

## UTAR fosters linkages with industry

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Prof. Chuah (left) and Chua exchanging the agreement. Looking on is the Guest of Honour, Captain David Rajan.

UTAR and Selangor Freight Forwarders & Logistics Association (SFFLA) joined forces for synergistic partnership following the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony that was held on 20 August 2009 at the SFFLA headquarters in Port Klang, Selangor.

Signatories to the MoU were UTAR President Ir. Professor Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik and SFFLA Acting President Alvin Chua Seng Wah.

The collaborative effort between UTAR and SFFLA will see many initiatives proposed for the advancement of the freight forwarding and logistics industry.

One of the proposed joint initiatives is to conduct joint educational and training programmes that would centre on freight forwarding and logistics.

In relation to that, both parties will embark on ambitious projects such as facilitating academic and training development exchanges, conducting joint seminars and holding talks on career opportunities in the logistics industry.

The MoU would also provide expanded opportunities for UTAR students to gain employment and internship placements through SFFLA members.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, UTAR President Ir. Professor Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik said, "This collaboration will provide UTAR staff and students with a practical learning platform to gain hands-on experience at numerous SFFLA members' companies."

Prof. Chuah added, "It will give them working knowledge in the science of logistics and shipping management. It provides opportunities for students to deal with real life business situations."



Dato' Ng (left) and Prof. Chuah (right) shake hands on the renewal.

UTAR and Asian Center for Media Studies Sdn. Bhd (ACMS) will continue to explore areas for cooperation in education, multimedia technology and media studies. Both parties renewed an MoU on 19 August 2009 at Menara Star, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

Signatories to the renewal were UTAR President Ir. Professor Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik and ACMS Executive Director, Dato' Ng Poh Tip.

The renewal further affirmed their commitment towards facilitating the exchange of ideas and information in the latest development in media studies and media related areas of study.

The renewal agreement between UTAR-ACMS included a proposal for both parties to facilitate cooperation in teaching and research. It also stressed that both parties would continue to enhance general industry-academia collaboration efforts.

UTAR and ACMS have been collaborating since 2003, following an MoU that was signed on 22 August 2003.

Since then, UTAR has sent more than 100 students to attend lectures, talks, seminars and workshops organised by ACMS. Besides that, two lecturers from UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science have been awarded grants to research in the area of journalism and media. UTAR and ACMS have also jointly organised seminars, forums and lectures for the public.

During the ceremony, Prof. Chuah extended his sincere appreciation to both The STAR and ACMS for not only assisting UTAR in organising events but also publicising UTAR functions. He expressed his eagerness to continue the collaboration with ACMS in various future projects.

## Visit from Beijing Foreign Studies University

A group of students from Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) visited UTAR Perak Campus on 13 August 2009. They came under the student exchange programme of Malaysia-China Friendship Association.

Dr. Teh Chee Seng, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS), welcomed the students who were accompanied by Dr. Wu Ming Chu, Chairperson of UTAR Centre for Social Change and Trends. After an ice-breaking session, the BFSU students were led on a Campus tour. They had the opportunity to mingle with UTAR students from the Chinese Studies programme and observed a class conducted in Bahasa Malaysia (Moral Studies) during their visit to the Campus.

He Teng Teng, also known as Kamarulzaman, a name given him during his time studying the Malay Language at the local public university in China, said "Ini adalah kali pertama saya melawat universiti swasta di Malaysia. Saya amat kagum dengan Kampus yang cantik ini. Kampus yang dikelilingi oleh tasik ini mempunyai pemandangan yang menarik. Pada pendapat saya, kualiti pendidikan universiti swasta Malaysia adalah setara dengan taraf antarabangsa. (This is the first time I visit a private university in Malaysia. I am impressed with this beautiful and picturesque lake view Campus. I find the quality of education at Malaysian private universities is on par with the international standard.)"

Beijing Foreign Studies University is China's most prestigious school for the study of Language and is one of the key universities directly affiliated with the Department of Education China.



The visiting students from BFSU with UTAR officials.

## UTAR Sports Carnival 2009



Pull...pull...pull... UTAR staff and students...having lots of fun.

The dexterity, swiftness, accuracy and physical power of some 700 UTAR students were put to the test at the UTAR Sports Carnival 2009 on 2 August 2009. The carnivals held concurrently at Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman (KTAR) sports facilities in Kuala Lumpur and UTAR Perak Campus in Kampar comprised different teams competing in different categories.

Tennis, table tennis and badminton demanded the students' execution of their forehand and backhand strokes. Netball, basketball and futsal demanded the accuracy in passing and in putting the ball through or into the net, and tug-of-war demanded the physical power of the participants to literally pull their opponents over a white line.

The day long carnivals saw students challenging their rivalling peers from opposing teams from different campuses or faculties for medals and trophies.

At the end of each competition, shouts of joy or clenched fists punching the air were seen and heard from the victorious camps. However, signs of the agony of defeat were hardly visible because they were masked by the 'carnival' atmosphere and the sporting spirit shown by the vanquished at the event.

In Kuala Lumpur, Prof. Dr. Ewe Hong Tat, UTAR Vice President (Internationalisation and Academic Development), presented medals to some of the winners and the overall champion trophy to the teams from Kuala Lumpur Campus.

At UTAR Perak Campus, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yeoh Suan Pow, UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations), presented medals to the winners and the overall champion trophy to the teams from the Faculty of Business and Finance.



Dr. Yeoh (far left in light green sleeves) posing with the netball winners.

## Student Representative Council Handover Ceremony

Chairpersons of Student Representative Committee (SRC) shared their learning experience at the SRC Handover Ceremony held on 24 July 2009 at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus.

The SRC Handover Ceremony marked the end of a service term and steadfast commitment by the student representatives as the 'voices of the students' when the 2008/9 SRC members officially stepped down to pass on their roles to the newly elected representatives.

Chairpersons from different Campus SRCs received a token of appreciation and every SRC member received a certificate as an acknowledgement of their contribution from UTAR President, Ir. Professor Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik.



Outgoing SRC members and their successors with UTAR President Prof. Chuah.

In sharing her experience as the SRC Chairperson of UTAR Perak Campus, Lim Kah Yee said, "After serving for one year, I found that my involvement there was not about the certificate that I received. SRC was all about the experiences that I went through together with my committee members."

SRC Chairperson of UTAR Sungai Long Campus, Leong Chi Wei admitted, "Spending time serving and helping students has been meaningful to me. Whenever students messaged me to thank the SRC for

our help or good work, it was a rather emotional time for me and I loved that feeling. After all, it is my responsibility to serve the students."

SRC Chairperson of UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus, Lai Tjun Kong enthused, "This journey has been a tough and memorable one. I made new friends and learned new things. I was also exposed to the

outside world and had the opportunity to meet some very prominent people in our country. Most importantly, I learnt the traits of team building, cooperation and being a responsible person both as an individual and also in a group."

S R C members are UTAR

students elected by students through an election held annually. The three-day voting campaign leading to the SRC Election consists of dialogue sessions, public speaking presentations, distribution of flyers/brochures and self-introductions by the contesting students through class by class visitations.

The SRC Election to nominate the SRC members for the year 2009/10 was held at the Klang Valley campuses on 25 June 2009 while the election at UTAR Perak Campus was held on 25 & 26 June 2009.

## Students demonstrate oratory skills with patriotic messages

Eighteen participants mixed wit with their elocution skills when they spoke on nationalism at the UTAR Public Speaking Competition 2009 held in conjunction with Merdeka celebration at the Perak Campus on 14 August 2009.

Organised by the Drama and Public Speaking Society, the competition required participants to deliver a three-minute impromptu speech on a given topic based on the theme "Nationalism: The Heart of Unity".

Participants were judged on speech construction, presentation and delivery, speech content, language, effectiveness and vocal inclination.

Ganesh Palani, a Foundation student, bowled over the judges with his simple yet engaging speech on *Advantages of Unity/Multicultural Society* and walked away with the first prize of RM100 cash and a certificate. Second prize went to Sarath Bani, a Marketing student who impressed the crowd with his humour and charm when he shared on *My Favourite Malaysian Hero*. Ezreena Simon, a Banking and Finance student, won third prize with her inspiring message on *My Role as a Malaysian Student*.

Winners of the consolation prizes were Ramanapriya Jayabalan (Foundation in Science), Kam Yew Ee (Bachelor of Entrepreneurship) and Lim Chei Huey (Bachelor of Commerce).



Ganesh Palani receiving his prize from Senior Lecturer Balasubramaniam.

On why the event was organised, organising chairperson, Kelvin Kumar expressed, "This public speaking competition aimed at unearthing the patriotism and sense of national

unity of the participants. Besides invoking the participant's creativity, this event also served as a platform for students to polish their oratory skills and to overcome fears of expressing their opinions."

The panel of judges comprised of Paul Gnanaselvam (Public Speaking Lecturer from the Faculty of Arts and Social Science), Balasubramaniam (Public Speaking and Sociology Senior Lecturer from the Centre for Foundation Studies (CFS)), and Nawanithan (Head of Department of Arts and Social Science, CFS).

## UTAR Promotes Mathematics Through Competition

UTAR organised the UTAR 4<sup>th</sup> National Mathematics Competition 2009 on 15 August 2009 at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus.

The Competition, which received an overwhelming response from both public and private institutions of higher learning, was divided into two categories - Mathematics and Fast Arithmetic. Although this Competition is organised annually by UTAR, the fourth edition was the first Mathematics Competition that extended an opportunity for students to compete in Fast Arithmetic.

UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr. Ling Liong Sik, who was present during the Competition said, "Whether one realise it or not, or even when he claims to be mathematics illiterate, unlike reading where there is a conscious effort taking place, being mathematical is something that every one of us do every day. Its application is something that we do in all situations."

UTAR President Ir. Professor Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik expressed, "UTAR believes this is a good platform to foster interest in mathematics and enhance problem-solving skills beyond the lecture room settings. It was with this spirit that UTAR organised this annual Mathematics Competition for college and university students in our country."

"I hope that this Mathematics Competition will

serve as a platform and an annual meeting place for all mathematics enthusiasts in Malaysia to exchange ideas and share information. We believe this will lead to widening our perspective and will further reinforce our commitment to the mastery and application of mathematics."

Emerging as winners of the Mathematics category were Champion, Loke Zhi Kin from INTI College; first runner-up, Tan Fong Shen from UTAR and second-runner up, Chew Xiao Xian from UTAR.

Winners for the Fast Arithmetic category were Champion, Chua Chun Kiat from University of Malaya; first runner-up, Ooi Choong Hern from Taylor's University College and second runner-up, Sam Kar Hong from UTAR.



Prof. Chuah (second row, fourth from left) and Tun Dr. Ling (second row, fifth from left) with the competition winners.

## Briefing on Careers in Chemistry

On 10 July 2009, a delegate of five committee members of Institut Kimia Malaysia (IKM) Perak Branch visited UTAR Perak Campus to conduct an interactive session with the first year Chemistry students on career opportunities in the field of chemistry.

Organised by the Department of Chemical Science, the talk attracted over 80 students. The session kicked off with a brief introduction by Hwang Chin Hor, Chairman of IKM Perak.

This was followed by a talk conducted by Hoong Seng Hong, an IKM Council Member and Deputy Director General of Jabatan Kimia Malaysia.



Delegates from IKM with UTAR staff at Perak Campus.

Hoong provided an overview on 'The Profession of Chemistry in Malaysia with reference to the Chemists Act 1975 and the Chemists (General) Rules 1977'.

Emphasising the significance and impact of chemistry professions, Hoong said, "The chemistry profession plays an important part in economic development, sustaining the environment and improving the quality of life of all. It has specialised knowledge, the privilege of self-regulation, and a responsibility to the public. As chemists, we must maintain high ethical standard as the decisions we make have a direct effect on the society and nation."

The second part of the session was delivered by Ramlee Ibrahim from the Jabatan Kimia Malaysia, Perak Branch, who shared on career as a chemist in the public services.

Ramlee said, "Those who work with the Malaysian government can enjoy good salary plus allowance and benefits such as job security, housing loan, car loan, computer loan, scholarship to pursue further studies, long leave and pension."

During the Q&A session, Captain Chan Weng Kwai, a committee member of IKM Perak Branch, who is also a former headmaster, shared his experience in teaching Chemistry. "To pursue teaching as a career, one would need to complete a one-year Diploma in Teaching after obtaining a UTAR degree," he stated.

Year 1 Chemistry student Ku Jian Lin said this of the event, "Today's event gave me a clearer picture of employment options in chemistry. I plan to be involved in sales and marketing when I graduate in three years' time."

## SWEET VICTORY FOR UTAR WUSHU TEAM

UTAR Perak Campus wushu exponents secured one silver and three bronze medals in the Kejohanan Sukan Perak 2009 (SUPER) organised by Majlis Sukan Negeri Perak at Stadium Indra Mulia, Ipoh on 13 and 14 June 2009.

Four students represented UTAR in the free sparring (sanda) category in the wushu state-level competition. Sanda is one of the disciplines in competitive wushu. It is a modern fighting method and sport influenced by Chinese boxing, Chinese wrestling methods and other Chinese grappling techniques.

Eric Chew Cheng Hoong (Public Relations) won a silver medal for his feat. Three bronze medals came from Robin Ng Jia Li (Entrepreneurship), Tan Khong Yeow (Business Administration) and Lo Yew Kong (Psychology).



UTAR wushu exponents displaying their medals.

## TOWARDS A GREEN UTAR CAMPUS

Fuelled with a passion for Mother Nature, two eco-warriors shared the vision of a green campus with 80 UTAR students in two sessions of interactive workshop titled 'A Journey to the Inconvenient Truth' conducted in UTAR Perak Campus on 4 June 2009.

The speakers, Justin Lee and Ivan Yew, both graduated from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Environmental Technology respectively, are very active in green campus activities and work closely with NGOs to foster environmental awareness among students.

Held in conjunction with World Environment Day, this event was the first to kick off a series of environment-related activities organised by UTAR Perak Green Campus Committee. This newly set-up committee aimed to gear the entire University community towards building a green campus.

Yew and Lee have been active in environmental advocacy since their university days. In fact, their 'White Coffin' campaign against the use of polystyrene containers took their campus by storm last year and received international recognition from Hong Kong and Japan.

"White Coffin refers to the polystyrene food containers that are so heavily used nowadays. They comprise benzene, styrene, ethylene and blowing agent.



Enthusiastic students have a great time at the workshop.

Benzene is the most toxic chemical in polystyrene containers. Hot and oily food, when stored in the containers, will react with the chemical and promote migration of these toxic chemicals into our system. Long term usage of these containers will increase the risk of cancer. These polystyrene containers not only pose health hazard but also are environmentally destructive. They are non-biodegradable and remain in the environment for more than 500 years and take up 25%-30% of our landfills," said Yew in a very serious tone.

Various activities such as singing, quizzes, games, lucky draw and brainstorming sessions were carried out in the two-hour workshop to bring the environmental message across. The most interesting part was when the students presented the outcome of their brainstorming on what UTARians can do to protect the environment. They voiced their ideas on practical ways to reduce carbon footprint, conserve energy and enhance environmental awareness plus other green initiatives that can be implemented within the University to build a greener Campus.

When asked why he has a soft spot for UTAR, Yew said, "I am here because I love UTAR. When I was here for the first time last year, I was impressed with this beautiful Campus that is surrounded by lush greenery and lakes. I strongly believe attitude and mindset can be changed. The four Rs: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle must be practised by every student. We need to equip students with strong sense of moral and responsibility. Greater awareness will result in green revolution in this Campus," Yew said optimistically.

The event was rounded off with a closing speech by Dr. Show Kuan Yeow, Chairman of the Green Campus Committee, followed by the presentation of unique souvenirs made of recycling items to the speakers.

## Seniors and Freshies bond at Peer Mentoring Programme

128 freshmen and 24 seniors of UTAR Perak Campus participated in the month-long Peer Mentoring Programme which ended on 4 July 2009. Organised by the Counselling and Guidance Unit of the Department of Student Affairs, the Peer Mentoring Programme (PMP) is a 'friends making friends' programme that connects the new students to the seniors who acted as peer mentors.

Themed 'We Love, We Care, We Share, We Guide', this programme aimed at creating a caring community in UTAR where freshmen can always rely on their helpful and resourceful seniors for support throughout their adjustment period. Peer mentors who have received a minimum of ten hours of Basic Counselling Skills training shared their experience in adapting to Campus life with their juniors.

A barbecue was organised during the closing session at the Campus. One significant and meaningful activity carried out during the closing session was the plant adoption. Everyone planted ferns and have to look after them until the end of the semester. The plants symbolised the growing friendship among PMP members.

One of the mentees, first year Psychology student Siti Aishah binti Abdullah shared, "I was attracted by the previous PMP activity photos. The committee members encouraged me to make new friends through this programme." Appreciating her mentor, she added, "My mentor is really kind and good in connecting every one of us together as a group. I hope our group's relationship can continue to grow just like the fern plant. I would like to join PMP again as a mentor or committee member in the future."

Psychology student Chai Hong Yun joined PMP as a mentor with the intention of helping new students. "I can empathise with the helplessness of being freshmen; therefore, I wish to help our freshmen in adjusting to the change of environment. I learned a lot from this programme. Besides improving my communication skill, I also learned the importance of sharing the joys and burdens with my friends to enable us to cope with our lives positively," he shared.

PMP participants planting.

## UTAR Students Conquered Bukit Brinchang for A Good Cause



Valerie Tan and Kevin Tan at Bukit Brinchang.

UTAR students Valerie Tan Shuyin and Kevin Tan Shyh Ann from Sungai Long Campus were chosen to represent UTAR in climbing Bukit Brinchang during the Yayasan Nanyang – 'Rock the Mountain Charity' event held from 16 - 17 August 2009 at Bukit Brinchang, Cameron Highlands, Pahang.

Yayasan Nanyang – 'Rock the Mountain Charity' was an event organised by Yayasan Nanyang Press to create, develop and promote opportunities for youths to participate in physical activities. The event also strived to expose participants to mountain climbing and nature while assisting colleges and NGOs to raise funds for their in-house activities.

Prior to the event, donation drives were held by participating organisations, including non-profit organisations and institutions of higher learning in Malaysia. Out of the total collection made by each participating organisation, 50% of the collection went back to the organisation, 40% of the collection went to charity organisations chosen by the organisation and 10% of the collection went to Yayasan Nanyang Press for expenses of the climb. Participating organisations of the event were allowed to send a representative to climb Bukit Brinchang for every RM5,000 collected.

To participate in the event, UTAR embarked on an ambitious donation drive by distributing 500 pieces of donation cards to students from all four of its Campuses. Out of the donation drive, close to RM13,000 was raised. Hence, UTAR were eligible to send two representatives for the climb. Valerie and Kevin were chosen to represent UTAR as they were among the top fund collectors in the University.



## Night of Colourful Rendezvous

Themed 'Symphony of Colours', Culture Night 2009, organised by the UTAR Asian Cultural Society, was held on 4 July 2009 at the Perak Campus.

The fun night of music and dance showcased the convergence of various Asian cultural performances. The event was aimed to promote the uniqueness and richness of Malaysian culture to the students.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Lawrence Arokiasamy, Advisor for the Asian Cultural Society, said, "This event enabled students to showcase their talent in performing traditional cultural performances and to promote this culture among UTARians. Students can share and understand the various cultures in Malaysia, thus creating the desire to unite and form the Malaysia concept through events such as this."

Throughout the night, the audience were treated to a variety of Malay, Indian and Chinese dances, both classical and modern, as well as renditions of popular songs by talented UTAR students.

In between performances, a comical sketch titled 'Veera Paandiya Katta Bomman' which was performed in three parts, kept the audience entertained. Commenting on the event, organising chairperson Marimuthu a/l Mummurthy enthused, "The theme Symphony of Colours was chosen to signify the unity of Malaysian culture. Different types of colours show different aspects of cultures. Just as how the word symphony symbolises the artistic works, variety of cultures is also embedded in our country. I would like to thank all the members for their support and energy in putting up this show for UTAR community."



Cultural performances by UTAR students.



## News in Brief

UTAR Electrical & Electronic Engineering students did the University proud when they won top three exhibitors' prizes at the National Student Conference on Innovative Technologies in Intelligent Systems and Industrial Application (CITISIA) held at Monash University, Sunway Campus from 25 to 26 July 2009.

UTAR students from Perak Campus in Kampar who represented UTAR in the MASISWA Games 2009 northern region scooped two gold and one silver medals. This inter-varsity Games was held at Universiti Teknologi Petronas in Tronoh, Perak from 3 to 4 July 2009. The gold medal for UTAR came from the female volleyball team as well as from the badminton team. The silver was contributed by the male volleyball team.

A group of UTAR Broadcasting students shone at the *Astro Nextgen Contentpreneur Awards (NCA) 2009* ceremony held on 6 August 2009 at the Sime Darby Convention, Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur, bagging two awards from the 11 given out at the ceremony. Their prize-winning entry was a documentary titled *Tidal Tales*.

UTAR Advertising student Lee Sheng Wang was chosen as one of the two Malaysians to represent the country at the ASEAN-Republic of Korea (ROK) Independent Cinema Workshop held from 15 July - 8 August 2009 in Los Banos, Philippines. It was a digital production workshop that strives to create a regional alternative cinema community as well as to unearth raw creative talents.

Dr. Stephen Leong Mun Yoon, Director of UTAR Centre for International Studies, has been conferred 'The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette' by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. His Excellency Masahiko Horie, Japan's Ambassador to Malaysia, presented the award in a ceremony held at His Excellency's residence in Kuala Lumpur on 15 July 2009.

Proceeds from the **Ball Night 2009** was donated to four charity organisations in the Klang Valley on 18 July 2009. Dr. Yeoh Suan Pow, Vice President of UTAR presented the donation to representatives of the beneficiaries at a simple presentation ceremony: Dato' Eadon Ching, Founder and President of Pertubuhan Amal Seri Sinar (P.A.S.S); Manoharan Munusamy, Vice President of Damai Disabled Association; Foong Peng Lam, Service Manager of Rumah Kasih; and Edward Lim Choon Sun, Manager of PAWS Malaysia.

UTAR jointly organised a half-day seminar on "Green Approach for Wastewater Treatment - Bio Remediation and Energy Generation" conducted at Perak Techno-Trade Centre (PTTC) on 27 July 2009 with Perak State Development Corporation (PSDC) and Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) Perak Branch.

## UTAR Celebrates 9th Convocation

UTAR held its 9th Convocation Ceremony from 7 - 9 August 2009 at Dewan San Choon, Wisma MCA, Kuala Lumpur.

For this Convocation, 2,895 graduands from four Master's and 32 Bachelor's Honours degree programmes received their scrolls presented by Dr. Hou Kok Chung, Deputy Minister of Higher Education; and Senator Dato' Ir. Wong Foon Meng, President of the Senate, Parliament Malaysia, on the first day. The second day of the Convocation witnessed students receiving their scrolls from Dato' Seri Kong Cho Ha, Minister of Housing and Local Government; and Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Health. On the third day, graduands walked up the stage received their respective scrolls from Datuk Dr. Lim Khaik Leang and Datuk Steven Tan Kok Hiang, UTAR Council Members. After the last session of this 9<sup>th</sup> UTAR Convocation, members of the staff also joined in the celebration of Datuk Steven Tan's birthday which fell on the same day.

This Convocation also marked the graduation of UTAR pioneer batch of students for one Master's and four Bachelor's Honours degrees. They were: Master of Commerce (Applied Accounting), Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Electronic and Communications Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Materials and Manufacturing Engineering, and Bachelor of Science (Honours) Physics.

With this Convocation, UTAR has a total of 16,480 graduates. Presently, UTAR has over 18,000 students pursuing 76 programmes comprising of eight PhDs, 13 Master's, 45 Bachelor's and four Foundation Certificates.





## Malaysia Festival of the Mind V at UTAR Perak Campus

Visitors thronged UTAR Perak Campus from 10 – 12 July 2009 to attend the Malaysia Festival of the Mind V at UTAR Perak Campus. Jointly organised by the Malaysia Mental Literacy Movement (MMLM), UTAR and Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman (KTAR), the three-day Festival featured talks, demonstrations, exhibitions and workshops to enhance mental literacy and tap maximum potential of the brain power.

Officiating the event was the Deputy Prime Minister, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin. The Menteri Besar of Perak, Dato' Seri Dr. Zambry Abdul Kadir was also present at the event.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, Tan Sri Muhyiddin said that knowledge is the propeller of productivity and growth. "In this highly competitive world, we have to fight economic battles on all fronts. It is only the collective brainpower of the people that will make us triumph."

He applauded MMLM and its founder-chairman Tun Dr. Ling Liong Sik for the movement's efforts in revitalising a culture of learning, innovation and creativity. "The great synergy between MMLM, UTAR and KTAR can be a springboard to more widespread interest in intelligence and brain power enhancement towards a better Malaysia."

The Festival witnessed a series of talks conducted by leading figures in the field of brain training. Among the distinguished speakers were Terry Winchester, a hypnotherapist and psychotherapist from Johannesburg, South Africa; Anant Kasibhatla, a memory record-holder from India; Prof. Dr. Leonard Yong, a personality profiling and emotional intelligence expert; and Dr. Alex Ow, an accredited instructor of the Edward de Bono Thinking Method in Malaysia.

Visiting the Festival was a family affair for M. Nathan, wife Vasanthi and their three school-going daughters. Nathan said, "This is my first time visiting this Festival. I am interested to attend two particular talks - speed reading and hypnosis. Speed reading is an essential skill in today's lives as we are bombarded with large volumes of information and we need to learn how to capture and understand this information within a short time. Hypnosis is something new to me and I am curious to find out more." He added, "As for my wife and kids, they are looking for materials on improving study skills, mind games, mind mapping techniques and others. I am glad this Festival becomes a one-stop hub for mental literacy-related products, trainings, activities and information."



## Love, Sex and Relationship at Counselling and Wellness Week

A drama titled 'Is Sex = Love?' was among the features at the launching of Counselling and Wellness Week (CWW) at Perak Campus on 24 June 2009.

Themed 'Love, Sex and Relationship', the event was organised by the Counselling and Guidance Unit of the Department of Student Affairs. It aimed to enhance students' awareness on love, sex and relationship as well as educate them on the availability and benefits of counselling and guidance services provided by the University.

Among the activities carried out were talks, exhibitions, games, book and movie reviews, and sex education workshop, all of which received encouraging participation. Students were also hugely entertained by two popular movies, *Sex and the City* and *Love Matters*, which were showcased for review. They then shared their opinions on love and friendship.

One of the counsellors, Lok Huey Chuen said, "I encourage students to participate in the psychological checklists to have a better understanding on how to enhance their interpersonal skills which are crucial to build strong relationship with others."

Another counsellor, Angus Ng Foo Yek, delivered an attention-grabbing talk titled 'Love

Immunology'. He said, "Proper love, sex and relationship education will build a strong foundation that enhances our love immune system so that we will not be easily hurt by others." Ng also conducted another interactive and intriguing sex education workshop titled 'The Secret.' This workshop not only gave exposure to youths on how sexual relationship works but also to make them aware of the risks of having sex before marriage, the importance of treating sex responsibly, and the consequences of sexual activities.

A Public Relations student, Tee Chong Zhi expressed, "Through this exhibition, I learnt that love can be expressed in many ways. I hope the University will have more of such events to enhance our knowledge on building relationship towards a successful career and life."



Students viewing exhibits of the exhibition.



Prof. Zhao engaging the audience on methods to avoid cancer.

## AVOIDING CANCER THROUGH CHINESE MEDICINE

On 13 June 2009, members of the public who had turned up at the Centre for Extension Education (UTAR-CEE), were privileged to listen to a talk titled 'Avoiding Cancer through Chinese Medicine' by Professor Zhao Tian Yong, a practising oncologist from Tung Shin Hospital, Kuala Lumpur.

The talk, the first in a series of three talks on Traditional Chinese Medicine, was organised by UTAR-CEE in collaboration with Tung Shin Hospital.

Professor Zhao shared that although cancer carries with it a grim and scary outlook for its sufferers, in truth statistics compiled by the World Health Organisation (WHO) showed that in approximately one-third of cases the disease can be avoided; in another one-third of cases it can be cured; and in the final one-third of cases the pain and suffering occasioned by the disease can be mitigated.

All the same, it pays to be careful of the disease. This is because in the cases of the 'usual' diseases spread by viral or bacterial agents, their symptoms make them known early. Cancer, however, is a 'silent' and insidious killer. In many instances, by the time it is detected it is already late.

Because of the fluid interplay of the many causative factors like hereditary, dietary and environmental - it is difficult to be dogmatic about what exactly triggers off the onset of the disease. In Professor Zhao's opinion, the best strategy against cancer was to adopt a defensive and balanced lifestyle. The ingredients of such a lifestyle would be a balanced diet, emotional equanimity and a good degree of physical activity - a formula that finds favour with both western and traditional Chinese medicine.

During the talk, Professor Zhao drove home the point that traditional Chinese medicine seeks to boost the immune system of the human body to enable it to overcome cancer. The human body is a finely tuned mechanism and when faced with the threat of invasion of cancerous cells it sends out distress signals or symptoms. In the event of illness, it is best to consult a doctor instead of resorting to self-medication. The talk ended with a lively question-and-answer session.

## Secrets of Success by Tony Christiansen



Plucky Christiansen sharing his life story.

On 25 July 2009 an overflowing crowd in UTAR Petaling Jaya auditorium listened attentively to an engaging speaker expounding on the *Secrets of Success* - Tony Christiansen. This talk was jointly organised by The STAR, Entrepreneur Organisation Malaysia and UTAR Centre for Extension Education (CEE).

Tony Christiansen is a motivational speaker par excellence. He uses stories to empower people to break the shackles of their limitations and realise their full potential. He used his own remarkable story as examples.

He was just nine years old when a back-sliding goods wagon neatly amputated both his legs at a railway crossing. He left the hospital fifteen months later asking "Why me? Why me?". He then realised that "Life goes on no matter what, just find and paddle your own canoe!", he said to himself. Christiansen has paddled his own canoe with a vengeance ever since!

According to Christiansen, one can obtain or achieve what he asks for. Life gives us the canvas, the brush and the paint box but the individual has to paint his dream on it. And choice is the key to it all.

He said, "Make sure that you always have a dream." "And that you never stop dreaming, for everything that is in this universe is but the product of a dream. And then work tirelessly to make the dream happens," he continued.

His own life is a manifestation of the power of dreams. Christiansen has a second degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do; he is a qualified lifeguard; he won gold at the World Games for shot putt, discus and javelin; he races cars and flies planes and has completed Rotorua's Fletcher marathon; he bench presses more than 250 kilograms; and in 2003 he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro! He even operated his own successful sign-writing business. To top it all, he has also written two best-sellers: *Race You to the Top - The Incredible Story of Tony Christiansen* and *Attitude Plus - Tony Christianson's Secrets of Success*.

He also advised the audience to take responsibility for themselves and not blame others for their failure. Success is merely an attitude of mind, and attitude is what decides our success or failure in the world. When the talk ended at noon, everyone felt that Tony Christiansen had somehow raised the bar on what is possible if we just dare to dream.

## Famine Camp Enlightens Students

For two days and one night, the Community Service Society organised a 22-Hour Famine Camp from 27 - 28 June 2009. 103 students from different UTAR Campuses took part in this camp.

This is the third time the Society has organised this camp which seeks to get the students to relate to the problems faced by the less fortunate countries, and to cultivate team work through the various activities held at the camp.

At the camp, students were divided into groups. Led by one leader, they participated in different challenges set by the committee members. After the initial launching programme and an ice-breaking ceremony, participants watched the movie 'Robinson Crusoe' and were briefed on some survival tips. In addition, the participants played games that required them to work as a team and enabled them to bond as friends.

At the end of the camp, all participants were presented with certificates of participation and were given refreshments. The participants who attended this camp were very satisfied with the activities held because they enjoyed the activities, made many friends and learned a lot of things in the camp. They realised how lucky they are compared to underprivileged people in the third world countries. Through this camp, they learnt to care for others, to build good teamwork and to appreciate what they have.

A similar event, this time called the 30-Hour Famine August 2009 was also held at the Petaling Jaya Campus on 22 - 23 August 2009.



Top: Team-building activity held during the camp.  
Bottom: The happy faces of camp participants.



## Students inspired at Motivation Workshop

Some 250 Perak Campus ICT students were injected with enthusiasm, confidence and excitement when they started their educational journey in UTAR with a highly inspiring workshop. Organised by the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology (FSET), the *Competence.Progressive.Upskilling* (CPU) motivation workshop was held on 20 June 2009.

It aimed to instil positive values, ethics and professionalism among first year ICT students from Computer Science, Information Systems Engineering, Business Information Systems, and Communications and Networking degree programmes.

The session kicked off with two speakers from Jobstreet, Teoh Wee Khang and Yeoh Chen Chow, who shared their real-world insights on ICT profession through their informative talks titled 'IT Trends and Future Jobs in Malaysia vs Global' and 'Personal Traits and Skills for Successful IT Profession'. Revealing the '10 Commandments' for a successful career, Teoh advised, "In order to attain great heights in your future career, you need to be strong in fundamental knowledge, possess good communication skills, empathy, business-oriented mindset, problem solving ability, learning attitude, proactive, adaptable and most importantly, you must have great passion towards your work."

After that, UTAR lecturers, Sebastian Francis and Alex Ooi, conducted interactive sessions on team building, leadership, study skills and time management.

The workshop concluded with a series of carefully designed games to enhance the students understanding of the importance of communication, problem solving, creativity, observation, leadership and teamwork in the learning process.

Commenting on the workshop, Dr. Choo Wou Onn, Head of Knowledge Science Department, said, "I would like to thank all the staff who had made the event successful. During the event, students were motivated by the energy and creativity from the activities. I believe that this camp equipped students with good manners, values and ethics which are extremely important for the students in facing different and unexpected situations in the real world."



Lecturers and students had a great time bonding.

## External Examiner for Biomedical Engineering visits UTAR

UTAR newly appointed External Examiner for Biomedical Engineering programme, Professor Dan Bader from Queen Mary University of London, UK, visited UTAR Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya Campuses from 12 - 14 August 2009.

He is the Professor of Medical Engineering at the School of Engineering and Materials Science at Queen Mary. He is also a part-time Professor in Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands.

Prof. Bader has a strong interest in researching soft tissue breakdown prevention with new technology. He elaborated, "Among some of my research interests are in solving pressure in ulcer, a condition commonly found in elderly patients as well as spinal cord injuries."

He expressed his hopes for future joint research projects to be conducted by both Queen Mary University of London and UTAR in the Biomedical Engineering field.

In future collaborations for UTAR students to be sent to Queen Mary University of London as exchange students, he said, "We hope to construct several optional modules that would incorporate details on our research activities and latest research findings so that UTAR students can take up those modules to become more knowledgeable in research when they come here as exchange students."

Commenting on the career options of graduates from this programme, Prof. Bader said, "Graduates from this programme can choose to work in financial organisations that invest in biotechnology. They can also become specialists in healthcare or go on to study for Medicine. Some may even choose to be involved in research on healthcare and health services or R&D."

During his visit to the Kuala Lumpur Campus, Prof. Bader presented a technical seminar titled 'Soft Tissue Research' to UTAR Biomedical Engineering students and staff. The seminar featured the current state-of-the-art Cell Biomechanics Research conducted in Queen Mary University and associated applications for soft tissue research. At UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus, he visited UTAR President Ir. Professor Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik.



Prof. Bader (right) chatting with Prof. Chuah during his visit.

## 中文系与儒家教育问题 台新学者的反思

2009年7月6日，拉曼大学八打灵再也校区迎来了一场题为“中文系与儒教教育——台湾与新加坡大学教书的感思”的专题讲座。这场由拉曼大学中华研究中心中国文化研究组主办、马华策略分析与政策研究所赞助的讲座，很荣幸地邀请到两位对儒学有深入研究的学者前来演讲，他们分别是来自台湾清华大学中文系的杨儒宾教授和新加坡国立大学中文系的劳悦强副教授。

专题讲座由杨博士拉开序幕。杨博士透露，研究中原或是东北亚地区（如日本、韩国等）以外的儒家思想，是他向来所关注的，因为他不想只把儒家思想研究锁定在中国社会或是广义的儒家社群当中，而是希望扩大至东南亚地区，尤其是马来西亚的华人社会，探讨该地区与儒家思想的关系。

为了能在某种程度上与马来西亚的儒学作对照，杨博士先为与会者介绍了儒学在台湾的发展。他认为台湾的儒学发展从汉人进入台湾后开始至今，大致上可分为三个阶段。首个阶段是1661年郑成功击退荷兰人入主台湾后，郑氏家族为统一全台湾人民、巩固反清思想而设立孔庙，传授儒家思想。当郑氏家族被满清推翻后，虽然最后一个反清的汉人政权消失了，但儒学却没因此而停止发展。这是因为满清自入关后，尤其是在康熙、雍正年间便推行儒家政治理念，所以儒家思想仍然得到推崇。

次阶段乃自1895年中日甲午战争以来。清政府因此战的失败而割让台湾及部分临近列岛给日本。日本殖民台湾后，对该地的汉文化与儒家文化又爱又恨。他们一方面欣赏汉文化，允许台湾人民继续学习基本的汉学和儒学，另一方面又对此文化存有戒心。这与马来西亚社会情况极为相似。虽然如此，日本政府依然让台湾人发展汉文化和儒学，允许设立汉人学校、建立孔庙等。一直到了1937年台湾进入抗日时期，日本才全面禁止汉文。

最后一个阶段是1949年国民党因内战失利而退守台湾至今这段期间。国民党政府认为民族文化很重要，所以把台湾视为中华文化的堡垒，并加强对汉文化和儒家文化的教育。在台湾现今教育里，一些儒家经典如《四书》等被列为必修科就是很好的证明。但是，当台湾本土意识逐渐抬头后，便与儒家文化起了很大的矛盾。台湾本省人因反对国民党的中国性，接连地也反对国民党所支持的汉文化与儒家思想，认为有必要还原本土化教育，如恢复闽南话教学和白话文教育等。

杨博士认为，台湾的儒家教育与政治变迁有着很重要的关系。这是因为儒家思想是汉民族的精神象征，可以号召汉民族，所以儒家思想脱离不了政治，而以汉人为主的台湾也不例外。然而，杨博士更希望儒家思想能在政治领域之外发挥作用，成为促进台湾内部向上的动力，而不是成为政治斗争中的牺牲品。另外，杨博士觉得，儒家思想应是所有华人思想的共同因素。换句话说，它以后的发展因素可能与中国的政治或社会没有多大的关系，它可以在陌生的区域发挥作用，并发展出其独特及有意识的一面，也可借此巩固其原有的内涵。例如，全世界皆无法很好地与回教世界对话，但马来西亚作为一个回教徒占大多数的国家，儒家文化却能发展得很好。最后，杨博士也希望儒家文化应是东亚以至东南亚的共同文化，进而发展

为全世界人类学习的文化。

接下来由劳博士分享他在新加坡的教书经验。他首先介绍自己的学术背景，认为这样有助于让与会者更了解他接下来的演讲内容。演讲前，劳博士针对当天的讲题，分别阐述了“中文系”与“儒家教育”。他认为要办中文系必须先要有构想，无论是课程设计抑或是大学团队、师资等都必须考量在内。另外，他也从中文系课程的设计来谈儒家教育，觉得开办中文系前须深思何为儒家或儒学。劳博士也提到，在学术领域里，儒家可借由多种不同的划分来探讨，但却不能将儒家和其他诸子百家对立起来。

劳博士表示，“自称为儒家者”及“研究儒家者”是两种不同的概念，因为后者并不能自称为儒家。所以，他建议如果有意在中文系设立儒家教育，必须先考虑这点。他认为儒家教育的设立有其价值，尤其在人文教育方面扮演了重要的角色。其次是可认识历史，并从历史的演变中认识传统。若要更深一层具体地诠释儒家教育，劳博士觉得应是人格的教育。提到如何进行人格教育，还需要借鉴中华传统教育方式。中华教育常提的德、智、体、群、美，教导人们学会自律的五育，就是最好的参考。

至于大学的设立，从性质上来看主要是传授知识和技术，但若从其功能来说，则是要为社会、为国家培养好公民、好的专业人士以及好的公务员。总的来说，这种西方模式的教育其实就是“工具”教育，它是要培养“工具”、训练“工具”。若用中国传统儒家的语言而言，可称之为“器”的教育。但是孔子曾说“君子不器”，说明作为君子的，不应该把自己看成是一种器。所以，这是西方教育与中国传统儒家教育的不同之处。劳博士也指出，现今的大学教育几乎都是“器”的教育，可以说是教育上的盲点。由于大环境与社会风气的影响，属于文化与社会科学的科系如中文系等，往往只能扮演文化装点，因为常被他人觉得没有用，不能成器。劳博士并不反对重视“器”，但他也强调“道”的重要性，二者缺一不可。无论当医生抑或律师，虽然“器”有所不同，但却应有共同的“道”，也就是说，除了学习技巧与知识，更要了解该行业的精神，因为这样才能有人文共识，有文化共识，进而达到社会和谐。因此，他希望教育工作者及学生能够认清这点。最后，他建议大学若要设立儒家教育，应以专书形式以及授课老师专业研究形式为主。

这场讲座在下午5时左右圆满结束。讲座后，许多对儒学有兴趣的学生向两位学者提出相关问题。



出席者全神贯注地聆听主讲人的演说。

## 新加坡国大专才谈中国政治

8月12日(星期三)下午,一场题为“中国的民主化(China's Model of Democracy)”的学术演讲在拉曼大学八打灵再也校区PB座Auditorium 3进行,由新加坡国立大学东亚研究所的资深研究员薄智跃博士主讲,拉大国际问题研究中心处长梁文勇博士主持。

薄博士就中国政治的主要特点,以及中国的民主化做出论说,和出席者分享了他的看法。

首先,薄博士以统计图表对比中国和西方国家在各方面(如透明度、自由度等)的分数。他指出,纵观这些项目的评估分数,中国是不及格的。然而,对于国家领导人的满意程度,中国人民的满意度却远高于美国人。薄博士说,大部分中国人民皆认为,国家主席胡锦涛是个优秀的领导人,对他的领导很有信心。较后,薄博士为与会者讲解了中国的立法机关。他表示,中国设有中国人民政治协商会议、全国人民代表大会。其中全国人民代表大会更是世界最大的国会。除了中国的立法机构,薄博士也分析了几位对中国发展带来重大影响的领袖,如毛泽东、邓小平、江泽民和胡锦涛。

他也谈到中国经济的成长率。在过去30年里,中国在经济领域做得很好,国内生产总值得到了大幅度的成长。一些人甚至预言,中国将在15年内赶上美国,成为世界经济强国。薄博士还说,中国已经完成了她的经济改革。按照秩序来说,接下来应该进行社会改革,最后才是政治改革。针对中国的民主化,薄博士说:“关于中国民主化的争论有三点。其一、民主制度不适合中国;其二、中国还未做好准备去实行民主化;其三、中国自己已经有一套融有中国特征的民主制度。”随后,他以参与度、竞争力以及军事问题为出席者分析了中国与民主的关系。讲座结束前,他发表了本身对此课题的看法,并做出总结。

这场讲座由拉曼大学与星报集团的亚洲传媒研究中心(Asian Center for Media Studies)联合举办。“中国的民主化(China's Model of Democracy)”是三场公开演讲中的第一场。接下来的第二及第三天,薄博士也分别在 Menara Star和马来亚大学发表题为“新疆骚乱事件”和“奥巴马的中国政策”的演说。

薄博士在拉大发表他的演说。



## 回顾与展望：中国的华人史研究

放眼东南亚各国,我们都不难发现华人的踪迹。在一些东南亚国家,华人已成了当地的多数民族。为了生活,我们的先辈远赴他国,从此再也不曾踏足中国,后裔也留在迁居国落地生根,与中国不再有任何的联系。在一些地方,虽然这些移民后代已把迁居国视为自己“生于斯,长于斯”的故乡,却还是被当地人当成外来者。他们的身份不仅不被当地人认同,中国人也称他们为“侨民”或“华侨”,而非“华人”。许多人都无法分辨,到底“华人”和“华侨”有何不同?

拉大中华研究中心访问教授,同时也是厦门大学南洋研究院院长暨马来西亚研究所所长的庄国士教授,于7月1日在我校八打灵再也校区为大家详尽地解释有关“华人与华侨”在中国的定义及中国对华人史的研究。

在中国的官方解释里,华侨意即拥有中国国籍,却长期侨居国外的中国人;华人则指已取得所在国国籍,并且居住于国外但拥有中国血统的人。虽然华人已离开中国,然而他们在海外的发展依然得到中国政府和的关注。

庄教授表示,华人史研究在中国有特别的意义。他说:“中国社会的进步,在很大程度上是由海外华人推动的。”因此,说“华侨是革命之母”一点都不为过。

庄教授解释,华人史研究始于宋元明清时期。然而

当时只有记述,尚无学理研究。南洋殖民地的华侨在19世纪中期开始进行有系统的研究,由南洋的欧人学者着手,当中包括1866年施莱格的《天地会》和1885年高延的《婆罗洲华人公司制度》等。他也指出,当时华人史研究做得最好的是荷兰人。其后,庄教授进一步解说华人研究在民国时期的发展。他说道:“在1920至1930年代,一批受严格学术训练的学者进入华侨史研究领域,同时出版了相关的书籍,如温雄飞的《南洋华侨通史》(1929)。此外,还有留洋学者进行的研究,如陈达《南洋华侨与闽粤社会》(1938),以及华侨革命党人出版的著作。”他认为,由于出现了专门学者从事这方面的研究,因此华人史研究得以蓬勃发展。不过,当时学者们从事的华人史研究,是以民族主义、大中国主义的角度来进行。中国改革开放后,华人史研究的主要机构有中山大学的东南亚研究所、暨南大学的东南亚研究所等。相较其

他国家,中国的华人华侨研究具有超越一般学术价值的特殊性,尤其对中国发展的历史作用而言。他也表示,华人华侨迄今仍是中国最重要的海外资源和民族复兴主力。他也点出华人史研究如今面对的问题。以厦门大学南洋研究院为例,由于训练和水平不足,同时缺乏系统的理论培训,对国际研究和理论前沿的把握,南洋研究院面对创新能力低弱、文献单薄等问题。研究者治学态度恶劣、急功近利则是更重要的因素。他总结时表示,中国的华人史研究规模很大,但水平仍不足。



庄教授(左)解说华人史研究在中国的发展。旁为主持人林水椽教授。

## 《做事·做官·做人：黄家定的政治人生》新书推介礼



(左起)许育华、林利娥、蔡贤德、黄家定、庄国土、叶汉伦和黄文斌会后合影。

拉曼大学文学与社会科学学院中文系助理教授黄文斌博士和新纪元学院学生事务处主任叶汉伦共同执笔撰写《做事·做官·做人：黄家定的政治人生》，叙述我国华社一位重要人物——丹斯里黄家定的从政历程。2009年7月17日上午，这本新书在大众书局举行了一场推介礼。

推介礼由拉大校长拿督蔡贤德教授主持，高教部副部长何国忠博士、丹斯里黄家定夫人潘斯里张秀梅、大众书局执行董事林利娥等亦出席见证。

《做事·做官·做人：黄家定的政治人生》是丹斯里黄家定的第一本政治传记。此书客观地记录了丹斯里黄家定近30年的从政岁月，从个人背景追溯他踏入政坛的历程，全面地描绘了他由基层领袖晋升为部长和马华总会长的过程。丹斯里黄家定说，这本书清楚地交代了他做官的哲理、大马华人社会情况、马华公会发展及国家政局变化。因此，他希望通过这本新书，能让我国人民对他做官、做事和做人的过程可以有更深一层的了解。

另外，该书也邀请了中国厦门大学南洋研究院院长暨拉大中华研究中心访问教授庄国土教授担任讲评人。

庄教授在讲评时指出，平实的政治哲学是黄家定的从政特点。他认为，丹斯里黄家定的施政方向，表现在三方面，包括勤政、注重解决事务问题和简政。此外，丹斯里黄家定在政治上善于斡旋、以柔制刚的策略也获得庄教授的赞赏。

他认为，黄家定的为政理念，不仅对华社有利，也是全世界华裔政治家可共同分享的财富，“这是一项不可或缺的政治资产，不但值得马来西亚华社珍惜，也是华人世界政党应当重视的”。他赞扬黄家定不仅破除了官僚作风，也建设新村，同时为华教点滴必争。庄教授亦表示，政治坚持就是坚持基本理念与原则，而丹斯里黄家定在从政期间致力打造健康的政治文化，制定官职限期和九大政纲，可看出他是坚持改革。

身为作者之一的黄文斌博士说：“自黄家定从政坛退下来，我们开始注意到他的政治生涯，也想知道他这些年来是如何做官与做事的。”他补充：“这本书在黄家定卸下总会长之职前便开始着手进行，匆忙中脱稿，又冀能兼顾大众化，故选择以叙述为主、偶有点评及半学术的方式呈现。”

《做事·做官·做人：黄家定的政治人生》由嘉阳出版社出版，全书200余页，并附上30帧丹斯里黄家定的照片。

## 儒佛思想在中国史上的冲突与会通

拉曼大学中华研究中心中华文化研究组于8月13日，在八打灵再也校区哲思楼举办了一场以“儒佛思想在中国史上之冲突与会通”为题的讲座。主办单位邀请了台湾师范大学中文系主任王开府教授主讲，由我校中文系助理教授黄文斌博士担任主持人。儒家自先秦时期便出现在中国思想界，其后更成为主要学派。佛教则在两汉之际传入中国，至南北朝，两家学派互相影响，引起思想文化上的改变。随后儒者尝试将佛理融入儒家价值观，致使儒佛会通，进而成为中国的理学。

王教授以“儒佛交涉之历史”和“儒佛理论与实践的比较”两部分，和出席者分享他的论说。儒佛的冲突始于入世和出世的人生目的。东晋以来，二者争论的焦点可分成三个，分别是社会问题、伦常问题和思想问题。其一，就儒教的角度而言，僧侣是游民，他们不须劳动便能有所获，逃避租赋，建立寺塔浪费国库，对国家的建设有损无益；其二，僧侣背离父母、抛弃妻子、不敬王者，这些都违背了儒教的三纲五常；其三，佛教宣扬三世报应等教理，而儒教则“不语怪力乱神”，因此儒教把佛教看成鬼神之教。

到了唐朝，由于气象开阔，中国人民对外来文化的接受度高，所以佛教发展得很快。然而，排斥佛教的还是大有

人在，其中包括韩愈。韩愈认为儒家的“道”才是正统的“道”，因此还写了《原道》、《论佛骨表》等文章以示他的排佛立场。与此同时，唐代佛教对儒教也进行了批判。不过，中唐时却产生了儒教、道教和佛教三教一致的思想，《北山录》作者释神清以三教一致为其核心思想。宋朝时，

儒教试图吸收部分佛教思想，特别是华严宗和禅宗的思想，以深化儒教，但却同时对佛教展开了激烈的批判。在众多的排佛论者中，以欧阳修为最主要的人物。他写了《本论》三篇来表明他的排佛态度。在排佛论调高昂的同时，却也出现了调和论者。例如张商英著《护法论》便认为孔子的“道”就是佛教的识心见性、无上菩提的“道”，并且认为儒

道佛三教是互相贯通的。到了明代，有儒家立意佛为儒用，如王阳明承受陆象山的学说，特别在实践方法上可以看到其受禅宗坐禅的影响。

在第二部分中，王教授将之再细分为“宇宙本源”、“人的本源与修养功夫三部分，并且引用《论语》、《孟子》、《中庸》、《金刚经》、《陆象山集》中的重要文句，讨论儒佛的异同。最后，王教授表示，在哲学上，佛儒是无法会通的，所以两派应该互相尊重，不要有“唯我独尊”的心态。



(左起)王开府教授与黄文斌博士。

## 拉大办筹款运动助学生度过难关

拉曼大学鼓励学生在学业之外，也多参加课外活动，尤其是有关社区服务的活动，发挥助人为乐的精神。为了激发学生助人之心，拉大教职员更是以身作则，务求为学生们树立良好的榜样。

继今年5月的捐款运动后，拉曼大学再次于今年7月，在霹雳金宝校区展开一场为期两天，即从7月7日至7月9日的筹款运动，以帮助因车祸受伤而急需庞大治疗费用的刘刚良同学。



(右起) 吴富业和骆慧春共同移交支票予刘同学。

最终，这场筹款活动成功筹得2万4千2百余令吉，并在2009年8月10日，由拉大霹雳校区的辅导组职员吴富业先生和骆慧春小姐在探访刘同学时，移交支票给他。

现年19岁的刘同学是我校会计系学生，在霹雳金宝校区求学。6月下旬，他在返回金宝的途中遭遇了一场车祸。由于伤势颇严重，因此他在入院第二天，从怡保中央医院转到法蒂玛医院接受治疗。刘同学的手、脸颊和下颌骨在车祸中受伤，他在医生建议下进行了一场手术。然而，约5万令吉的手术费用对属于中下层人家的刘家而言，是个不小的负担。

得知这项消息后，拉大辅导组职员、刘同学的朋友和学生代表便马上发起筹款运动，以帮助刘同学和家人度过这次的难关。目前，刘同学的复原情况尚算理想，预计在今年10月份便可重回校园，继续学业。

为了筹办这次的捐款活动，拉大的教职员和学生齐心协力，不分你我地为了共同的目的而努力，同时也发挥了雪中送炭的精神，实属可贵。

## 交通大学造访拉大欢迎学生赴台深造

继2008年的两度造访后，台湾国立交通大学再次于2009年7月24日拜访拉曼大学。电机资讯国际学位学程主任蔡德明教授率领董兰荣教授、邵家健教授和许曦慧小姐，一行四人莅临位于吉隆坡文良港的理工学院，并为理工学院的学生带来了一场讲座。

这场讲座主要的目的是向就读于理工学院的学生介绍交大提供的研究生课程以及相关科系的研究方向与计划。

许小姐首先为我校学生介绍了交通大学的发展史以及目前的概况。她说，交大在“工程与电脑”的领域里拥有深厚的实力。而且，交大还创造了许多“第一”，如研发出台湾第一部小型电脑、第一架中文打字盘、第一个工业机械人等。她还表示，第一个生产USB控制晶片的马来西亚人潘建成就是交大的校友。



图为来自台湾国立交通大学的四位代表。

接着，蔡教授指出，由于该校较重视研究生课程和研究实践，因此研究生比本科生多，占了学生总人数的百分之六十三。

此外，他们也指出，交大的另一个优势，就是该校位于科学工业园区附近。同时，在该科学工业园区设立企业机构的创始人或高层管理人员，有百分之六十五是交大的校友。这为学生提供了进行研究和学习的最佳机会。

四位代表轮流为我校学生详细介绍交大的种种，并欢迎即将毕业的学生们到交大深造。

这场讲座在问答环节后结束。一些有兴趣的学生在讲座结束后还继续向几位交大代表询问详情，以进一步了解赴交大升学的情况。

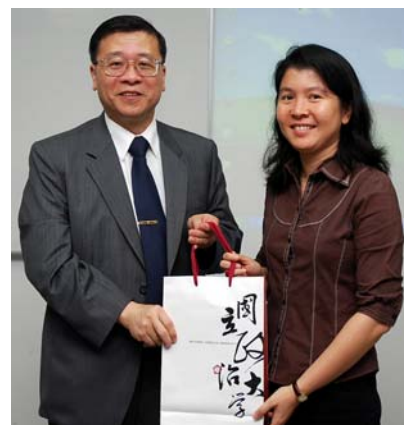
## 台湾政治大学访拉大

继今年7月份接待了台湾国立交通大学的代表团后，拉曼大学于8月14日接待了同样来自台湾、同样享有盛名的国立政治大学的代表团。代表团成员包括国立政治大学社会科学学院院长高永光博士、政大校友会副总干事罗家静小姐、大马留台政大校友会秘书和理事徐忍川和魏仕洪先生。

这也是台湾政大首度造访我校，主要目的是寻求双方大学建立合作协议的机会。高主任表示：“台湾的大学现在都以“国际化”为首要任务，因此政大也不断地努力和海外大学建立合作关系。”他也指出，政大是台湾拥有最多留学生的大学，同时超过百分之九十的教员都有博士资格。由于政大致力成为研究型大学，因此大学将减少本科生录取人数，增加录取研究生。

在观赏了我校的介绍短片后，我校中文系的林水燦教授也简单地来宾讲解中文系的发展。高主任得知我校和台湾逢甲大学、中央研究院已有合作协议后，对此非常感兴趣，并且询问我校是否和这两所大学共同进行研究计划。过后我校创意产业学院的中文系课程主任张晓威助理教授补充道，实际上我校和政大文学院历史系于去年11月尾已合作举办了一场研讨会。其后，创意产业学院院长黄少敏助理教授表示，双方大学可共同合作的领域包括中文系、传播学和社会学等。同时，也可以进行交换学生计划。

这场轻松的会谈让双方大学的代表对彼此有更深一层的认识，为双方在将来的合作扎下了不错的基础。



(左起) 高永光院长和黄少敏院长在会谈后交换纪念品。