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The Minister of the Ministry of Health (MoH) Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai (centre) witnessing the exchange of agreement documents between UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik (third left) and MoH Director-General Dato' Dr Hasan bin Abdul Rahman (third right). With them are (from left) UTAR Dean of Faculty of Science Dr Lim Tuck Meng, UTAR Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Prof Dr Cheong Soon Keng, MoH Deputy Secretary General (Finance) Cik Chin Phaik Yoong, MoH Deputy Director General (Medical) Datuk Dr Noor Hisham bin Abdullah



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## Govt hospitals available for UTAR's teaching

UTAR and the Ministry of Health (MoH) signed three memorandums of agreement (MoAs) on 4 July 2011, allowing the resources from eight government hospitals and six community clinics to be made available for teaching purposes for five UTAR honours bachelor's degree programmes.

Signing for the parties were UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, and Deputy Secretary General (Finance) Cik Chin Phaik Yoong. Present to witness the signing was the Minister of Health Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai (see page 1 for others present).

Under the MoAs, eight Government hospitals and six community clinics can be accessed by UTAR students from five honours bachelor's degree programmes, namely Nursing, Physiotherapy, Biochemistry, Biomedical Science, and Microbiology, to undergo their practicum, industrial training and clinical studies.

The Government hospitals accessible to UTAR (depending on the programme) are Hospital Ampang, Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Hospital Sultan Ismail (Johor), Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun (Ipoh), Hospital Melaka, Hospital Tengku Ampuan Afzan (Kuantan), Hospital Queen Elizabeth (Kota Kinabalu) and Hospital Sibul.

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In January 2010, a similar agreement was signed by both parties for the UTAR Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme, the first medical degree programme of UTAR's medical faculty.

"After today's signing, there will be altogether four MoAs UTAR has signed with the Ministry of Health; the signing of the first MoA has been instrumental for UTAR to start up the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences," said Prof Academician Chuah after thanking Dato' Sri Liow.

"I applaud the immense efforts put in by UTAR to develop medical and allied health sciences programmes of the highest quality," said Dato' Sri Liow, adding that through the collaboration with his ministry, UTAR would be producing more sought-after human capital for the healthcare sector.

## UTAR signs pacts with PESDC and Murata



Documents exchanged (from left): Dato' Lim, Dato' Gan, Dato' Dr Mah, Prof Chuah, and Ir Chan

UTAR signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs), one with Perak Entrepreneur & Skills Development Centre (PESDC) and the other with Murata Electronics (M) Sdn Bhd, at UTAR Perak Campus on 22 July 2011.

PESDC is a not-for-profit training centre that provides skills and management training and promotes entrepreneurial development to meet the needs of manufacturing industries in Perak. Murata Electronics Malaysia is a leading electronics manufacturer and has facilities in Batu Gajah, Perak.

Signing on behalf of the parties were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, PESDC Chairman Dato' Gan Tack Kong and Murata Malaysia Managing Director Yoshihiro Tanaka. Signing as witnesses were UTAR Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology Ir Chan Cheong Loong and PESDC Vice Chairman Dato' Lim Si Boon, UTAR Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof Dr Lee Sze Wei and Murata Malaysia General Manager Dr Wong Yik Ming. Perak State Executive Councillor Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon was present to witness the signing.

According to the MoUs, UTAR will work together with PESDC and Murata on areas such as industrial research, skills and management training, entrepreneurial development, course development, staff exchange, internship and employment opportunities for UTAR students.

"The smart partnerships of UTAR with PESDC and Murata will



Documents exchanged (from left): Dr Wong, Tanaka, Dato' Dr Mah, Prof Chuah and Prof Lee

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Dato' Dr Mah

contribute towards the success of Malaysia's Economic Transformation Programme in general, and the Perak Maju 2015 plan in particular," said Prof Chuah, stressing the positive impacts the partnerships will bring.

"The support from a higher education institution such as UTAR as our strategy partner for innovative training and knowledge transfer is crucial for us to gain public confidence as a reliable training provider for both soft and hard skills," said Dato' Gan, citing a reason for partnering with UTAR.

Tanaka said that to expand and strengthen their company, they need talented people. "We would like to support educating the students as much as possible through collaborating with UTAR."

"I believe the close academia and industry collaborations formed today will contribute significantly to the state government's commitment to bring peace, stability, progress and development to Perak," said Dato' Dr Mah, adding that he was certain that the three parties would have long-lasting and fruitful partnerships.



# UTAR and I-Shou University strengthen ties

UTAR and its Taiwanese partner I-Shou University (ISU) signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) for student exchange at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 13 July 2011, strengthening the ties between the two sister universities.

In May this year, the two universities signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at the ISU campus in Kaoshiung, Taiwan to initiate the collaboration between them. The signing was witnessed by Dato' Dr Hou Kok Chung, Deputy Minister of Higher Education of Malaysia (see UTAR Horizon June 2011 issue, page 2).

"I have never before come across an MoU that progresses to tangible actions in such a short time of two months," said Dato' Dr Hou, praising the sincerity and commitment of the two partner universities at the signing ceremony of the MoA to work together.

"I am certain that the collaboration between UTAR and I-Shou University will benefit the students of the two universities," said Prof Academician Chuah, adding that the two universities, both



Documents exchanged (from left): Prof Chuah, Dato' Dr Hou, and Yen

private and not-for-profit, shared the vision of innovation and dissemination of knowledge.

Delivering the speech on behalf of the ISU president, Vice President Yen Jih-Rong said, "UTAR has a worldwide reputation and has many similarities with ISU in many disciplines; so, both universities can engage in many areas of academic curriculum collaboration."

Also present at the ceremony were UTAR Vice President (Internationalisation and Academic Development) Professor Dr Ewe Hong Tat and ISU Dean of International Affairs Dr Hsieh Shih-Chieh.



Documents exchanged (from left): Prof Cheong, Prof Chuah, Dato' Dr Hou, Prof Liow and Lee

UTAR signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Chang Chun Medical Unite Therapy Centre (CCMUTC), a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) therapy centre with modern diagnostic technology and latest techniques, at the centre in Subang Jaya on 1 August 2011.

## UTAR signs MoU with AXP Solutions

UTAR signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) and a licensing agreement with AXP Solutions Sdn Bhd at its Petaling Jaya Campus on 2 August 2011.

Under the MoU, UTAR will work together with AXP Solutions to strengthen, promote and develop co-operation in teaching courses on auditing and certification; to share objectives of pursuing a holistic approach in the teaching of auditing; and to enhance collaboration in auditing.

The MoU also allows for AXP Solutions to provide audit software licences, a copy of AXP's Audit Express software installation CD and a master copy of dedicated materials to UTAR for teaching and learning purposes. In addition, AXP Solutions will also provide free training to UTAR lecturers on how to properly manage AXP's software and related technical matters, and also to conduct Audit Express workshops for UTAR undergraduates. Opportunities for eligible and interested UTAR undergraduates to undertake internship programmes or jobs will also be provided.

In return, UTAR will promote AXP Solutions' software for use as a teaching aid in UTAR courses and collaborate with AXP to develop simulation packages or case study materials for teaching and learning purposes. The two parties will also explore the option to promote Audit Express workshops to UTAR accounting undergraduates.

## UTAR partners CCMUTC to promote TCM

UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and CCMUTC President Prof Liow Tuck Soon signed the MoU while UTAR Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Health Science Prof Dr Cheong Soon Keng and CCMUTC Managing Director Mr Lee Chun Hsin signed as witnesses. Deputy Higher Education Minister Dato' Dr Hou Kok Chung was present to witness the signing.

"I'm glad that CCMUTC will be taking in our TCM students for internships, and also to allow the use of CCMUTC facilities and resources for clinical teaching purposes," said Prof Chuah, stating some areas of collaboration under the MoU.

Prof Liow said that the centre would be glad to share their expertise and experience in TCM with UTAR students.



Documents exchanged (from left): Chia, Ken, Prof Chuah and Dr Ong

The MoU was signed by UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and AXP Solutions Sdn Bhd Director Mr Ken Lai Keng Yung in the presence of Prof Dr Ewe Hong Tat, UTAR Vice President of Internationalisation and Academic Development, Dr Ong Seng Fook, Dean of Faculty of Accountancy and Management, Dr Ooi Keng Boon, Dean of Faculty of the Business and Finance, and AXP Solutions Sdn Bhd Director Mr Eric Chia Kok Haur.

"We at UTAR feel privileged that AXP Solutions has selected UTAR as a partner and is willing to help us to train our students and support the industry," said Prof Chuah, emphasising the positive impacts the partnership will bring.

"This MoU will benefit UTAR undergraduates since they will have the chance to use Audit Express, which can also be incorporated into the existing syllabus," said Mr Lai.



## Tips on getting research published



Dr Douglas receiving a memento from Dr Ooi, Dean of FBF

Fifty staff members from the Faculty of Business and Finance (FBF) attended a talk entitled “Insider’s guide to getting published” by Dr Alex Douglas at UTAR Perak Campus on 25 July 2011. Dr Douglas, an academician and editor of The TQM Journal, is also a Reader in Service Quality Management at the Liverpool Business School in John Moores University, Liverpool, where he has been lecturing for more than ten years.

In his talk, Dr Douglas shared his knowledge on the editorial supply chain and journal management structure which helped participants gain tips on the basis for a published paper and understand the importance of selecting the right journal to submit their research. Dr Douglas ended his presentation by offering some advice for the participants on how to increase electronic dissemination.

## Improving quality of life with **greening efforts**

Some 200 participants attended a seminar presented by Professor Paul G. Ranky from New Jersey Institute of Technology, the United States on 6 July 2011 at UTAR Perak campus. Prof Ranky gave a talk entitled ‘An introduction to Sustainable Green Engineering method and tools’ in conjunction with his three-day visit as an external examiner for the Industrial Engineering programme.

Prof Ranky gave an overview on some of the existing green principles, methods, tools and technologies in his presentation, aimed at helping participants to improve their sustainable, quantifiable lean and green design and manufacturing activities, in terms of product engineering and a service system. Prof Ranky ended his presentation by emphasising the importance of doing things in a sustainable way.



Ir Chan presenting a souvenir to Prof Ranky



Prof Ranky giving his presentation



Prof Dr Ibeh sharing his views

**“Research excellence is a journey, not a destination; standing still is not an option”**

Prof Ibeh

## Towards research excellence

Professor Dr Kevin Ibeh, the external examiner for the Marketing programme offered by the Faculty of Business and Finance in UTAR Perak Campus, presented a research talk titled “Research Excellence” on 22 June 2011, during his three-day visit to the campus.

Around 100 faculty staff members and students attended the presentation in which he elaborated on model academics, research excellence, key trends in the education industry, and strategies for achieving research excellence. “Research excellence is a journey, not a destination; standing still is not an option”, said Prof Ibeh as he shared his personal experiences with participants.

He added that an excellent research environment, good mentoring and collaborative links are the key highlights of his research journey and some personal reflections were required for research excellence. Prof Ibeh concluded that it is possible for teaching and research to work hand in hand.



Students listening to the talk given by Mr Hoong

Mr Hoong

## On being a chemist

Four delegates from Institute Kimia Malaysia (Perak branch) were invited by UTAR Faculty of Science on 8 August 2011 to give a talk on Institute Kimia Malaysia (IKM) and the chemist profession. The delegation, led by Mr Hwang Chin Hor, Chairman of IKM, comprised Mr Hoong Seng Hong, Advisor for IKM; Mr Jimmy Thong Kar Cheong, Committee Member of IKM and Captain Chan Weng Kwai, Secretary of IKM.

Mr Hoong began his talk with a brief introduction to chemistry and highlighted the role of chemistry in various fields like agricultural chemistry, semiconductor chemistry, green chemistry, and so on. He listed out the various fields that offer jobs to chemistry graduates. He also briefed students on the Chemist Act and IKM and highlighted the privileges accorded to IKM members under the Chemist Act.



Prof Dr Cushley

## B lymphocytes: the good, the bad and the ugly

External examiner for the Bachelor of Science (Hons) Biochemistry programme of UTAR, Professor Dr William Cushley from University of Glasgow, gave a talk on "B lymphocytes: the good, the bad and the ugly" at UTAR Perak Campus on 10 August 2011.

Prof Dr Cushley briefed the audience on the structure, classes and functional types of antibodies. He concluded that B lymphocytes can potentially give rise to B cell leukemia and lymphoma, and also chronic and debilitating autoimmune diseases. Nevertheless, B cells are also beneficial as they make high affinity and specificity antibodies as well as protecting human from infections.

## UTAR holds Actuarial Seminar



Prof Kunio Shimizu enlightening the audience on Recursion Formulae for the Probability Function of Aggregate Claims.

UTAR held an Actuarial Modelling and Risk Theory Seminar to introduce the basics of actuarial modelling and risk theory, which are important elements in the study of actuarial science, to the faculty members and students at the University's Kuala Lumpur campus on 12 August 2011.

The one-day seminar saw three distinguished speakers from the academia and industry - Mr Leem Why Chong, appointed actuary for Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Sdn Bhd; Prof Kunio Shimizu from the Faculty of Science and Technology, Keio University in Japan; and Mr Tan Chue Chau, the appointed actuary and head of the corporate actuarial department for Manulife Insurance Bhd - delivering talks on a host of topics related to actuarial modelling and risk theory.

The Actuarial Modelling and Risk Theory Seminar was organised by the Centre for Mathematical Sciences and the Department of Mathematical and Actuarial Sciences of the University.

## Innovation: The Way Forward

"I believe that innovation is essential for career development and has great competitive edge in the business world," said President of ASEAN Academy of Engineering and Technology (AAET) YBhg Datuk Ir Hong Lee Pee when addressing 146 students from the Faculty of Engineering and Science at the Entrepreneurial Talk Series on 6 July 2011 at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus.

The talk, organised by the UTAR Department of Consultancy and Commercialisation, is the third in the series. Mainly focusing on forward planning and importance of innovation, Datuk Hong shared some interesting insights into his personal life and career achievements in his talk. Datuk Hong is a Chartered Engineer, Institution of Civil Engineering, UK and Fellows of a number of professional bodies. He has been the President of AAET since 2010.

Datuk Hong



Prof Barsky

## Berkeley professor on computer graphics

Professor Brian A. Barsky from the University of California (UC), Berkeley visited UTAR Perak Campus on 8 August 2011. He is Professor of Computer Science and Vision Science and Affiliate Professor of Optometry.

During the visit, he gave a talk to UTAR academic staff on research issues and a talk to UTAR students and staff on his teaching and research in computer science to share some of his insight and experience as a senior academic staff on various aspects of computer science teaching and research at UC Berkeley, which has been consistently one of the top ranked computer science schools in the United States.

Prof Barsky has taught "Foundation of Computer Graphics" for many years and more recently created an innovative course on the "Art of Animation" as well as an unusual offering on "Photographing History in the Making" which garnered considerable media attention.



## Bond University, Australia

Prof Dr Mohamed Ariff, Professor of Finance at Bond University, Australia, visited UTAR from 22 to 24 August 2011. He served as the external examiner for UTAR Bachelor of Finance (Hons). He gave a talk on "Endogenous money supply and bank stock returns" during his visit.



## I-Shou University, Taiwan

Six delegates from I-Shou University, Taiwan visited Perak Campus on 11 July 2011. Receiving the Taiwanese visitors was UTAR Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof Dr Lee Sze Wei. The two universities signed a memorandum of agreement at Petaling Jaya Campus on 13 July 2011.

## Delegation from Japan

A delegation of Japanese professors and industry personalities paid a courtesy visit to the Faculty of Engineering and Science at UTAR's Kuala Lumpur campus on 23 August, 2011 to discuss matters of mutual interest like mutual collaborations, student exchange programmes, English and Chinese language courses and education tourism. The six-man delegation, led by Professor Dr Masatoishi Mori, was formally welcomed by Dr Teh Chee Seng, UTAR Vice President of Student Development and Alumni Relations.



## MCFA, Malaysia

Over 100 members of the Malaysia Chinese Football Association (MCFA) visited UTAR Perak Campus on 20 August 2011. The visitors, including football teams from Penang, Negeri Sembilan, Kedah and Johor, were led by Dato' Ling Hee Leong, President of MCFA. UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik and his wife Toh Puan Ena Ling, and Advisor to UTAR Planning and Development Committee Tan Sri Dato' Hew See Tong met with the visitors at the Heritage building of the campus.



## Caring and Sharing Choir, Malaysia

Members of the Caring and Sharing Choir re-visited UTAR Perak Campus on 29 July 2011. The choir, led by Toh Puan Ena Ling, was received by UTAR Vice President (Internationalisation and Academic Development) Prof Dr Ewe Hong Tat. The choir last performed at UTAR in 2003 at the groundbreaking ceremony of Perak Campus.





## UTAR student wins Synthomer/Revertex award

Lim Shian Hoi, a graduating student from the Faculty of Science of UTAR, received the Best Chemistry Graduate Award from Synthomer/Revertex Group during a ceremony at UTAR Perak Campus on 10 August 2011.

Lim received the RM3,000 cash award from Mr Minhat Wahid, Director of Human Resource and Administration at Revertex (M) Sdn Bhd. UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Dean of Faculty of Science Dr Lim Tuck Meng and Professor Dr William Cushley, External Examiner for Bachelor of Science (Hons) Biochemistry were also present.

"Synthomer/Revertex and UTAR had earlier initiated a formal partnership to work closely on R&D projects. I am happy to note that the progress of two R&D projects with UTAR on synthetic rubber is encouraging," said Minhat.

According to Minhat, the sponsorship is part of the corporate social responsibility programme of the company. He added that companies usually look for model employees and expressed his wish to see UTAR graduates joining Revertex in the future.

Prof Chuah congratulated Lim for her outstanding achievements, saying that her achievement has done UTAR proud.

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Lim Shian Hoi

Lim successfully completed her Bachelor of Science (Hons) Chemistry with First Class Honours in the January 2011 trimester and will be attending the September 2011 Convocation.

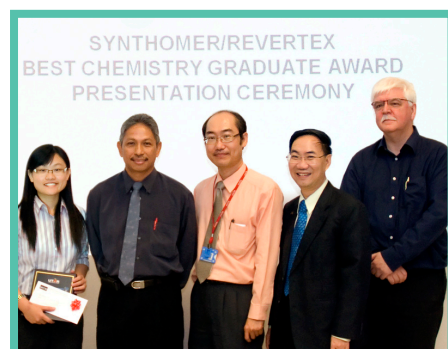
"My secret to success is to pay full attention during lectures and never skip classes. I also revise my studies daily," said Lim, adding that she will save the cash award for her future use as she plans to pursue her master's degree after working for two years.

"I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all the lecturers for their guidance," continued Lim, adding that the lecturers were very helpful when she consulted them. Within a month of completing her studies, Lim found work as a R&D chemist in one of the world's leading speciality chemical companies in Prai, Penang.

The award was given out for the second year running. Revertex (M) Sdn Bhd, a key member of the global Synthomer family, engages in the development, manufacture, and marketing of water-based polymers, synthetic resins, and natural rubber products in Malaysia and internationally.



Lim with her award



(From left) Lim, Minhat, Dr Lim, Prof Chuah and Dr Cushley at the award presentation ceremony

## Three UTAR graduates win MSC-Huawei awards



Teoh (standing, right), Lee (standing, fourth from right) and Mak (front row, fifth from right) with the organisers and other award recipients

Three UTAR graduates received the prestigious MSC Malaysia Huawei Scholastic Awards, which were sponsored by Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, at a ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur on 19 July 2011.

Teoh Jun Zeng, a Communication and Networking graduate, and Mak Kwan Wuey, an Electronic and Communications Engineering graduate, each received a gold award and a RM3,000 cash prize. Lee Ching Hong, a Communication and Networking graduate, received a silver award and a RM1,000 cash prize.

The three UTAR award winners were among nine UTAR graduates who were selected to attend the MSC Malaysia Job Camp, a talent development programme organised by Multimedia Development Corporation in July 2011. The MSC Malaysia Job Camp was a 25-day certification training programme that accepted only ICT

graduates with exceptionally high CGPA scores.

The other six UTAR graduates selected to attend the training were Woo Kok Foong, an Electronic and Communications Engineering graduate; Wilson Tee Wei Chian, Ng Yi Teng, Siow Wei Siong, and Tan Yew Qiang (all four are Communication and Networking graduates); and Gan Yu Han, an Electrical and Electronic Engineering graduate.

During the programme, Teoh was shortlisted, interviewed and hired by Huawei as a global service technical support engineer.

"I feel honoured to get the job, as Huawei is a leading telecommunications company," said Teoh, adding that being well prepared for the interview and having good academic results were key to his getting the job.

Of the 104 participants from nine local institutions of higher learning, 56 who met the Huawei's CGPA requirement received cash awards, and 25 of these 56 recipients would go on a fully-sponsored industrial familiarisation visit to Huawei's headquarters in Shenzhen, China.

The MSC Malaysia Huawei Scholastic Awards was first introduced in 2010 to promote the communications and network industry to undergraduates in Malaysia and to develop sufficient talent for Malaysia to emerge as a knowledge-based economy in line with the National ICT Initiative.

Multimedia Development Corporation or MDeC oversees and directs the MSC (Multimedia Super Corridor) Malaysia initiative. Huawei, based in Shenzhen, China, is a leading global information and communications technology (ICT) solutions provider.



## Creative UTAR staff's logo design tops



At the prize presentation ceremony (from left): Chuah, Gan, How, Prof Chuah, Tun Dr Ling, Abdul Malik, Chai, Chan and Prof Ewe

UTAR staff Abdul Malik Ahmad's design beat 350 others and won him the first prize in the UTAR 10th Anniversary Logo Design Competition.

UTAR will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2012. The logo competition, which was open to UTAR staff, students and alumni, was one of the activities line up for the celebration. Of the 351 entries received before the competition was closed on 30 June 2011, 45 were from UTAR staff and 271 from students. The entries were judged based on creativity and overall concept, originality, visual impact and practicability of the logo design.

Abdul Malik, an assistant lecturer from the Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI), uniquely incorporated the number 10 with UTAR logo in his anniversary celebration logo design.

"The inspiration came from watching BBC Knowledge on Yuri Gagarin, when I observed how the earthling made the first space exploration that marked a new beginning for humankind," said Abdul Malik Ahmad, a first-time winner in graphic design competitions.

"I must then design according to the latest trends and incorporating the use of corporate identity; otherwise, the logo would not represent

UTAR," he continued, adding that his secret was his ability to observe and evaluate.

He encouraged others especially his students and colleagues to participate in similar competitions and urged them to do research and obtain references in preparation.

He received a cash prize of RM2,000 from UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik at a ceremony at UTAR Petaling Jaya on 5 September 2011. He will use the prize money to pay for the master's degree he is pursuing.

Also present at the ceremony were UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and Vice President (Internationalisation and Academic Development) Professor Dr Ewe Hong Tat.

Advertising student Chai Zhen Yan won the second prize and Graphic Design and Multimedia student Chan Leong Kit, the third prize. Three consolation prizes went to FCI lecturer How Shi-Hui, Commerce Accounting student Gan Yee San and Advertising student Chuah Sue Voon.

## UTAR scientist meets 24 Noble laureates



Dr Loh (third from left) at a sponsored lunch.



Italian lunch with other Malaysian delegates and Dato' Khalid Yussof



Dr Loh with a group of young Japanese scientists

Dr Loh Han Chern was one of the five Malaysians selected by Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) to attend the 61st Meeting of Nobel Laureates with Young Scientists in Lindau, Germany from 26 June to 1 July 2011. In the meeting, which was an informal forum organised under the ASM Lindau Programme, the five Malaysians were among about 570 young scientists in the physiology and medical fields across the globe who had the privilege to rub shoulders with 24 Nobel laureates.

"I felt very excited knowing I would be attending such prestigious meeting with Nobel laureates," said Dr Loh, adding that she would like to thank UTAR Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation)

Professor Dr Lee Sze Wei and Deputy Dean of UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Science Dr Goi Bok Min for nominating her for the ASM Lindau Programme.

Attached with the Department of Chemical Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering and Science, Dr Loh is actively involved in neuroscience studies on identifying potential chemical markers of schizophrenia, a complex multi-factorial mental disorder that causes psychiatric morbidity. Dr Loh said that it was truly inspiring to have talked with the great minds about their cutting-edge research and personal lives and she would cherish the incredible moments for a lifetime.



## UTAR researcher is TWAS young affiliate



TWAS young affiliate Dr Chong

Dr Chong Kok Keong was appointed on 4 August 2011 as one of the five TWAS young affiliates from the South and Southeast Asia and the Pacific region by TWAS regional office at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.

Dr Chong from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering of the Faculty of Engineering and Science has been actively publishing his research works which include areas such as concentrating solar power, high concentration photovoltaic system, sun-tracking system, solar thermal energy, non-imaging optics, and laser optics.

TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world, is an autonomous international organisation, founded in 1983 in Trieste, Italy by a distinguished group of scientists from the South under the leadership of the late Nobel laureate Abdus Salam of Pakistan. It was officially launched by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in 1985.

## UTAR dean is Emerald's outstanding reviewer



Dr Ooi in his office

Dean of Faculty of Business and Finance Dr Ooi Keng Boon of UTAR was honoured as an outstanding reviewer at the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2011.

Dr Ooi was awarded for his significant contribution as a reviewer for the Journal of Industrial Management and Data System throughout 2010.

"I urge my fellow UTAR colleagues to take up such voluntary academic work," said Dr Ooi, adding that besides contributing their time meaningfully, reviewers would get to learn a great deal of the latest developments directly from the papers and from their own research to support their comments on the papers. He concluded, "In the long run, reviewers can establish close rapport with many editors, most of whom are leading researchers in their fields, and this enables them to extend their research networks."

According to Dr Ooi, who has been a reviewer for the journal since 2007, reviewing papers written by fellow academicians is essential for academic development and knowledge creation. A good reviewer has to ensure papers submitted meet publishable quality. Emerald Group Publishing is a leading independent publisher of global research with impact in business, society, public policy and education. Every year, Emerald holds its Literati Network Awards for Excellence to recognise, among others, outstanding reviewers.

## UTAR lecturer receives young service researcher award



Tan (right) receiving the award from Prof Dr Kandampully

UTAR lecturer Garry Tan Wei Han received the young service researcher award at the Second International Research Symposium in Service Management in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 27 July 2011.

Tan was awarded for his research paper titled 'Cash, Credit Card or Mobile Phone? Exploring the Intention to Adopt Mobile Credit Card: a Conceptual Model' which provided a research framework that examines the factors that may affect the consumer's intention to adopt a mobile credit card. The research framework would be useful to banks, retailers, and mobile manufacturers in formulating their business strategies.

Tan, Chairperson of Centre for Business and Management and a lecturer from the Faculty of Business and Finance, received the Young Service Award from Professor Dr Jay Kandampully, professor of Services Management and chief editor of the Journal of Service Management, Ohio State University, the United States.

The award with a stipend of USD400 was given out to motivate and support emerging young researchers. Award recipients also got to network with other researchers from different universities and countries at the symposium.



## UTAR Raging Bull is Bosch Champ



Lee racing the Raging Bull to the finish line



Raging Bull's proud builders (from left), Wee, Ng, Lee and Yong, showing off their prize

Raging Bull, an electric race-kart designed and built by four UTAR students, outran 11 others and emerged as Malaysian champion in the Bosch Power Tools Asia Cordless Race 2011 held at Jalan Binjai, near Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, on 30 July 2011.

The builders of Raging Bull, Mechanical Engineering students Lee Chong Siang, Gatelin Wee Yue Lin, and Ng Shie Hea, and Mechatronics Engineering student Daniel Yong Yew Rong, won the first prize of RM3,000 cash and RM2,000 worth of power tools. They will represent Malaysia at the race grand finals in Beijing, China from 21 to 23 September 2011, where they will be competing against finalists from Thailand, China, South Korea, and the Philippines.

The design-build-and-race competition was launched on 1 April 2011 by Bosch, a global leader in automotive and industrial technology, to celebrate its founder Robert Bosch's principles of excellence, innovative drive and social commitment.

Held for the first time in Malaysia, the race challenged the innovative mindset amongst students of public and private universities to design and build racing karts that ran on wheels powered by four Bosch GSB 18V-Li professional cordless impact drill-drivers with a RM12,000 grant and six Bosch impact drill-drivers.

"We're very pleased to have won this competition; we have put in much time and effort into building our kart and practising racing it," said team leader and kart driver Lee, adding that they clocked one minute and four seconds going round a 270-metre track twice.

"We're proud to represent Malaysia in the finals in Beijing, China and confident that we will do well there," said Ng, adding that teamwork was essential to the team's success.

Bosch received 53 kart blueprints from 21 private and public universities, and 12 of these blueprints including three from UTAR were shortlisted for the finals. The other two UTAR teams were The Fast 5 and UTAR Mechanical Engineering Research Team. The Fast 5, comprising members Lim Kee Chean, Hoh Jerard, Teh Cheu Chyong, Loh Kwan Jou and Keong Chun Tat, won the consolation prize of RM1,800 cash and RM800 worth of power tools.

## UTAR sweeps 15 medals in Perak tourney



UTAR Tang Soo Do Team with Malaysia Tang Soo Do Federation Technical Chairman Chin Kok King (front, fifth from left) and Perak Tang Soo Do Association Secretary Chong Poh Yee (Chin's right)

An 11-member UTAR team won 15 medals – eight gold, four silver and three bronze – in the 20th Perak Tang Soo Do Championship held at SMK St Anthony in Teluk Intan on 26 June, and 2 and 3 July 2011. The championship was organised by Perak Tang Soo Do Association. Five of the eight gold medals came from women's events. Chook Kar Hui won three of them in black-belt level individual free sparring, and individual and team formation events.

Sae Yuen Lee won the remaining two in black-belt individual free sparring and formation events, and a silver medal in black-belt second-dan individual formation event. "I used to practise four times a week with my teammates in my hometown Teluk Intan before I came to UTAR," said Sae, the founder and trainer of UTAR Tang Soo Do Club in Perak Campus, who started learning the martial art since she was 13 years old. She added, "Now, I give training to the club members in UTAR once a week, and train with my master in my hometown during weekends."





UTAR wushu team with instructor Lee Yue Jen (sitting left) and advisor Lee How Chinh (sitting right)

UTAR wushu team did the University proud by winning five gold medals in Perak Wushu Championship 2011 on 11 and 12 July 2011. The 11-student team also received eight certificates in traditional Wushu and Taijiquan demonstrations.

The championship, organised by Wushu Federation of Perak, was held at Perak State Sports Council Hall in Ipoh. The five UTAR gold medalists, who competed in various weight categories of men's wushu sanda (sparring) events, were Chew Yee Siang (85-90kg), Ong Ghee Leong (60-65kg), Tan Ding Yao (52-56kg), Low Yew Kong (50-55kg), and Pang Jik Yuan (60-65kg). The five champions were selected to represent Perak in the Malaysia Wushu National Championship 2011.



UTAR gold medallist Ong (in shorts) holding back his opponent



UTAR gold medallist Chew (black helmet) trying to land a punch



UCBL second runner-up: UTAR Klang Valley team



UCBL first runner-up: UTAR Perak team

## UTAR wins two top prizes in UCBL

Two UTAR basketball teams from Perak and the Klang Valley emerged as the first and second runners-up in the University-College Basketball League (UCBL) which was organised by the Ministry of Higher Education in collaboration with the Malaysia Basketball Association (MABA) to promote the game among university and college students.

The national finals were held at MABA Stadium in Kuala Lumpur on 30 and 31 July 2011 where the all-Malaysians UTAR Perak team put up a tough fight against the HELP University College team, which had several foreign players. The team lost by nine points and received a cash prize of RM3,000 as the first runner-up of the league. UTAR Klang Valley team beat the team from SEGi University College (Penang branch) with a score of 87-83 and grabbed the second runner-up position and a cash prize of RM1,500. Deputy Higher Education Minister Dato' Saifuddin Abudllah was present at the finals to give out the prizes to the winners.

## UTAR wins two top basketball prizes

UTAR basketball teams emerged as the first and second runners-up of KAMY Cup - Ipoh Open Basketball Championship on 25 June 2011. The UTAR team that competed for the champion was playing against the Teluk Intan team in the finals. It took the second place after losing merely nine points. The other UTAR team narrowly beat the Ipoh team with a score of 89 to 83 and emerged as the second runner-up. The teams were coached by team manager Adrin Yeap Wai Kuan, a staff of the UTAR Sports and Recreational Unit. Six UTAR players were selected in the championship to represent Perak state in the Agong's Cup - National Basketball Championship 2011.



The second runner-up team



The first runner-up team with Yeap (centre, with sling bag)



## Young and old at Mind Competitions 2011

Age was not a deterrent for those who had geared themselves up for an arduous challenge at the Mind Competitions 2011 held at Petaling Jaya Campus of UTAR on 6 August 2011. Some 400 participants took part in the one-day competition which was organised by the Malaysia Mental Literacy Movement (MMLM) together with UTAR and Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TARC). The competition consisted of two different categories, Memory Competition and Mind Mapping Competition.

For Senior Consultant at Microsoft (Malaysia) Kumar Sarawana, it was a family affair as Kumar's six-year-old daughter, Dhanyeta Kumar was one of the youngest participants of the competition. For Nurlina Suraiya, a college student, and Cheok Shangee, a UTAR Architecture student, participating in memory competition was nothing new as they were participating for the fifth consecutive and fourth consecutive year respectively and both had won top prizes in the competition previously. However, Ahmed Merican bin Ahmad Othman, 68, who was the oldest participant, is a new face in this year's competition. The former Perlis Director of Education said he grabbed the opportunity to take part and feel the fun of the competition.

The Mind Competitions 2011 was organised as a prelude to the 7th Malaysia Festival of the Mind scheduled to be held at TARC, Setapak on 1 and 2 October 2011, and at UTAR Perak Campus on 8 and 9 October 2011, an annual event aimed to imprint on the national consciousness the importance of mental literacy among Malaysians.



Kumar's family: (from left) Kumar's mother, son, Kumar, wife and daughter

Nurlina Suraiya (right) and Cheok Shangee (centre) with his brother from TARC



Ahmed Merican mapping out his thoughts at the competition



## Embracing life to the fullest

UTAR Counseling and Guidance Unit held a Counseling & Wellness Week (CWW) at its Klang Valley campuses from 22 to 24 June 2011. Aimed at creating awareness among students on the importance of cherishing their life, this year CWW came with the theme 'Embracing Life' with which students were set to learn to appreciate and love themselves.

The activities held during the week included exhibition related to the theme, psychological checklists, games, breast and cervical cancer prevention campaign, and a movie review. Apart from the activities, a health screening by the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) was held throughout the Week to allow students and staff to check their cholesterol level, glucose level, body mass index (BMI), and urine (through urinalysis) for a minimum donation of RM2. The funds raised will be used to provide subsidised treatment to those in need. A total of 102 students and staff made use of the health screening service.

"In order to learn to appreciate, and love oneself, understanding must come first. Therefore, the CWW is filled with fun activities and information and explorative exhibition", said Teh Jun Yee, one of the Counseling and Guidance Unit officers.

The three-day event attracted 1,557 visitors, of which 470 were from Petaling Jaya Campus, 722 from Kuala Lumpur Campus, and 365 from Sungai Long Campus of the University.



## Love spreading charity dinner

Organised by the UTAR First Aid Society, the charity dinner themed "Touching Hearts, Spreading Love" and held at Majlis Dewan Sebanguna Kampar on 9 July 2011 was a huge success as it raised more than RM7,000 for several non-profit organisations. More than 280 participants turned up to dine and have fun at the dinner which was the final event of the "I Care, Do You?" health awareness campaign held at UTAR Perak campus from 20 June to 1 July 2011.

The tickets were priced at RM35 for students and RM60 for non-students and the funds raised were channeled to Malaysian Aids Council, Malaysian Psychiatric Association and Beautiful Gate - Home for the disabled. An auction was held during the dinner to sell artworks from the members of the Beautiful Gate. UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Dr Teh Chee Seng paid RM500 for a framed embroidery made by Woo Kar Yoke, who is wheelchair bound.



Organising committee with Dr Teh and UTAR staff



## TCM for the benefit of society

Since UTAR Sungai Long Campus welcomed its first batch of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) students in May 2011, the TCM department has been actively participating in various promotional activities, including community services. Since December 2010, the TCM department, with the help of Division of Programme Promotion, has conducted Chinese medical talks and free consultation programmes for over 5,000 teachers and students in secondary schools and new villages throughout Malaysia.

Free consultation programmes were held to provide high quality Chinese medication and healthcare services for students and teachers from independent high schools and government secondary schools, and also residents of new villages. All this is done to promote UTAR's TCM programme. The free consultation services provided include blood pressure examinations, TCM diagnoses, TCM prescriptions, acupuncture and massage therapies.

### New village community gets free health examination

On 7 August 2011, 35 UTARians departed for Sungai Siput Selatan New Village to work with six doctors and eight paramedics from the Perak Medical Practitioners Society to offer free health examination to the residents there. The new village with about 260 households has neither doctors nor its own health centres. The arrival of the physicians, medical specialists and UTARians opened the pathway for humanistic medicine which was a welcome sight to the local community.

The medical team comprised five physicians, one eye specialist, seven paramedics and one dietitian. The community hall of the village was divided into different counters: weight, height, blood pressure, sugar level measure/test and eye test. UTARians helped measure and record the patients' height, weight, blood pressure, sugar level and eye test results. The villagers were very grateful to the visitors for their medical service.



UTARians were interpreting doctor's advice to the patient

### Reaching out to new village students

The Department of Soft Skills Competency, Perak campus worked with SJK(C) Kg Timah to organise a 'ONE-TO-ONE Tuition' session for the school's pupils to improve their English and Malay proficiency. At the same time, it was also aimed at helping to cultivate humanitarianism by getting UTARians to experience and interact with the larger community. On 10 July 2011, 41 UTAR students went to the school and were divided into several groups to teach one to three students each.

During the tuition session, UTARians interacted with the students to understand their problems and guided them in the crucial areas of study. The effort was much appreciated by the school's headmaster, Mr Ng Keng Huat, and the chairman of the Parents-Teachers Association, and well received good by the 60 students who took part in the session.

Mr Ng, who believes students need to have a strong foundation in Bahasa Malaysia and English as they are the key elements of learning, expressed his hope that more similar efforts by UTAR students be carried out in other schools as well.

Three primary students attracted to the animated information shown by the mentor.

One-to-One tuition provides full attention to the needy student.



## Actuarial science expo yields great impact

An actuarial science exposition, named "Actuary Today" and themed "Unfold the Untold", was held at the Kuala Lumpur Campus of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) in Setapak on 23 and 24 July 2011.

Actuary Today, organised by the UTAR Actuarial Science Society and supported by the university's Centre for Mathematical Sciences, was well designed into three sub-categories: Actuarial Exposition, Actuarial Challenge and the Great Eastern Actuarial Competition. The Actuarial Exposition aimed to expose the parents, students and general public to comprehensive information regarding the actuarial profession. On the other hand, the Actuarial Challenge was an intervarsity competition that provided opportunity for actuarial science undergraduates to demonstrate their prowess in actuarial skills. Meanwhile, the Actuary Competition was particularly targeted at students from secondary schools especially STPM, UEC and other pre-U courses to spark their interest in actuarial science.

The event enlightened the visitors on what it would take to be actuaries with more than just displays of information as exhibits. It had seminars, workshops and mock interviews conducted by professionals and experts from the actuarial industry.

Lee Hzi Hong, the organising chairman of Actuary Today, said that the event was organised with the primary aim of demystifying actuarial science and enabling students to better plan and make informed decisions prior to enrolling for an actuarial science course.

The event was officially launched by Encik Ahmad Tarmizi

bin Muhamud, 'Ketua Penolong Pengarah, Bahagian Hal Ehwal dan Pembangunan Pelajar' of the Ministry of Higher Education on 23 July 2011.

Encik Ahmad Tarmizi commended the University for organising the first-of-its-kind exposition in the country. UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik advised the audience to use the event to build their human network. He said, "For those taking part in this event, do take the opportunity to build your network with your counterparts from other institutions."

Prior to the opening ceremony, UTAR received RM10,000 from Great Eastern Life Assurance (Malaysia) Berhad (Great Eastern), the main sponsor of the event. Senior Vice President and Head of Strategic Planning of Great Eastern, Sophia Ch'ng handed over a mock cheque to Profr Chuah at a ceremony held at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus on 14 July 2011 and the ceremony was witnessed by Datuk Leong Tang Chong, UTAR Education Foundation Board of Trustees and Council Member.

At the closing ceremony of Actuary Today, Deputy Minister of Finance Senator Dato' Ir Donald Lim Siang Chai gave away the top prize to team ACT-cellent from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, the overall winner of Actuarial Challenge.

Dato' Ir Donald Lim commended the organiser as well as sponsors of the event and encouraged more organisations to come forward to support future actuarial science events.



Mock cheque presentation (from left): Gan, Ch'ng, Liew, Datuk Leong, Prof Chuah and Lee

Prof Chuah explaining a display at the exposition to Ahmad Tarmizi (with arms folded)



Team members of ACT-cellent (with orange lanyards) receiving their prizes from Dato' Donald Lim. Looking on are (from right) Lee, Ch'ng and Prof Chuah and (second from left) Liew.



## 6th National Maths Competition as attractive as ever

The Sixth National Mathematics Competition, organised by UTAR and held at its Faculty of Engineering and Science, Kuala Lumpur Campus on 30 July 2011 attracted 214 participants, the same number of participants as last year's competition, from 24 different educational institutions.

There were three categories in the competition and Kim Young Bae from Taylor's College managed to clinch the Champion's title in Category A, winning a handsome reward of RM1,000 while Lim Chee Chuen from Taylor's University College was the winner in Category B, walking away with RM250. Meanwhile, Loo Han Rong from Help University College was the Category C winner, winning a hamper worth RM150.

UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, who had been very supportive of the event, gave away the top prizes to the winners at the closing ceremony of the event. Also present at the ceremony were UTAR Vice President (Internationalisation and Academic Development) Prof Dr Ewe Hong Tat and Ms Yap Pui Yee, the event organising committee chairman.



From left: Yap, Tun Dr Ling, Kim and Prof Ewe

## Police Forensic Lab hosts UTAR students



Group photo with Satwant Singh.



A demonstration by the officer in charge.

The Chemistry Society organised a trip to Makmal Forensik PDRM in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur on 13 July 2011. 43 members participated in the trip, which aimed at educating them about career opportunities in the government sector in the forensic science and technology field.

The participants were also able to learn about the developments in forensic science and about the work of a chemist in the government and private sectors. They were welcomed by Satwant Singh, an officer at Makmal Forensik PDRM, and saw some of the forensic examples and got to know about the investigation process from a forensic viewpoint.

## UTAR Inter-Faculty Debate



Utarians had an opportunity to showcase their speaking talent in the UTAR inter-faculty debate, held on 12-13 July 2011 at UTAR Perak Campus.

The debate, organised by UTAR English Language Society, saw undergraduates from six different faculties being pitted against each other in the first round of debates on 12 July. The team from the Faculty of Science (FSc) and the team from the Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology (FEGT) made their way to the final after a day of elimination matches.

The FSc team represented the opposition while the FEGT team played the role of the government for the debate topic "Education is worthless without freedom of speech."

The hall was filled with spectators, lecturers and supporters of both finalist teams, and an intense and entertaining debate was delivered by both teams. The FSc team, which consisted of Juliet Jane Papu, a Biotechnology student, Phung Yi Pin, a Chemistry student, Vimalan Rengganaten and Yeap Hong Kheng, both Biomedical Science students, emerged as champions, taking home the championship trophy and a cash prize of RM250. They received their prizes from Dr Sebastian K. Francis, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Science.

According to Natalia Chan, the organising chairperson, the debate was aimed to foster friendships between the different faculties in UTAR Perak Campus, and to discover the speaking talents that exist in the campus. The organising committee also has plans to make this an annual event.



## UTAR waltzes into the Malaysia Book of Records



The record - breaking waltz performed by the participants.

On the evening of 10 July 2011, 376 Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) students literally waltzed into the Malaysia Book of Records at UTAR Perak Campus.

The students, led by Wincent Ch'ng, took six months to organise the gargantuan, record-breaking event. The large cafeteria at the Student Pavilion was converted into a ballroom for the event. Themed 'Waltz with Love 2011', the evening started with a series of performances by the students before culminating with 188 couples taking their positions and moving synchronously and gracefully to David Cook's waltz piece 'The Time of Our Lives'.

"It is good to see undergraduates nowadays being so proactive, and this reflects their strong commitment towards the university," said Malaysia Book of Records official Zul Hairi, after presenting the certificate for the largest participation in a waltz dance to Ch'ng to officially confirm the record.

"Waltz is not a culture in Malaysia; I'm really happy to see so

many fellow Utarians who are brave enough to step out of the norm [to participate in the event]," said Ch'ng, who also thanked the major sponsors, event organising company Bright & Sound and broadband Internet service provider YES mobile.

"I'm very pleased to know that our undergraduates can work together to achieve something of this magnitude," said UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Dr Teh Chee Seng, adding that he hopes students could achieve greater feats in the future.

The evening also saw Banking and Finance student Lee Xun Lee performed his ever-changing sand art; renditions of Beyonce's 'Listen' by Sushi, mashed-up tunes of hit TV series Glee by UTAR karaoke contest finalists, Rihanna's 'Love the Way You Lie' and Bon Jovi's 'It's My Life' by Moron Six; wine glass music by Computer Science student Low Kar Fai; and, just before the waltz dance, a sketch about a runaway bride led by Ch'ng.

## Graduating students showcase commercial artworks



Graphic Design students with their works at the exhibition.



More than 400 amazing art pieces by 38 graduating students of the Graphic Design and Multimedia course from the Faculty of Creative Industries of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) were on display at the Annexe Gallery, Kuala Lumpur from 22 till 26 June 2011.

The exhibition, aimed to bring the Graphic design students' talent to light, showcased some of the best works from a range of design and media creations, including drawings, illustration, photography, digital imaging, website design, packaging design, advertising, animation and post production by the final year students.

The exhibition was officially launched by UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hein Teik at its opening ceremony on 22 June. The five-day exhibition successfully attracted 500 visitors comprising UTAR students and individuals from the art industry, who came to catch a glimpse of the art works on display. The exhibition was organised by the graduating Graphic Design students themselves. They chose the theme "ARTiculation" to reflect the meaning of being joined and connected as well as being fluent and clear, and to show this through art.

One of the organising team members, Alex said "Being in the team

has taught us many things that we could never have learnt from normal classroom lectures. We were exposed to things beyond our university syllabus, and we get to negotiate and work with people from the industry."

"We have seen our seniors doing it, so we were determined to do it better," he added, while thanking everyone who supported them to make the event a success.

Some fun promotional activities were carried out prior to the exhibition, such as 'Spot the orange' in which the students involved paid a visit to the Midvalley Megamall and Sungai Wang Plaza, looked out for passers-by wearing orange, approached them in a big group and snapped a picture with them, promoting the exhibition at the same time.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Graphic Design and Multimedia is a degree programme which includes a wide range of subjects in design and multimedia. The subjects include drawing, desktop publishing, Flash, animation, website design, filming, photography, copywriting and many more.



## Hope, even when all else is lost



Dancers introducing the title of the dance drama with their first dance.

Organised by the UTAR Dance Club, a dance drama titled "To Feel Again", held at Heritage Hall, UTAR Perak Campus on 27 June 2011, overwhelmed the audience with its story. It initially had a fun vibe, but turned tragic at the end.

The dance drama told a story of a girl called Laura who lost her faith in her attempts to achieve her dream. However, with constant hope and prayers, and encouragement from her teammates and her boyfriend Mark who suffered from a brain tumour, she successfully achieved it.

"When Mark, the male lead dancer, collapsed on stage after Laura and her team won the street dance competition, it brought tears to my eyes," said accounting student Isaac Foh Jia Sheng, who was clearly

touched by the play.

Club president Rachel Yeoh Shu Hwei said that the biggest challenge to organise a dance drama was to have all the dancers, helpers and the committee agreed to it.

Committee member Soo Leong Onn added, "At first, I thought it was impossible for us to organise a dance drama because it is usually conducted by the dance academic school. But the passion and efforts of the committee and dancers made this performance a success."

The dance drama, which was the biggest dance event of the year, saw 450 people in attendance, including students, staff and lecturers.

## 30-Hour Famine

As an advocate of World Vision, UTAR Community Service Society organised a DIY 30-Hour Famine Camp in UTAR Perak Campus on 6 August 2011, and members of the camp travelled to the Stadium Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur for the countdown with the rest of the camps held throughout Malaysia on 7 August 2011.

The 30-Hour Famine is a global movement against poverty and hunger, and its theme this year is Child's Health, with the slogan "Hunger for Health". It was organised to highlight poverty and famine amongst impoverished children and families nationwide.

Participants of the 30-Hour Famine starved for 30 hours without solid food to experience first-hand the dire conditions that impoverished children and families endure every day. During that time, various educational programmes were conducted, including interactive mini-talks, video presentations, and simulated games to acquaint participants with the worldwide humanitarian work of World Vision.



A group photo of the participants of the 30-Hour Famine

"The camp aims to inspire and empower UTAR students to care for those in need of basic necessities, both locally and globally, and to collect donations to help them," said Ng Wan Shyan, Chairman of the organising committee.

Participants had to pay RM20 for registration, a T-shirt and transportation to the Stadium Bukit Jalil and another RM80 for fundraising. All donations from the camp went to international and local charities.

## A nostalgic night of the 60's

Organised by UTAR Young Entrepreneur Society, 60's Night with music, dances, songs, fancy costumes and party decoration reflecting things of the 60's, was held at Perak Campus on 1 July 2011 and took over 180 participants back to the era.

The night was enlivened with the themes of Eastern 60's, Western 60's and 60's Childhood. It kicked off with Eastern 60's song and dance performances, followed by a catwalk contest. There was also a prize-giving ceremony for the most voted photos by FB users.

"We hope through this event, the participants can get a feel of the 60's and have a chance to explore and show off their talents," Chan Yong Jiang, Chairman of the 60's Night organising committee said.



Participants of the catwalk contest performing a dance.





## New Student Representative Committee takes over

On 11 July 2011, the Department of Student Affairs of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman organised a handover ceremony where the Student Representative Committee (SRC) 2010/2011 members handed over authority to the SRC 2011/2012 at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus.

It was attended by UTAR President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Dr Teh Chee Seng, Registrar Dr Tan Kee Kong, Head of Department (Student Affairs (Klang Valley Campuses) Ms Tee Sock Sing, senior officials, old and new SRC members and students.

The ceremony began with the outgoing SRC members marching up the stage to the dais as the master of ceremonies announced the names. This was followed by brief speeches given by the 2010/2011 batch SRC leaders of all four UTAR campuses, namely Sungai Long, Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya and Perak. The outgoing leaders shared their experiences and thanked the lecturers for their support.

Later, Prof Chuah delivered his speech, in which he welcomed the new SRC committee, saying that the SRC is a good platform for students to serve other students.



Prof Chuah addressing the SRC members

He too, advised the students to ensure that the university is a place not only to gain knowledge but also to contribute to the community and society. He also applauded the outgoing committee members for their efforts throughout the year.

After the presentation of certificates to the SRC 2010/2011 committee members, the ceremony ended with the handing over of the SRC logo from SRC 2010/2011 to SRC 2011/2012.

The Student Representative Committee is a body that represents UTAR students and acts as a link between the students and the management of the university.



Runners getting ready at UTAR Sports Complex.

## 1,250 participate in first UTAR Run

On 24 July 2011, UTAR Run made its debut in Kampar, Perak, with 1,250 UTAR students, alumni, staff and invitees from other universities and colleges participating in the 10-km run.

Organised by UTAR Sports and Recreational Unit, the run was classified into six categories – men's and women's events for UTAR students and alumni, UTAR staff, and the invitees, who were students of Masterskill College of Nursing & Health, Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman, Universiti Teknologi Petronas, and Universiti Teknologi Mara, all from Perak.

At 4.30am, UTAR staff were busy preparing the registration counters, checkpoints, route signs and drinking stations for the run at UTAR Sports Complex. By 6.45am, all participants had already gathered at the sports complex, ready for the flag-off by UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Dr Teh Chee Seng at 7.00am.

The participants from diverse backgrounds showed their true grit and determination as most of them completed the 10-km run. Hooi Ving Fai and Reena Kaur Bhatt emerged as champions in the UTAR student men's and women's categories, while Ho Wai Yew and Ong Sheu Wen won the UTAR staff men's and women's categories respectively. Almur Abdelkreem and Goay Xuay Hui, both from Universiti Teknologi Petronas, were champions in the invited men's and women's categories respectively. Dr Teh, who also participated in the run, gave out prizes to the top ten runners of each category.



Runners in action

UTAR champion Reena proclaiming her victory



Runners approaching the finishing line



## 娄东四人书画联展

中华研究院于八月五日至七日在金宝校区主办为期三天的「娄东四人书画联展」，中国四位著名娄东派参展画家为邢少兰、邢曦峰、邢晓东及邢茂伦。

此书画联展由校长拿督蔡贤德教授高级院士主持开幕，与会的嘉宾们包括中华研究院院长何启良博士、马来西亚华人文化协会顾问锺正山先生、马来西亚锺正山美术馆馆长及中国云南财经大学锺正山美术馆常务副馆长锺瑜博士、各社团组织领袖和众拉曼大学师生。此次书画联展展出约40余幅杰出并价值不菲的兰花图、山水画、水墨画及书法作品。

身为中国一级画家的邢少兰先生也于画展首日与拉曼大学师生们进行一场讲题为《谈娄东画派》的交流会，与大家分享书画成果，进一步分析这次画展的特色与画派艺术。



(右) 邢少兰赠送纪念品给予蔡校长

## 与现代诗对谈



李宗舜



方昂

中华研究院现代华文研究组于8月3日，举办“现代诗对谈”讲座，邀请两位诗坛前辈方昂以及李宗舜（笔名黄昏星）前来金宝校区演讲，共吸引了约120位师生出席聆听。

讲座首先是由马华诗坛著名诗人方昂开讲，题为“欣赏现代诗”。他首先指出现代诗与古诗的差别，并针对现代主义诗歌以及后现代主义诗歌作出对比。

接着由李宗舜分享其创作路程，题为“乌托邦王国的梦影-诗人创作生命”。多年前李宗舜与诗友在霹雳多地成立了天狼星诗社，及后来在台湾与诗友了台北创立神州诗社。他指出，结社最大力量为培养新秀，社友们还能够互相感染、学习及成长。最后，李宗舜提醒同学们，每个人在创作之初，都一定先由写坏诗开始，没有一个人会认为自己的作品是完美的，所以创作也在不断修改的过程中有所进步，来总结当天的演讲。

## 《周易》与中华文化

拉曼大学中华研究院与马来西亚中华国学书院共同主办，邀请现任中国人民大学哲学院、国学院教授，也是经学研究院的学术委员、精通易学的杨庆中教授，于8月12日在八打灵再也校区主讲“寡过之书——《周易》”。

讲座主要探讨《周易》在中华传统文化中的地位及在中华文化未来发展中的意义。杨教授认为《周易》的传统至今仍然存在着，在历经数千年之演变后，它已变成中华文化的血脉、中华子孙的基因，为中华文化之根。



杨庆中教授正与众人分享《周易》。

## 辛亥革命百年回顾



林秋雅女士颁发孙中山雕像予何启良教授

为纪念辛亥革命百年周年，中华研究院于6月25日至7月30日，举办长达一个月的《孙中山历史图片展》，并于7月2日至3日举办《辛亥革命百年：孙中山、近代中国与海外华人》的国际学术研讨会。开幕典礼于7月2日在金宝校区举行。

中华研究院获得檳城孙中山协会慷慨借出相关孙中山历史图片，并在金宝校区图书馆展示了50余幅历史图片以及一些有关孙中山的纪念品和书籍，让参观者了解及感受百年前的辛亥事故。中华研究院在院长何启良教授代表下，接过由檳城孙中山协会主席林秋雅女士在开幕礼当天颁发的限量制孙中山雕像。

此外，研讨会也邀请到台湾中山大学中国与亚太区域研究所顾长永教授担任主题演讲嘉宾。同时，亦有多位来自中国、台湾、香港及马来西亚的学者专家发表论文。



## UTAR terima 25 pelajar PLPPIP

Kegembiraan jelas terpancar di wajah 25 pelajar yang telah ditawarkan ke Program Latihan Perguruan Peringkat Ijazah Pertama (PLPPIP) oleh Kementerian Pelajaran Malaysia (KPM) untuk melanjutkan pengajian di Kampus Perak UTAR bermula 8 Ogos 2011.

Tuan Haji Mohd Subri bin Mat Isa, Timbalan Pengarah dan Encik Mohd Faisal bin Mohd Noh, Penolong Pengarah dari Bahagian Pendidikan Guru, Kementerian Pelajaran, telah hadir pada hari pertama orientasi bagi sesi interaksi antara pelajar-pelajar dan ibubapa untuk memberi taklimat mengenai Borang Perjanjian serta Elaun & Yuran pelajar.

Menurut Tuan Haji Mohd Subri, ini merupakan kali pertama KPM bekerjasama dengan institusi pendidikan tinggi swasta untuk melatih guru-guru bahasa Inggeris bagi meliberalisasikan dan memperkukuhkan sistem latihan guru.

Sementara itu, menurut Mohd Faisal, pelajar perlu menghabiskan selama satu tahun setengah bagi program asas



Prof Chuah ketika berucap pada hari ketiga orientasi pelajar PLPPIP

diikuti empat tahun bagi Sarjana Muda Sastera (Kepujian) Pendidikan Bahasa Inggeris. Setelah tamat program ini, mereka akan ditugaskan untuk mengajar di sekolah-sekolah negara ini.

Presiden UTAR Ir Profesor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik dalam ucapannya menggesa para pelajar untuk bertutur dalam bahasa Inggeris dengan rakan-rakan mereka untuk mempertingkatkan penguasaan bahasa Inggeris memandangkan mereka bakal menjadi seorang guru bahasa Inggeris kelak.

## Forum Jati Diri 1Malaysia



Dari kanan, Dato' Dr Mansor, Dr Bazrul dan Dr Kntayya

Forum Jati Diri 1Malaysia kali ke-16 anjuran bersama Jabatan Penerangan Malaysia, Berita Harian, Gabungan Penulis Nasional (GAPENA) dan Persatuan Sarjana Komunikasi Media Malaysia (PERSKOM) telah diadakan di Kampus Perak UTAR pada 13

Julai 2011. Forum ini dirasmikan oleh YB Dato' Lee Chee Leong, Timbalan Menteri Dalam Negeri serta turut dihadiri oleh YBhg Tuan Haji Ibrahim Abdul Rahman, Ketua Pengarah Penerangan Malaysia dan Dr Teh Chee Seng, Naib Presiden UTAR (Pembangunan Pelajar dan Hubungan Alumni).

Seramai 500 orang pelajar UTAR menghadiri forum yang bertemakan 'Di Mana Bumi Dipijak, Di Situ Langit Dijunjung' bertujuan untuk memupuk semangat perpaduan, jati diri, patriotisme, progresif dan berdaya saing yang berteraskan konsep Gagasan 1Malaysia dan Rukun Negara di kalangan pelajar institusi pengajian tinggi.

Pengerusi forum ialah Dr Bazrul Bahanam, Pensyarah Fakulti Bahasa dan Komunikasi Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris manakala para panel pula terdiri daripada YBhg Dato' Dr Mohamad Mansor @ Ismail Abdullah dari GAPENA dan Dr Kntayya Mariappan dari Sekolah Sains Sukan, Universiti Malaysia Sabah.

## Sesi Bual Mesra bersama KPKKM

Seramai enam orang wakil daripada Kementerian Penerangan, Komunikasi dan Kebudayaan Malaysia (KPKKM) yang diketuai oleh Encik Zaini Mohamad, Ketua Penolong Setiausaha, Bahagian Pengurusan dan Analisis Maklumat KPKKM telah mengunjungi Kampus Perak UTAR pada 29 Jun 2010 bagi menjayakan sesi bual mesra bersama pelajar.

Program yang melibatkan 33 orang pelajar ini adalah bertujuan untuk berkongsi pandangan tentang isu-isu semasa dalam negara termasuk keberkesanan sistem penyampaian kerajaan.

Bagi melancarkan perjalanan program ini, para pelajar dibahagikan kepada empat kumpulan. Setiap kumpulan diketuai oleh pegawai KPKKM untuk membincangkan isu-isu yang berkaitan dengan pendidikan, konsep 1Malaysia, kepimpinan Perdana Menteri, polis dan keselamatan, pengangkutan awam, politik semasa dan sistem penyampaian kerajaan. Kemudian setiap kumpulan membentangkan hasil perbincangan tersebut.



Pegawai KPKKM (kanan) mengetuai perbincangan kumpulan

"Kami percaya golongan belia mempunyai pelbagai pendapat dan pandangan untuk diutarakan dan melalui program ini sedikit sebanyak dapat memberi peluang kepada mereka untuk membincangkan isu-isu semasa yang secara tidak langsung dapat membantu kami mengumpul maklumat dan menyarakannya kepada pihak kerajaan," kata Zaini sebelum mengakhiri sesi tersebut.

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