our next generation with the right foundation, awareness and wisdom as they will be the future leaders that will manoeuvre Malaysia towards the next industrial revolution."

Also present at the launch were



The Alice Smith's School student visiting the St Marian's Home School's booth



Kindergarten children taking part in mind games



Rathakarn, Anne, Pawarut and Nuddanai from Trill International School, Bangkok



Students assembling patterns at the Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris booth



Students of MAAHAD TAHFIZ with their innovative project



Students of SJK (C) Naam Kheung explaining their project

KLESF steering committee members, UTAR Vice President for R&D and Commercialisation Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei, Immediate Past President of Institution of Engineers Malaysia Ir Choo Kok Beng, Institution of Engineers Malaysia President Ir Tan Yean Chin, as well as representatives from the industries, sponsors, and teachers and students.

"The fair aims to encourage the participation of organisations and the industry in promoting STEM education and its development. It is also the aspiration of KLESF to raise awareness among school students and the Malaysian community on the importance of STEM education as Malaysia's vehicle for socioeconomic well-being and future sustainable development. To reap the benefits of STEM, we need more collective effort from all parties including the government, NGOs, schools, parents, students and all individuals in the country. I would also like to announce that KLESF has won the bid for the hosting of the Asian Science Camp 2017, where the event will witness 250 to 300 youths from various Asian countries attending to interact and listen to lectures by more than 12 Nobel laureates, top scientists and technologists," said Datuk Hong in his address.

"KLESF has created a platform for children to present their science projects which cultivates innovation and develops their communication skills through presentations. They also learn from other participants about STEM which is a crucial learning experience for their future. I am excited to bring my children all the way here to experience the hands-on activities and workshops," said a parent from Johor Bahru.

Bayer Communications Manager Karen Koh Yah Hui said, "Bayer is glad to be part of KLESF because it serves as a good platform to encourage and enhance STEM education among schoolchildren. The crowd has been overwhelming and we encourage the general public, parents, students and the industry to continue to support KLESF, which is also in line with Bayer's mission in enhancing the appreciation for science and encouraging the younger generation to learn STEM in a fun and interactive way."

The fair saw over 300 schools and universities participate. More excitingly, the fair also welcomed participants from ASEAN countries, namely Myanmar, the Philippines, Cambodia, and Thailand, to showcase their STEM projects and share their experience with Malaysians. "This KLESF fair gave us an enjoyable experience because we got to meet a lot of people and learn about new projects from the various booths. We have listened to the talks and attended

some workshops as well. It is a great experience for us international participants to experience this fair," said Rathakarn Suwanmanon and Anne Boonyasuppayakorn from Trill International School, Bangkok.

"Being here throughout the three days, I have visited all the different booths and I learnt a lot about science. I am actually very interested in science, and this experience has done a lot for me whereby we got to explore the creations of other participants and attend the fun workshops that were available," said Ashley, a student from St Marian's Home School.

KLESF supports the Science To Action (S2A) initiative announced by the prime minister in 2013 to mainstream the usage and understanding of science to society and promote innovation and technology as one of the strategic reform initiatives for national development.

"We must continue to strengthen our efforts and pull our resources together to ensure STEM education is sustained. STEM needs to be part of the national culture where it will drive the nation forward to enable our society to stand on par with other great nations. It is this spirit of collaboration that is needed for us to progress forward to a better future. The scientific community in particular needs to promote STEM to ensure that programmes such as KLESF continuously generate bigger impacts on society," said YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri during the closing ceremony.

The fair culminated with the prize-giving ceremony to the winners of the KLESF International Challenge 2016 competition.



Datuk Wira Dr Abu Bakar visiting one of the exhibitors' booth

MSC Malaysia APICTA Awards 2016

To Guide, Track and Alert, in short, GTA — that was the project that propelled Computer Science alumnus Tan De Zhen to victory at the 17th MSC Malaysia APICTA Awards 2016 on 20 October 2016 at The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

Organised by The National ICT Association of Malaysia (PIKOM), the event was held to provide recognition to the outstanding achievements of individuals, students, entrepreneurs and organisations in Malaysia who have contributed to the development of MSC Malaysia initiatives.

Tan certainly proved his innovation and creativity with his "GTA — Guide.Track.Alert" project that secured him the Merit Award in the Best of Tertiary Student Project — Software/Hardware category. He also walked home with RM1,000 cash for his win.

The panel chairman of the category likewise commended Tan's project and hoped to see more entries from UTAR in the coming years, especially projects like Tan's which aimed to provide solutions for industrial, commercial, medical and social needs.

The idea was inspired by the lack of public transport catering to the elderly and handicapped, the possibility of them getting lost, and their difficulty in getting help when needed. The GTA project will enable the elderly and the handicapped to travel independently while using public transportation through the user interface application that is specially designed for them.

GTA functions by using a voice-



Joyful win for Tan at the award ceremony

enabled guidance system (guide) to provide graphical and voice navigation when using the public transport system. It uses automated boundary monitoring (track) to automatically track a user's location to prevent them from getting lost and uses a fall detection alert (alert) to detect any mishaps faced by the user which will then alert the family members. Overall, the GTA project is expected to enable the elderly and

handicapped to live more independently with the help of technology.

Sharing his experience, Tan said, "I am thankful to UTAR for their strong IT foundation that has taught me the various technologies, the necessary programming skills and practices, and the knowledge to transform ideas into fully functioning software, which has very much helped me in completing the GTA."

Deloitte Tax Challenge 2016 Champion

Four UTAR students from the Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM) were crowned Champion for the Team category in the Deloitte Tax Challenge 2016 finals held at Deloitte Malaysia, Menara LGB on 10 November 2016.

The winners were Lim Mei Ngoo, Loi Pei Wen, Chiew Bor Jinn Eugene and Joesvan Liew Weng Keong. At the award giving ceremony held at One World Hotel, the team received a RM8,000 cash prize, RM7,572 worth of Wolters Kluwer online resources, and internships at other Deloitte offices in Southeast Asia. Joesvan also won a merit award in the ACCA Best Presenter Award. The winning team will represent Malaysia in the South East Asia Deloitte Tax Challenge 2017 in Singapore on January 2017.

Representing UTAR at the Gala Dinner were FAM Dean Dr Sia Bee Chuan, Department of Accountancy Head Noreen Kong Ching Ching, Low Suet Cheng, S. Shubatra and K. Shamini.

The competition aims to challenge the teams' ability in reasoning and working creatively with limited resources.



Lim, Loi, Chiew and Joesvan with their prize

Through the challenge, the teams experience real business challenges such as acquisitions, mergers, divestments,

restructuring, GST and others realities which are beneficial to their future careers.

A team of 38 Architecture students from Studio One, Two and Three of the Department of Architecture & Sustainable Design (DASD) took home Silver in the Best Display Booth Award for their pavilion design titled "Coming Together" at the 11th Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) Annual Architecture Student Works Exhibition 2016 held at 1Utama Shopping Centre, Petaling Jaya from 5 to 9 October 2016.

Themed 'ARCHInteraction', the exhibition aimed to showcase students' best architectural works from Malaysia's higher education institutions. Under PAM's guidelines, each participating institution was required to exhibit their design according to the theme and specification of being within 2-meter in width by 2-meter in depth by 2-meter in height.

"Our pavilion design is an interactive spherical system in three ascending curvilinear facades merging into a blobitecture structure. It also lights up momentarily when a person assumes a sedentary position on the customised chair," said DASD Lecturer and Exhibition Advisor Tew Bun Teck.

The structure was held together through wooden joints in the timber panels, such as dado and mitre joints, without the help of adhesives or fasteners such as nails and glue. The structure can also take multiple forms or be repurposed into domestic furniture such as a bookcase, wine rack or clothes rack.

Silver at PAM exhibition



The team with their prize

Based on the visitors' interpretations, the pavilion was also dubbed a space station, a cocoon or a bird nest. Furthermore, remnants from timber flooring were used to make bracelets and necklaces as well as interactive board games such as Tic-tac-toe. Hence, the pavilion aptly served its purpose

as an interactive architectural development thematically.

"The team proved themselves to be very effective and efficient in managing this project, a skill that is very important for architects," Tew said.

Three wins at architecture competition

Architecture students Jonathan Wong Zen Dar, Ong Chun Hoong and Tee Kaih Yee took home the 2nd Prize and two Consolation Prizes respectively in the Cultural Architecture in My Heart category at the "Liang Sicheng Cup, the 1st Global Architecture Design Competition" on 6 August 2016.

Themed 'Hometown of Overseas Chinese', this competition required aspiring architects to incorporate the Chinese heritage of their country together with modern architecture in their building designs. It also hoped to build interest and appreciation towards the culture of modern Chinese architecture among the participants.

"Located at the proposed site near Jalan Sultan, Kuala Lumpur, the Urban Community Library aims to create a space that will enable visitors to relive nostalgic moments from our collective past such as the migration of Hakka tin miners and other aspects of traditional Chinese culture," said Wong, the 2nd Prize winner.

"The building's design will blend in with the surrounding buildings, such as the Yan Keng Benevolent Drama Association. It will feature elements found in traditional pre-war shophouses, such as the five-foot way. With plenty of kiosks and shops available for rent, the building hopes to revive traditional



Ong putting the finishing touches on his concept building

Chinese trades," he continued. Wong received a silver medal and a cash prize of RMB20,000 for his win.

Ong's design of The Courtyard Library includes a tea art centre, lush greenery and a variety of open spaces to allow natural light in. Meanwhile, Tee's building, located next to a decommissioned tin mining pond

in Gopeng, is inspired by the Yin and Yang symbol, as well as roof symbols from buildings in Nanning, China.

UTAR was the only Malaysian university that competed alongside highly ranked universities from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the United States of America.

Alumnus wins top prize

UTAR alumnus Cheng Chia Loon was awarded the Paul Fletcher Award 2016 at the IET Achievement Awards Ceremony 2016 held at London, United Kingdom on 16 November 2016.

The award is given in memory of Paul Thomas Fletcher, who wished to encourage the participation of younger people in engineering institutions and to reward their success in doing so. It annually recognises a volunteer of The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) for outstanding achievement in contributing to the activities of the IET. The prize consists of an engraved medal, a certificate and £250 cash.

The award came as a surprise to Cheng. "I was nominated by my peers from IET Singapore Local Network. I would like to thank my peers, family and the love of my life because I could not have achieved this without their endless support and encouragement," said the Mechatronics Engineering graduate.

"Engineering is a tough and challenging career, you need to have the passion and love of your work in order to succeed. I advise future graduates to choose the job you love, so that you will be able to appreciate and enjoy the forthcoming challenges in the process," he said.

Cheng is currently the Assistant Manager of Product Development in Abrasive Engineering Pte Ltd. He believes a successful leader is obliged to grow others by nurturing more leaders. He has recruited many young professionals and equipped



Paul Fletcher's son John Fletcher presenting the award to Cheng

them with necessary leadership skills. The Institution of Engineering and Technology is the largest multidisciplinary professional engineering institution in the

world. IET was formed in 2006 and its worldwide membership currently stands at 167,000.

Shakespeare's legacy lives on

Marking the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death on 23 November 2016, the English Language Society (ELS) organised an exhibition, Poem Writing Competition, Poem Recitation Contest, and Photography Booth Contest to commemorate his works and life, which concluded the next day.

Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS) Dean Dr Alia Azalea in her closing speech expressed her hopes for the exhibition to be an encouragement for students to learn English literature and subsequently use it as a tool for improving their English proficiency.

"Shakespeare's works are timeless and we should all continue to appreciate them. Not only are we able to learn about his works, but this event has also united students with interest in English literature to celebrate the great achievements of Shakespeare," said Dr Alia.

Certainly, the exhibition played its role well and served to be an informative platform for students to learn more about the great writer. It was also through the exhibition, being an out-of-classroom educational fiesta, which the love of reading was further sown among the students, with hopes that their advancing reading skills will help prepare them for their Malaysian University English Test (MUET).



ELS organising committee with their exhibition

"As this was my first time reciting a poem in public, winning this award and to be given this recognition is truly amazing," enthused winner of the Poem Recitation Contest, English Education student Sheena William.

Meanwhile, second place winner English Language student Lim Keat Boon expressed his gratitude to the organisers for the opportunity to showcase his talent.

Eight wins at workshop

Thirty-five students from the Department of Architecture & Sustainable Design (DASD) won in eight categories they competed in at the 28th Architectural Student Workshop held at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) from 17 to 21 August 2016.

The purpose of this workshop was to provide an opportunity for architecture and built environment students to interact with professional institutions to enhance and share their knowledge for more sustainable and efficient architectural designs.

The group also scored Second for the Group Wall Art category with a cash prize of RM300, while Goh Ee Xuan took home Second for the Sketch Competition with a cash prize of RM150.

The team also took home Third for their overall group performance with a cash prize of RM400, even as Cheah Xin Ying took Third in the essay category with a cash prize of RM100. Samantha Teo Yee Hui and Liew Yu Qian took home Honourable Mentions in the Photography and Instagram categories with cash prizes of RM100 respectively.

They were guided by Centre for Sustainable Architecture Chairperson Dr Lim Poh Im and lecturers Abd Muluk Bin Abd Manan, Tew Bun Teck and Abdul Rahim Bin Mohd Zin. This marked UTAR's fourth year participating, together with 21 other local and international institutions. This workshop was organised by Universiti Sains Malaysia.



The winners exultant with their prizes

A fantastic fantASIA concert

A symphonic composition blending classical and contemporary elements filled Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik with its melodious music at the "fantASIA Concert Tour" on 15 August 2016 held at the Kampar Campus.

Present at the concert were Westlake International School (WIS) Executive Director and UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee, Chairman of Havixbeck Youth Symphonic Band (HYSB) Berthold Hoebelt, UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, and Organising Chairperson Yeong Yiong Yi. They enjoyed the performance by the German youth orchestra group, HYSB, along with the 2,000 attendees present.

Jointly organised by the UTAR Music Club and WIS, the event not only served as an opportune platform to expose the local community to an international orchestra, but was also meant to provide intercultural and social exposure for local music bands.

The crowd enjoyed the night with the cacophony of instruments coming together as one to produce beautiful music. WIS Head of Marketing and Events Executive Denise Teoh expressed her enjoyment, saying, "It is definitely something new for all of us here. The orchestra was really good and I'd love to come to see them perform again." The performance ended with Hew presenting a token of appreciation to Hoebelt as the finale



A spectacular performance by HYSB

to a remarkable concert that night.

HYSB consists of 58 talented German youths of varying ages. The band was founded in 1973 and has been conducted by Rainer Becker since June 2002. They have won a few concert and band competitions,

making them one of the most decorated youth concert bands in Germany today.

Through the fantASIA Concert Tour, the band extended their hope to continuously support the international relations between Germany and Malaysia.



Datuk Seri Kwok advising students on how to be good entrepreneurs

Nelson's founder shares business experience

Datuk Seri Nelson Kwok, Founder and Managing Director of Nelson's Franchise (M) Sdn Bhd, gave valuable advice at the entrepreneurial talk titled "Making Your Wildest Dream Come True, Mine Did" held on 26 October 2016 at the Kampar Campus.

Nelson's Franchise is the pioneer in developing the corn-in-cup concept store. With 25 years of experience in the corn and snackfood industries, Nelson's has diversified into corn farming and processing. Today, Nelson's operates over 800 outlets.

"Remember to use your semester breaks as opportunities to seek for jobs or internships for more exposure to the industry you are interested in. Never start a business right after graduation. Learn how to relate to your colleagues and employer, build your networks, and then apply the knowledge you learnt to start your business later on," advised the speaker.

Datuk Seri Kwok reminded participants that success is not achieved

overnight, but requires patience and hardship. With the economy constantly changing, he also mentioned that businesses must readily accept change in order to stay ahead.

Inspired by the success of Datuk Seri Kwok, Entrepreneurship student Chong Kuang You said that he is now even more determined with his choice of study. He said, "I used to feel discouraged because many people have responded negatively to me studying Entrepreneurship. However, when the speaker said to never look down on oneself, I felt motivated and confident. I want to use the skills and knowledge to build my own business and bring a difference to society, while also improving the lives of others," said Chong.

Towards the end of the talk, Datuk Seri Kwok invited UTAR students and staff to visit his corn farm and also invited graduates to work at his company.

Workshop series for children

The Emotional Intelligence Workshop Series were held at SJK (C) Sin Min, Tronoh Mines New Village on 8, 10, 15 and 17 November 2016. The workshops were conducted by 17 Psychology students as part of their coursework.

"These workshops are to enhance children's emotional intelligence by improving their capabilities to express their emotions in healthy and constructive ways," said Workshop Supervisor Pheh Kai Shuen.

The series of workshops was organised by Kelab Komuniti Tronoh Mines, Perak in collaboration with the UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS), SJK (C) Sin Min, Tronoh Mines New Village, and Jawatankuasa Keselamatan Kampung Persekutuan Tronoh Mines.

At the launching ceremony, Deputy Finance Minister Senator Dato' Lee Chee Leong expressed his gratitude to Project Leader Dr Cheah Phaik Kin, Kelab Komuniti Tronoh Mines, Perak and their partners who have worked tirelessly for the best interests of the village.

The Kelab Komuniti Tronoh Mines, Perak is a community engagement project initiated by FAS's Department of Public Relations. The club operates a community library open to the public in Tronoh Mines New Village.

Village Head Chan Ah Lok welcomed all collaborative projects that benefit the children. "Similar efforts have been established since 2011 and have significantly improved the learning environment of the children in the village, particularly the community library. I hope UTAR and Tronoh Mines New Village will further strengthen our collaborative efforts, and continue to improve the quality of life of the



UTAR Psychology students conducting the workshop

villagers," Chan said.

Psychology student Yap Ming Yi said, "By interacting with the children and gaining insights into their behaviour, this workshop allows me to gain more experience in dealing with children for my future career."

Free spectacles for schoolchildren

UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik led a delegation comprising council members and senior management from UTAR to visit two schools in Perak, namely SJK (C) Jeram and SJK (C) Bemban, Batu Gajah on 25 and 27 October 2016 respectively.

The visit was a collaborative effort named "The Gift of Eyesight" between UTAR and the Malaysian Association of Practicing Opticians (MAPO) to help schoolchildren in Perak and Selangor, especially the poor and those in need of spectacles, to get free spectacles.

The delegates from UTAR were cordially received by SJK(C) Jeram Principal Fong Sook Fun, MAPO Committee Member Khoo Chee Kheong, England Optical Group Founder Dato' Dr Chin See Keat Sin, and teachers and students from SJK (C) Jeram on 25 October; while on 27 October they were met by SJK (C) Bemban, Batu Gajah Principal Lee Wai Men, MAPO President Tai Lee Pin, MAPO committee members, and teachers and students from SJK (C) Bemban.

Tun Ling said, "I hope this programme can be expanded to other states as schoolchildren with eyesight issues deserve help so their studies are not affected."



Some schoolchildren having their eyes checked

Tai said, "MAPO has allocated about 1,000 spectacles to be given to 22 schools throughout the country. Tun Ling wants to increase the coverage next year, hence we are going to go big by screening 3,000 students and giving another 1,000 spectacles to school students. To date we have screened around 200 school students."

As part of their Corporate Social Responsibility programme, the England Optical Group also joined the benevolent act and sponsored more than 300 spectacle frames.

Apart from SJK (C) Jeram and SJK (C) Bemban, Batu Gajah, schoolchildren from two other schools in Perak, namely SJK (C) Thong Hon, Chendriang and SJK (C) Kampung Timah, Tanjung Tualang, also had their eyes checked.

FBF Industry Advisor Day

Industry Advisor for Bachelor of Marketing (Hons) Corina Tan Yoke Ching and Industry Advisor for Master of Business Administration (Corporate Management) Dato' Heng Huck Lee were invited to speak at the Industry Advisor Day, organised by the Faculty of Business and Finance (FBF), at Kampar Campus on 8 November 2016.

Corina is the General Manager for Dell Penang and APJ Sales Ops Director of Dell Global Business Centre, Penang. Her talk was titled "Entering the Workforce".

She advised participants to always maintain a positive attitude and emphasised the importance of a good attitude as being key to attaining successful careers. "Step out of your comfort zone so you can develop key competencies. Speak your point of view, and be ready to lead and participate as you learn from others. Take hold of the opportunity to expand your horizon and skills through networking, and allow yourself to explore," Corina further advised.

Dato' Heng, who is the CEO of Globetronics Technology Bhd, spoke on "Opportunities and Success in the Technology Industry". He underscored the need for participants to be fast, adaptable learners, effective problem solvers, and good team players to have a successful transition from student to working adult.

"The only constraint is your own willingness, abilities and commitments. Remember that past successes do not guarantee your future survival, therefore you need to continuously be innovative, creative and quick thinking," said Dato' Heng. Seeing great opportunities in the technology sector, he also encouraged participants to explore that industry.

The Industry Advisor Day was part of FBF's initiative to ensure its programmes stay relevant to the latest industry needs. Feedback and advice provided by the industry advisors is vital for FBF to continuously design programmes that will nurture students with the right industrial requirements.



Corina introducing herself ▶

首届海鸥青年文学奖

由马来西亚华文作家协会（作协）主办、海鸥基金会赞助的第一届海鸥青年文学奖颁奖典礼于2016年10月15日假马大文学院举行。海鸥青年文学奖的前身是海鸥文学奖，旨在为马华文坛栽培更多新秀和接班人。拉曼大学中文系讲师黄丽丽博士、校友郑羽伦、陈奕进、王修捷和李宜春更获得了亮眼的成绩。



黄丽丽（左二）从海鸥集团创办人陈凯希手中接过奖座。

黄丽丽博士
拉曼大学中文系讲师
新诗组评审奖

得奖作品：《在一个叫阿兹默海的地方》

作品简介：婆婆与她的老人痴呆症。

获奖感言：写诗的过程就像儿时的跳房子游戏。写诗而得奖，也许就像游戏中石子击中某个格子而获得“房子”，让人雀跃。感谢诗歌，除了给我慰藉，还让我有额外的收获。拉曼大学校园的创作风气不算兴盛，却也并不低迷，因为还是有一些学生在默默耕耘。譬如中文系的学生，在多年前就开始自费筹办校园创作的刊物，在学生之间流传，《漫延》、《稻草人》、《文创森林》等刊物便是其中成果。中文研究学会计划于明年办文学周以及大专文学奖，希望届时获得热烈反应。



郑羽伦

生物科技系毕业生

新诗组首奖

得奖作品：《嘛嘛克》

作品简介：创作于台湾成功大学实习期间。起初对台湾的一切都感到很新奇，也着迷于当地的人文环境。但久而久之就开始怀念起以往的生活习惯，台湾所没有的mamak档，以及大学三年的人事物。同时也描述了从学生生活转向工作生活的心态转变。

获奖感言：非常开心能夺得首奖。诗在我的生活中渐渐的重要起来，尤其是踏入社会之后。忙碌的生活打乱了我的生活节奏，唯有诗能让我安静下来，感觉世界的美好。在拉曼求学的三年是我人生中最快乐与自由的三年。在这里，我得到了一生中难以取代的友情、爱情，以及那自由自在的安逸生活。科学与文学，两大看似平行线的学科缠绕着我的生活。两者都是我所热爱的，而我把这两者都种在了拉曼大学的土地上，并深深扎根。承载了自己整个大学回忆的诗作结集《如果时间尚未磨损》也将在12月出版，在此特别感谢指导老师郑忠祥博士为这本诗集所写的序诗。文学的路上其实不一定孤单，大家一起写，自然热闹起来。很多人觉得中文系学生才懂得或擅长创作，但创作不分科系，我毕业于生物科技系，我做到了，你们一定也可以。



陈奕进

中文系毕业生

新诗组评审奖

得奖作品：《弑时史诗》

作品简介：这是一首把爱情放入文学世界中去保鲜的诗作。当腐朽四处肆虐，甚至威胁我们的生活之际，我们该如何保护自己所爱的人？这样的思考让诗里头爱恨交错，组织成类似史诗一般的想象。当自己爱上某个人、事或物，心已深深憎恨着一些什么，如爱上一个人，必会恨所有的情敌，所有能把他从自己身边抢走的任何因素，而这里的假象敌是时间。

获奖感言：很多时候参赛就像一个自愿求医的过程，得奖则像意外获得的一支强心针，注射了心脏继续跳动能接下去创作。每次参赛我都给自己一个思考的主题，就比如这一次我企图理清清文学—爱情—时间这三者之间的纠葛与关系。我相信这次的得奖作品至少回答了我一部分的疑惑，能够让我继续探索得更远、更多。在此想特别感谢努力提拔新人和新写手的老师——杜忠全老师，他的鼓励是不可缺少的推动力。对于热衷于文学创作的学弟学妹们，不妨在心中为自己准备一片荒凉的沙漠，当你的热情冷却时躲进去，再展开一段全新的创作旅程，循环往复直至寻得一处乌托邦式的绿洲为归宿。



王修捷

中文系毕业生

i. 小说组评审奖 ii. 散文组评审奖

得奖作品：i. 《远行》 ii. 《安魂曲》

作品简介：

i. 麻疯病患的故事，为他们即将消失的历史试图留点痕迹。

ii. 少年至青年所遇过的人事兼写音乐与摇滚乐。

获奖感言：这次第二次参与海鸥文学奖（以前还未改制时曾参与一次），那时参与的是诗奖。这回重心在小说、散文组，算是完成三组的参与了。许多文友已不是第一次见面，得知八字辈旧人仍在耕耘而新人辈出，自然感到高兴。我自中学开始写歌写小说，我大二开始参赛，从第一届拉曼大学文学奖到全国大专文学奖，再到星云文学奖、南大文学奖、海鸥文学奖，整个求学过程从本科到硕士都在参赛。拉曼师生极为鼓励创作，创立乐塔音乐工作坊时黄文青老师曾鼎力相助，文学上也得到许文荣老师及张依萍老师的鼓励，算是蛮幸运的。对于热衷于创作的学弟学妹们，不妨多读多看以及用心生活，多观察生活，对创作绝对会有帮助。



李宜春

中文系毕业生

散文组评审奖

得奖作品：《慢速行驶》

作品简介：和父亲的故事。写父亲怎样面对生命的尽头、自己当初怎样处理父亲病逝的哀伤，以及父亲过世后怎样回到生活的正常轨道上。

获奖感言：这个奖要纪念父亲。参赛得奖是一种虚荣，参赛也是让更多人可以看见这篇作品的机会。我希望读者如果从这篇作品中读到雷同的经历或心情，能感到安慰。在念中文系那个阶段开始投入写作、阅读和钻研文学，所以我一直很感谢系上老师对当时年少无知的我的疼惜和纵容，也不断的给我很多的鼓励和启发。求学那几年的经历是形成我往后对待人生的态度和观念的重要基础，也丰富了我的创作。对于热衷于文学创作的学弟学妹们，一个好的创作者要有丰富深厚的底蕴，想要建立丰厚的底蕴就得敬度地阅读、敏感细察身边人事物、谦卑待人；一部分的作品会引起读者与之对话的欲望，好的作品不只会反映我们身处的环境或时代氛围，也记录着现世的光辉和辱败。不是每个人都一定得写作，但如果你已决意走在写作的路上，我衷心的祝福你。

拉曼大学中华研究院于

2016年11月26日及27日假拉曼大学双溪龙校区首办了“2016年金门学国际学术研讨会”，并获得了来自台湾、厦门、香港、越南、新加坡和马来西亚本地的著名学者和金门学专家前来一同参与其盛。这也是金门学研讨会首度移师到东南亚举办。

拉曼大学副校长尤芳达教授在开幕仪式上表示拉曼大学自2011便开启了和成功大学、金门大学及厦门大学共同合作的闽南文化研究计划，并且持续推动跨校、跨国的闽南文化研究。他强调，这类国际性的研讨会为本国的研究者提供了一个与世界交流的机会，甚至为学生提供新的知识及体验，让他们能够思考祖先们所历经的困苦，谨记故乡的文化与移民精神，让中华文化继续在世界各地飘扬。

金门大学校长黄奇致词时表示，通过和拉曼大学联办这项研讨会，让他见识到各方对金门学的重视。他也寄望有志者一同继续探索金门的文化、价值观、社会变迁并将研究放大到更多的国家，深入了解金门学的普遍性。他补充，这样

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“2016年金门学国际学术研讨会”获得了来自台湾、厦门、香港、越南、新加坡和马来西亚本地的著名学者和金门学专家的鼎力支持。

的交流平台不止促进同行学者的认识，也建立了良好的研究网络，进而提升国际合作机会。

成功大学特聘教授兼人文社会科学中心副主任陈益源教授表示，金门先贤早年下南洋，移居马来西亚的尤其多，再加上马来西亚中华文化及金门文化传统皆保存良好且史料丰富，因此把金门学学术研讨

会移师到马来西亚举行，能吸引更多来自本地及东南亚国家的学者一同前来探讨金门学及相关课题。

该研讨会共发表了十四篇与金门学主题相关的学术论文，另外也进行了与金门学及闽南文化研究相关的主题演讲、纪录片放映会以及座谈会。雪兰莪金门会馆也在研讨会后安排与会者到访巴生吉

岛，实地考察了岛上金门人的移民历史与生活现况。

出席嘉宾包括台湾电影中心前董事长陈永丰、金门县红十字会会长王水彰、成功大学人文社会科学研究中心主任戴华、新加坡国立大学中文系主任丁荷生及雪兰莪金门会馆主席吕清便。

Pelajar UTAR giat dalam acara sukan



Pasukan badminton



Pemain-pemain futsal

Sejajar dengan falsafah pendidikan UTAR, universiti ini juga memberi penekanan yang tinggi dalam penglibatan para pelajar dalam aktiviti sukan rekreasi. Sebagai salah satu usaha berhubung dengan falsafah tersebut, sekumpulan atlet UTAR telah mengambil bahagian dan beraksi dalam beberapa acara sukan yang diadakan bersempena aktiviti “UTAR Sports Exchange Trip” pada 23 hingga 28 September 2016 bertempat di Politeknik Kota Bharu, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Kelantan dan Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP).

Aktiviti “UTAR Sports Exchange Trip” ini bermatlamat untuk memupuk semangat kesukanan dalam diri para pelajar dan pada masa yang sama juga bertindak sebagai sebuah platform untuk mereka beraksi dan mengasah potensi serta bakat masing-masing dalam bidang sukan. Aktiviti sukan tersebut juga memberi peluang kepada pelajar-pelajar UTAR untuk saling bersuai kenal dengan atlet-atlet dari universiti yang lain.

Aktiviti sukan yang dipertandingkan dalam acara tersebut ialah acara badminton, futsal, bola keranjang dan ping pong.

Kesemua atlet yang mengambil bahagian dalam acara badminton berjaya merangkul pingat kejuaraan dalam semua kategori yang dipertandingkan. UTAR juga berjaya meraih dua pingat kejuaraan dalam acara futsal; satu pingat kejuaraan dalam acara bola keranjang, selain berjaya menewaskan pihak lawan dalam semua acara ping pong.

“Pemain-pemain badminton UTAR memang berkemahiran dan mereka juga mempunyai pengalaman yang luas berbanding dengan pihak lawan. Oleh yang demikian, para atlet badminton UTAR berjaya menumpaskan pihak lawannya secara mudah,” kata K. Ganavenoth, penolong pengurus dari Jabatan Hal Ehwal Pelajar UTAR Kampus Sungai Long.

“Aktiviti ini merupakan sebuah aktiviti yang bermanfaat bagi pelajar-pelajar UTAR. Acara kesukanan seperti ini sedikit sebanyak membantu para pelajar membentuk gaya hidup yang sihat dan juga membentuk generasi pelajar yang seimbang dari segi kegiatan kokurikulum dan kecemerlangan pendidikan.

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Pasukan bola keranjang



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