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Prof Chuah (second from right) exchanging MoU documents with Lee, while (from left) Dato' Dr Hou, Dato Sri' Liow, Tun Dr Ling and Dato' Ir Yap look on.

Hospital Sungai Long – resource sharing

"It is truly encouraging to see two neighbouring institutions coming together to leverage synergies that will benefit medical professionals, teaching staff, students and the community," said Health Minister Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai at the official launching ceremony of Hospital Sungai Long on 1 March 2012. The neighbours the minister was referring to were UTAR Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) and Hospital Sungai Long.

During the ceremony, UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and Hospital Sungai Long General Manager Ric Lee Juin Sye exchanged the documents of memorandum of understanding (MoU) to officially announce their collaboration while Deputy Higher Education Minister Dato' Dr Hou Kok Chung presented the letter of approval for UTAR's part-time Bachelor of Chinese Medicine (Hons) programme to Prof Chuah to officially launch the part-time programme.

Also present at the ceremony were, UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, UTAR Education Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum and Sin Heap Lee executive directors Dato' Ir Yap Chong Lee and Dato' Yap Teiong Choon.

Institute of Materials, Malaysia – establishing student chapter



MoU signed (from left): Dr Lai, Dr Teh, Prof Kamal and Prof Husna

Hospital Tapah – medical specialist services

On 16 April 2012, UTAR was among 22 public and private institutions of higher learning selected to sign an agreement with the Ministry of Health (MoH) at Hospital Tapah to share their resources to provide medical specialist services at the hospital.

Signing the agreement on behalf of UTAR was Prof Chuah and on behalf of the MoH was its Secretary General Datuk Kamarul Zaman bin Md Isa while UTAR FMHS Deputy Dean Prof Dr Yap Sook Fan and MoH Deputy Director General of Health (Medical) Datuk Dr Noor Hisham bin Abdullah signed as witnesses. Present to officiate the event was Minister of Health Dato' Sri Liow. Others present were Perak State Executive Committee Member Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon and MoH Director General Dato' Sri Hasan bin Abdul Rahman.

"The agreement signed at Hospital Tapah expanded the facilities and resources available to our medical, health sciences and allied sciences students," said Prof Chuah, adding that UTAR would always assure their students with adequate teaching and research resources.

Under the agreement, the Government would upgrade Hospital Tapah to render specialist services available.



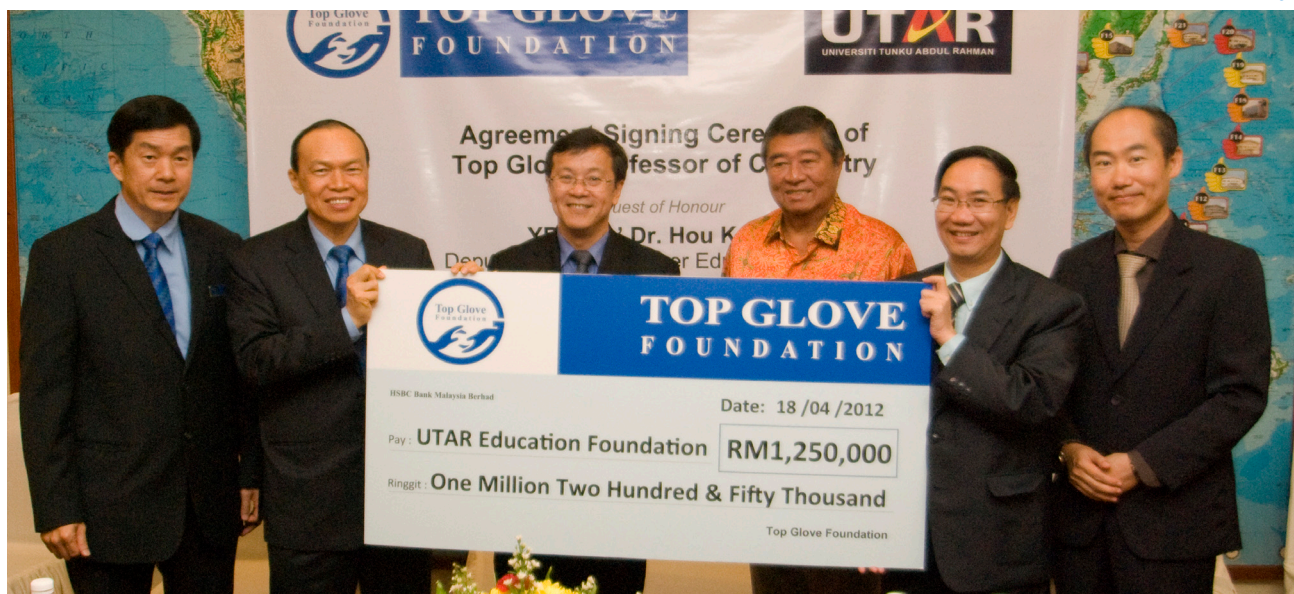
Prof Chuah (left) exchanging documents with Datuk Kamarul, while (from left) Dato' Sri Liow and Dato' Dr Mah look on.

UTAR and the Institute of Materials, Malaysia (IMM) signed an MoU during IMM's 22nd general meeting on 30 March 2012 to establish the UTAR-IMM Materials Student Chapter.

Signing on behalf of both parties were UTAR Vice President (Student Development and Alumni Relations) Dr Teh Chee Seng and IMM President Prof Dr Mohamed Kamal Harun. Signing as witnesses were UTAR Deputy Dean of FES (Student Development and Industrial Training) Dr Lai Soon Onn and IMM Deputy President Prof Dr Che Husna Azhari.

Under the MoU, IMM would bring in industry experts to hold seminars, conferences and career talks in UTAR, facilitate industrial visits and training placement for UTAR students, and waive the UTAR student chapter membership fee.

"I hope that with the cooperation and support from IMM, UTAR will produce a significant number of graduates specialised in materials science, technology, and engineering, who will contribute positively to the country's economy", said Dr Teh.



Tan Sri Lim (second from left) presenting a mock cheque to Prof Chuah, while, from left, Lee, Dato' Dr Hou, Tun Dr Ling and Dr Lim look on.

Top Glove Foundation – endowed professorial chair

Top Glove Foundation and UTAR signed an agreement to establish the Chair of Top Glove Professor of Chemistry at the Head Office of Top Glove Corporation Berhad in Klang on 18 April 2012.

Signing the agreement were Prof Chuah and Top Glove Corporation Berhad founder and Top Glove Foundation Chairman Tan Sri Lim Wee Chai. UTAR Faculty of Science Dean Dr Lim Tuck Meng and Top Group Managing Director and TG Foundation Trustee Member KM Lee signed as witnesses.

Under the agreement, UTAR would receive RM1.25 million from Top Glove Foundation to establish the chair, the ninth endowed chair in UTAR, which aimed at pooling resources of the two partners to advance research and development in the field of Chemistry.

“The establishment of the chair is a combined effort to synergise the respective strengths of UTAR research programmes and Top Glove’s resources and expertise to boost research and development activities,” said Tan Sri Lim, adding that the collaboration would bring more research outcomes that would contribute to the future development of Top Glove, UTAR and the country.

“I am glad to highlight that this chair, which will be established at the Faculty of Science in UTAR Perak Campus, would enable the appointment of an excellent expert to lead research and development in the area of Chemistry,” said Prof Chuah after thanking Top Glove Foundation for the donation.

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Tan Sri Lim

Tamkang University, Taiwan – academic cooperation

“I wish to see today’s agreement to be actively pursued, leading it to a fruitful relationship between the two universities,” said Deputy Higher Education Minister Dato’ Dr Hou (picture, centre) at the signing ceremony of an academic cooperation agreement between UTAR and Tamkang University, Taiwan at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 2 March 2012. He added that there was an urgent need to expose to more Taiwan students about higher education experience and opportunities in Malaysia.

The agreement was signed by Prof Chuah (left) and his counterpart from Tamkang University President Prof Dr Flora C I Chang (right). Tamkang University, founded as a college in 1950, is one of the oldest private universities in Taiwan. It has 28,000 students and 220,000 alumni.



“With the signing of the academic cooperation agreement today, I am certain that the partnership between UTAR and Tamkang University has commenced on a strong footing and subsequently there will be many concrete collaborative activities in many areas,” said Prof Chuah.

UK-Malaysia Innovation Symposium



UTAR and UK-Malaysia Partners in Science jointly organised and held the 'UK-Malaysia Innovation Symposium: Commercialisation of Science Ideas' at UTAR Sungai Long Campus on 28 February 2012. It was sponsored by British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur and supported by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation and Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology.

Nanotechnology, intellectual property, innovation strategies and renewable energy were among the topics presented by expert speakers from universities and agencies from the two countries. UTAR Prof Cheng Min Yu (right) chaired the first section with panel speakers Adlan Ahmad of Agensi Inovasi Malaysia (left) and Dr Chris Hemingway of Marks & Clerk, UK. While the other sessions were chaired by UTAR Vice President (R&D and Commercialisation) Prof Dr Lee Sze Wei, and Dr Lau Teck Chai and senior lecturer Hen Kai Wah from UTAR Faculty of Accountancy and Management.

Industry advisor shares on project management

"A project is not just a project; it is an organisational strategic implementation to meet its objective," said Sunway Shared Services Centre Director Cheah Kok Hoong (picture), an industry advisor to UTAR Faculty of Information and Communication Technology at a talk on 'Project Management' at UTAR Perak Campus on 22 February 2012.



Cheah further shared with an audience of about 100 UTAR staff and students on the core areas of project management which were integration management, scope management, time management, quality management, human resource management, communication management, risk management and procurement management.



HKU professor talks on medical humanities

Prof Dr Chan Li Chong (picture), chair professor of the Department of Pathology, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine and co-director of the Centre for the Humanities and Medicine, University of Hong Kong, who was serving as an external examiner at UTAR Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, presented a talk at UTAR Sungai Long Campus on 28 March 2012.

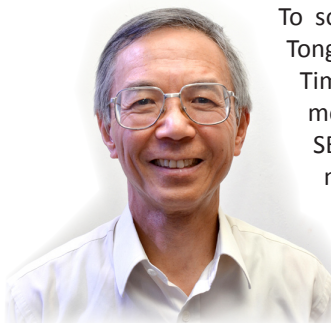


In a lecture titled 'Medical Humanities and the Development of Social Responsibility and Accountability of Healthcare Professionals' under the UTAR 10th Anniversary Public Lecture Series, Prof Dr Chan shared his experiences on how humanistic values could be instilled into healthcare professionals through medical schools. He suggested re-looking at teaching and learning process to ensure successful development of social responsibility and accountability among the healthcare professionals.



LSE professor emeritus talks on time series

Another lecture under the UTAR 10th Anniversary Public Lecture Series titled 'Threshold Models in Time Series – More Than 30 Years on' was given by London School of Economics Professor Emeritus Howell Tong, an external examiner for UTAR Bachelor of Science (Hon) Statistical Computing and Operation Research who visited the university from 26 to 30 March 2012.



To some 40 UTAR staff and students, Prof Tong presented on the limitation of linear Time Series model, various Threshold models, stationary distributions and fitting SETAR models. He said that Threshold models were applied in areas such as ecology, actuarial science, economy and finance, water resources, unemployment data, interest rates, and prices.

Career path for engineers

Over 200 UTAR Engineering students packed a lecture hall at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus on 26 February 2012 to listen to a talk titled "Career Path for Engineers" organised by the UTAR-IEM Student Chapter.

The talk was given by Ir. Lai Sze Ching (picture), a professional engineer with a Master's degree in law and more than 30 years of working experience in the field of infrastructure, water supply and wastewater treatment and an accreditator of the Engineering Accreditation Council Malaysia.





UTAR hosts PIERS, the first in Malaysia

UTAR hosted the 31st Progress in Electromagnetics Research Symposium (PIERS), which was held for the first time in Malaysia, at a hotel in Petaling Jaya from 27 to 30 March 2012.



"I would like to commend the initiative of UTAR and Professor Chuah in bidding for the hosting of 31st PIERS to be held for the first time in Malaysia," said Tourism Minister Dato' Sri Dr Ng Yen Yen (picture) who was the guest-of-honour at the banquet dinner on 29 March 2012. UTAR successfully brought the symposium, considered as the most prestigious for researchers in the electromagnetics field, to the country after it had been held 30 times in many countries around the world.

"I would like to thank The Electromagnetics Academy for appointing UTAR to be the organiser of this international prestigious symposium," said UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, adding that UTAR was glad to host this prestigious symposium in conjunction with the University's 10th anniversary celebration this year.

PIERS provides an international forum for reporting progress and advances in the modern development of electromagnetic theory and its new and exciting applications in the areas such as spectra that range from statics to RF (radio frequency), microwave, and photonics. Topics discussed in the symposium were radiation, propagation, diffraction, scattering, guidance, resonance, power, energy and force issues, and all other latest developments in the field.

China in those days

Who would ever think that a non-Chinese could be so passionate about China that he wrote a book about it? Thomas Brandt (picture), born in Hamburg, Germany, did. He wrote a book titled 'China in Those Days'.

Brandt was invited by UTAR Centre of Extension Education and Franciscan Club Kuala Lumpur to give a talk about his book at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 28 February 2012. He said that his book features a collection of

photographs and postcards depicting Chinese history, their way of life, customs, arts, culture, and scenes of different provinces and cities in China. He also wrote about the Chinese Diaspora and overseas Chinese communities including those in the USA, Indonesia, Myanmar and Singapore.

"The success of my book should serve as a grand celebration of the invention of postcards in Europe about 140 years ago," said Brandt, adding that he had a large collection of postcards, more than 9,000 on China alone, most dating from 1890s to 1930s.

Social media entrepreneur shares tips

Another entrepreneur who shared his success story was Plurk.com co-founder Alvin Woon (picture). The talk was jointly organised by UTAR and the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Malaysia at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 16 March 2012.

"When you are young it is the best time to venture into entrepreneurship and can still afford to fail", said the Sarawak-born entrepreneur. Addressing those who were interested in pioneering their own business, Woon advised them not to start it just for making profit but rather to think of solving problems and make life easier for others.



Plurk.com is a Twitter-like social networking website that has gained much popularity in Asia. The website's number of users grew from zero to millions within one year after it was created in November 2007 and it is one of the hottest social sites in the region. Woon, who led the art direction at the start-up stage of the website, explained that the main goal of a social networking website was to give users a rich conversational experience that involved reading from left to right instead of from top to bottom.

JobStreet.com CEO: Character is destiny



"Character is destiny," said JobStreet.com Founder and Chief Executive Officer Mark Chang Mun Kee (picture), sharing a piece of wisdom from his uncle at a talk under UTAR Entrepreneurial Talk Series held at Perak Campus on 22 February 2012. On what can lead an individual to success, Chang said, "You must be hardworking, caring and humble to learn. Whatever you do, you should always check on your moral compass and do it in a proper way. Then you will be successful."

Born a petrol station operator's son and a tin miner's grandson in the tin-mining town of Kampar, Chang was inspired at a young age to be an engineer. He related his story from the time he could not read English aloud in class when he was 15 years old to the time he had become a successful entrepreneur.

As he took only RM16,000 with him to the USA to study in the University of Texas, he had to work in a cafeteria, packed its leftover food, and got the clothes and home appliances from graduating housemates to save enough money to pay fees and expenses. When he started his Master's programme in Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), he could not understand what his classmates were doing and talking about. At times, he had to read a number of reference books just to understand a textbook but eventually he graduated with all A's from MIT. Chang related these anecdotes of challenges he had faced in his talk.



Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, China

On 1 March 2012, five delegates from Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine led by its Vice President Xia Youbin (fifth from left) visited UTAR Perak Campus and then Petaling Jaya Campus. At Petaling Jaya Campus, they met with UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik (fifth from right), Department of Chinese Medicine Head Prof Dr Zhai Yachun (second from right) and other UTAR staff.

Universitas Katolik Soegijapranata, Indonesia

Three delegates from Universitas Katolik Soegijapranata or Soegijapranata Catholic University, Semarang, Indonesia led by its Faculty of Letters Dean Heny Hartono (third from right) visited UTAR Perak Campus on 29 March 2012. With her were lecturers Adhyenggono (left) and Emelia Ninik Aydwati (right). The delegates met with UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science Dean Dr Sebastian Francis (third from left), and staff from the Department of Language and Linguistics (from left), department head Krishnan Vengidasamy and senior lecturer Renu Kailsan.



Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

Thirty postgraduate students from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia led by its Faculty of Civil Engineering senior lecturer Dr Aznah Nor Anuar visited UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology at Perak Campus on 3 April 2012. It was a field trip to learn more about research and lab facilities of UTAR. Picture: Lecturer Yow Li Ping (left) explaining about the lab equipment to the visitors.

Eihin High School, Japan

UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus hosted 36 students from Eishin High School, Japan on 6 March 2012. Led by their teachers, the 16-year-old youngsters came to Malaysia for a one-week study tour. Their visit to UTAR was part of the Japanese-UTAR Cultural Exchange Program, where students from both countries interact and learn about each other's culture. After the meeting session at the campus, a few UTAR students gave the Japanese visitors a guided tour of Kuala Lumpur. Picture: The Japanese visitors with UTAR students and staff.



Maktab Perguruan Sultan Abdul Halim, Malaysia

A delegation of 26 from Maktab Perguruan Sultan Abdul Halim, Kedah visited UTAR Perak Campus on 21 March 2012. The visitors from the teacher training college were welcomed by UTAR Institute of Chinese Studies Dean Prof Dr Ho Khai Leong (front, fifth from right), Deputy Dean Dr Lim Chee Men (front, second from right) and other staff from the institute. The delegates were impressed by the under- and postgraduate Chinese Studies programmes offered, facilities available and the picturesque scenery of the campus.



Three UTAR excellence awards for five staff

The three awards of excellence, each carried a cash prize of RM1,000, were presented by UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 10 April 2012.

The UTAR Research Excellence Award went to Dr Lim Yang Mooi, chairperson of the Centre for Cancer Research, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. The research trio Dr Low Kaw Sai, Dr Tioh Ngee Heng and lecturer Ng Soon Ching from the Faculty of Engineering and Science won the UTAR Innovation Excellence Award. Dr Tioh also shared the UTAR Teaching Excellence Award with assistant lecturer Melissa Stefanie Netto from Centre for Foundation Studies in Petaling Jaya Campus.

At the ceremony (from left): Prof Faidz, Wong, Netto, Dr Lim, Prof Chuah, Dr Low, Dr Tioh, Ng and Prof Lee

On teaching excellence

"The real challenge of an educator is not the lack of knowledge and information on the subject, but rather how to deliver them effectively to the students; therefore educators must put in efforts to improve their presentation skills," said Dr Tioh on the essence of excellent teaching. He received his Bachelor's degree in Applied Chemistry and PhD in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Otago, New Zealand. He taught Chemistry in Universiti Malaya from 1977 to 2006. He joined UTAR after leaving Universiti Malaya and was once the Director of Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research before he took on his current academic position.

"Ask a good teacher and you will know that teaching is not just a job, profession or career but a calling. It is a calling to educate those who come to us with passion with our life experiences and knowledge," said Netto, adding that a good teacher should first be humble to gain students' trust and second, be patient. She advised that humour be incorporated into lessons as laughter could do wonders in stimulating a student's mind to grasp what was taught and also real-life stories to keep students interested as they learn from the real-life experience. Netto, who has obtained a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics and Management, is currently pursuing Master of Educational Management.

Also present at the ceremony were Vice President (R&D and commercialisation) Prof Dr Lee Sze Wei, Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research Director Prof Dr Faidz bin Abdul Rahman and Human Resource Director Wong Lee Lan.

Innovation excellence in sustainable construction material

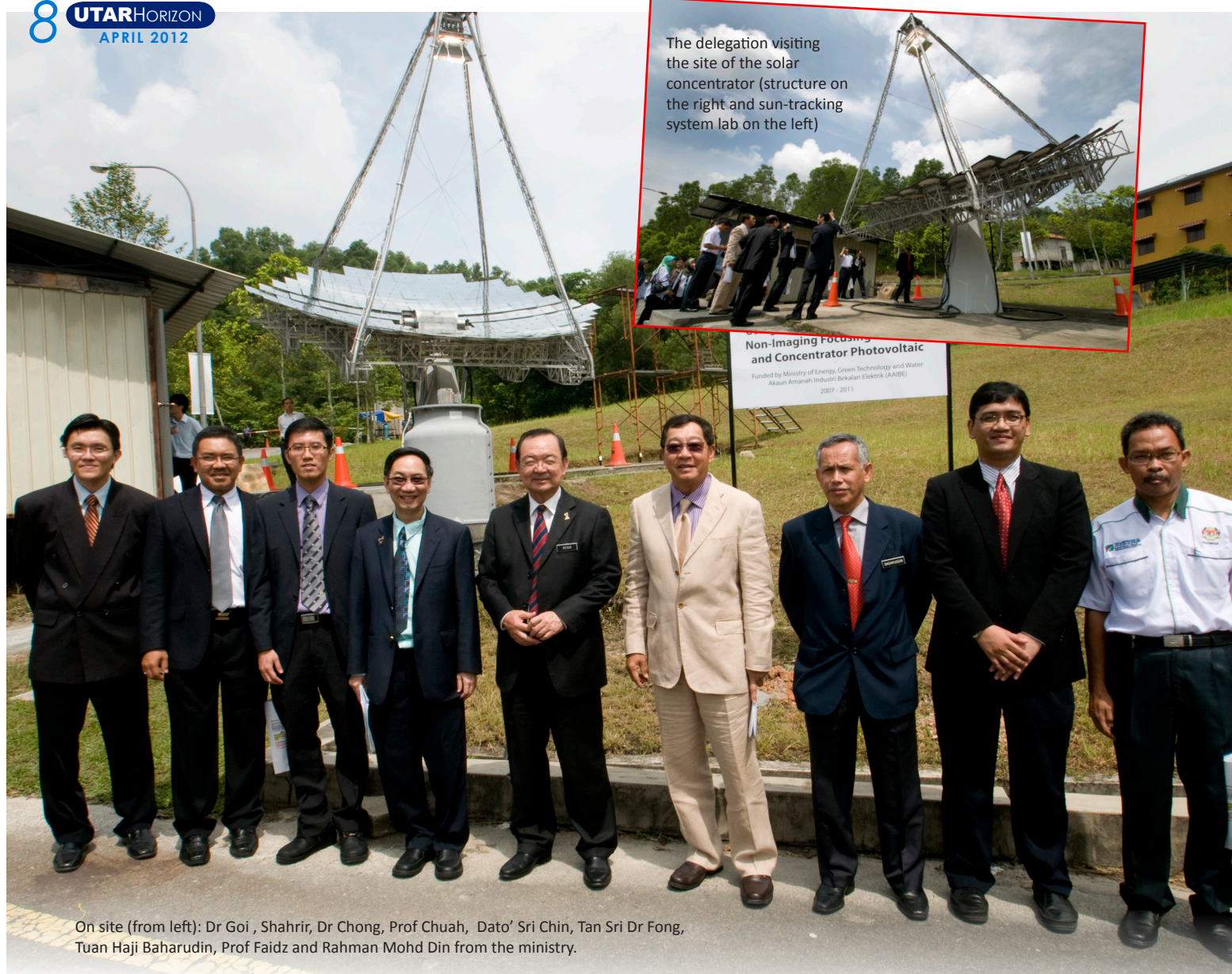
"We are delighted with the recognition accorded and it is an encouragement for our team to strive further," said Dr Low on behalf of his research team. The trio's research work on using waste materials such as rubber tyres and bottles together with lightweight concrete as an economical, green and sustainable construction material won them the award. The team had filed three patents for their efforts and one of them, 'Lightweight Concrete Infill Buoyant System', won the silver award in International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition (ITEX) 2011 (see UTAR Horizon June 2011 issue, page 9), while another titled 'Membrane Encased Lightweight Concrete or Mortar Panel Block' was the product of Ng's PhD study in UTAR.

"Don't do research for the shelf or for the sake of KPI. Instead, make it part and parcel of your career as an academician," said Dr Tioh on his view on research. His partner Ng advised other young researchers, "As young researchers, we should team up with experienced researchers, academicians and industrialists to work towards materialising research ideas."

Research excellence in phytochemistry and cancer chemoprevention

"I am pleased and honoured to have received this prestigious award from UTAR which is indeed a significant recognition for my research contributions and achievements," said Dr Lim, adding that she would like to thank former UTAR President Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng Lay Swee for spurring the growth of research and present President Prof Chuah for stimulating research excellence in UTAR. She was awarded for her works in phytochemistry and cancer chemoprevention particularly in chemopreventive activity of maslinic acid in the suppression of a pro-inflammatory pathway, activation of an antioxidant response system and modulation of novel protein targets through the proteomic platform.

A pioneer staff of UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Science, she took on the responsibility to lead and initiate research in the Department of Biosciences. Of the students she supervised included a PhD student Dr Yap Wei Hsum, who graduated in March 2012 (see page 10). Her research findings have won her eight national and international awards.



UTAR solar power research interests Minister

Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Dato' Sri Peter Chin Fah Kui visited UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Science (FES) at the UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus in Setapak on 19 March 2012 to better understand the solar power research projects of the University.

Accompanying the minister were Deputy Secretary General Tuan Haji Badarudin bin Mahyudin, Tenaga Nasional Berhad Energy Services Managing Director Shahrir Abdul Latiff and other delegates from the ministry.

On hand to welcome the visitors from UTAR were its President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, UTAR Council Member and Sustainable Energy Development Authority Malaysia Chairman Tan Sri Dr Fong Chan Onn, Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research Director Prof Dr Faidz bin Abd Rahman, FES Acting Dean Dr Goi Bok Min, staff and student representatives.

"The visit by the minister and his delegation this morning strongly indicates the trust and

confidence the Ministry and the Government have on UTAR, particularly in green technology research. We at UTAR are very proud of this fact, and are immensely motivated by it to work harder towards achieving more in the research and development of green technology," said Prof Chuah, adding that the ministry had actually supported UTAR in many forms, including research grants amounting to RM1,988,000 for the project titled 'Pre-Commercialised Project on Grid-Connected Dense Array Concentrator Photovoltaic System' and RM1,258,400 for the project 'Development of a Cost Effective and Intelligent Active Management System for Micro-Grid with Renewable Energy'.

Dr Chong Kok Keong, the principal investigator of the research projects, briefed the delegates that the projects were based on cost-effective solar power plant using indigenous technology of non-imaging focusing heliostat and concentrator photovoltaic. Later, the delegates visited the site where the solar concentrator and sun-tracking system were installed. They were also informed that a similar but larger system of a newer design would be built at UTAR Perak Campus in Kampar.



Dr Chong presenting his solar power research to the visitors

UTAR promotes lifelong learning



"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young," said UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik (second from right), quoting the world's renowned industrialist Henry Ford before he launched the UTAR Lifelong Learning Festival held at Petaling Jaya Campus from 6 to 8 April 2012.

The three-day festival, organised by UTAR Centre of Extension Education (CEE), was part of the year-long UTAR 10th Anniversary celebration. It featured talks, demonstrations and works to promote lifelong learning to the students and the public. Malaysia Artists Association President Sum Kwai Fong (right) demonstrated his Chinese calligraphy and painting skills and presented the first art piece to UTAR to congratulate its 10th anniversary. Prof Chuah received the gift in the presence of CEE Director Lim Guat Yen (second from left) and CEE Assistant General Manager Sia Ka Nga (left).

UTAR, Korean Language House, Korean Tourism Organisation and Kyung Hee University came together and held the Korean Carnival at Petaling Jaya Campus on 3 March 2012, which attracted more than 500 visitors including UTAR Perak Campus students who came as early as 9.30am and students from other universities and colleges.

The carnival showcased talks on Korean culture, movies and K-pop, and stalls selling Korean language books, beauty products, movie DVDs, handicrafts and delicacies such as *kimbab* with *kimchi*, which were prepared at the stall (left). Korean students demonstrated the traditional game of *tuho* (right) to the visitors, who could also try on the traditional Korean costume, *hambok*.



Korean wave hits UTAR



Clash of the minds



Prize money totalling RM40,000 attracted over 450 contestants swarming to UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus on 14 April 2012 for the Mind Competitions, organised by UTAR, Malaysia Mental Literacy Movement and Tunku Abdul Rahman College. There were memory competition and mind-mapping competition.

The memory competition had four categories – random words, random numbers, dates and events, and random letters of the alphabet. Each category of the memory competition carried a first prize of RM5,000, second, RM2,000 and third, RM1,000 but the mind-mapping competition alone offered the same prizes.

The competitions attracted the young and old of different races and nationalities. The youngest was six-year-old Tan Ai Chen (left); the oldest were Khoo Liew Jong (second from right), 75, and Zaiton binti Omar, 62. There was a Nigerian student Rose Adeh (right).



Joyous 14th UTAR convocation

UTAR held its 14th convocation on 17 and 18 March 2012 at Wisma MCA, Kuala Lumpur, bringing the total number of UTAR alumni to 26,789. The convocation graduated 1,322 from 39 Bachelor's honours, eight Master's degree and one doctor of philosophy (PhD) programmes. It witnessed the university's first PhD in Science graduate and its first batch of Bachelor of International Business (Hons) graduates.

"I urge the graduating students to embrace lifelong learning to remain competitive. It is only through your individual continuous competitiveness that Malaysia sustains its competitiveness globally," said MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek, who was guest-of-honour of the first session of the convocation.

The other two guests-of-honour for the second and third sessions were UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee and UTAR Council Member and UTAR Education Foundation Board of Trustees Member Datuk Leong Tang Chong, respectively.

"We all can make a difference. We all can bring positive impact to the lives of the people around us, our family, our friends, our colleagues and even our bosses," said Hew, advising the students to make a difference to build a better future for not only ourselves but also for the future generations.

"As you achieve success in life, which I am certain you will if you continue to work hard, remember not to lose sight of your responsibility towards your family and community. The nation needs citizens who are socially responsible and caring to the society and country," said Datuk Leong, urging the students to work together towards creating a better Malaysia.

Graduand Chew Shernhui rendering a chinese song titled 爸爸妈妈 during the musical interlude



“It has been nothing but wonderful memories for me at UTAR and great to be immersed in the rich cultural diversity of this country. I have learned to speak Bahasa Malaysia *sikit-sikit*.”

Olla (picture: with her parents) intends to work in Malaysia after a short break back home in Sudan.

“Malaysia is a very peaceful country and I have no worries about sending my children here,” said her father Mohamed Ahmed.

Olla Mohamed Ahmad Abbas,
Sudan
Bachelor of Engineering
(Hons) Biomedical
Engineering



“Studying part time can be tiring. I had to work during weekdays and study on weekends, but I’m glad to have this platform where I can apply my work experience in my studies.”

Choo (picture), from Ipoh, came to Kuala Lumpur in 2001 to work as a computer technician in a small firm. Today, she works as a Software Engineer in a global firm.

“The knowledge and skills that I have gained at UTAR are the building blocks of my career. The University has equipped me well to become a problem solver at work,” she said and thanked her family, classmates, and lecturers for their support.

Choo Siew Ling
Bachelor of Computer Science (Hons)



“Being a UTAR graduate makes all the difference. UTAR graduates are not just being recognised, but also highly sought after in the industry. My course at UTAR has equipped me with knowledge in both the business aspect and cultural perspective. It has enabled me to understand and respond well to the cultural differences in a business environment which gives me an extra advantage, especially in a global firm.”

Lau (picture), a business development representative in Nestle, added that her active involvement in drama and public speaking societies while at UTAR provided her with the essential leadership and interpersonal skills and her experience in balancing her time for studies and extracurricular activities had helped her to cope in working life.

Lau Sher Min
Bachelor of International Business (Hons)



“During my postgraduate study, I have published my research findings in international peer reviewed journals and participated in local and international conferences. I believe the research skills and strong academic background that I have developed during my studies at UTAR has helped me to perform and deliver as a lecturer and researcher.”

“I would like to thank my supervisors, Dr Lim Yang Mooi and Dr Khoo Kong Soo for their time, patience, and guidance during the process of my project. I am also grateful to my parents for their endless support,” said, Yap (picture), a university lecturer, adding she would lead a research team to continue her work on the molecular mechanisms of natural dietary agents as potential cancer chemopreventive agents.

Yap Wei Hsum
Doctor of Philosophy (Science)



“My unique experience in UTAR has been its sense of togetherness. We have developed great tolerance for each other and it has helped us to work together effectively. UTAR has also created an environment where students are required to work independently making us resourceful and excellent problem solvers.”

Imran (picture), who intends to pursue postgraduate studies, added, “UTAR’s growth is nothing short of extraordinary.”

Syed Imran Hussain bin Syed Javaid Iqbal
Bachelor of Science (Hons) Physics



“I completed my foundation, BSc and MSc all in UTAR. I must say UTAR, where I spent most of my crucial years, has been a good platform that has prepared me well to face the competitive world. While at UTAR I was able to publish several papers in high-ranking journals. My supervisor had even presented some of them internationally.”

Shanti, currently pursuing her PhD, added, “I hope to see the name of my university appearing at world ranking one day, and I know it can.” (Picture: Shanti, left, receiving her scroll)

R Shanti A/P Rajantharan,
Master of Science





UTAR PR students raise RM102,000 and make record-breaking origami mosaic

Their ingenious way of fulfilling the requirements of their final-year projects enabled seven teams of UTAR Public Relations (PR) students to raise a total of RM102,000 for the campaign and attain a place in the Malaysia Book of Records when one team made the biggest origami mosaic in the country.

As part of their final-year projects, the seven teams of PR students carried out various events and community service activities throughout the months of February and March 2012. They called their activities collectively as 'UTAR PR Campaign', which was apt as the campaign promoted the good name of UTAR to the public. They also held a PR event to launch the campaign as a UTAR 10th Anniversary celebration activity at UTAR Perak Campus on 15 February 2012.

Present at the launching ceremony was Wong Chin Ho who represented the guest of honour, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Malaysia Dato' Lee Chee Leong and from UTAR were President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik; Faculty

of Arts and Social Science Dean Dr Sebastian K Francis; Course Lecturer Dr Cheah Phaik Kin; Public Relations Department Head Gan Pei Lee; Course Tutors Pong Kok Shiong, Yeow Jian Hui and Foo Yi Von; and Campaign Leader student Teoh Yik Kee. The teams were each represented by a colour and a mascot in that colour. The mascot 'Ten Ten' was a figure 10, the anniversary number, and the multicolour represented unity-in-diversity spirit.

At the end of the campaign, Team Yellow-5 and Team Green-7 raised most of the funds. There was also a closure PR event on 4 April 2012 at Perak Campus where Teoh ceremonially handed over RM11,000 donation raised by the teams to Prof Chuah, who received it on behalf of UTAR Education Foundation.

"While UTAR, a not-for-profit organisation, has been receiving contribution from various parties – from philanthropist tycoons to hawkers, and also our alumni, this is the first time that we receive contribution from our students," said Prof Chuah, adding that it is important for the students to repay the University and society, and the campaign showed that UTAR had succeeded in nurturing socially responsible students.

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Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik



Prof Chuah (standing fourth from left) receiving a mock cheque for RM11,000 from Teoh



At the launch (from left): Student Ooi Khim Hong, Dr Cheah, Gan, Wong, Prof Chuah, Dr Sebastian, Teoh and Student Wong Hoi Ken with other campaign committee members

Blue-1 : Malaysia's biggest origami mosaic

Team Blue-1 pulled together 633 UTAR students and secondary school students from Kampar and Malim Nawar on 26 February to piece together 82,960 paper-folded hearts into the biggest origami mosaic, themed 'Togetherness', that made its way into the Malaysia Book of Records. It took them seven hours to accomplish the historic 20-metre-by-20-metre feat on the futsal court of Grand Kampar Sports Complex in the presence of Perak Menteri Besar Special Advisor Dato' S Veerasingham, who later announced a RM5,000 donation from the state government. Building on their success, the team and sponsoring photographers took photographs from 5 to 9 March and completed on 13 March a 'Photo Montage of Thousand Utarians' in the shape of the acronym UTAR measuring 180 centimetres tall and 455 centimetres wide.



Malaysia's biggest origami mosaic



Grey-2 : Musical drama to raise funds

Team Grey-2 held an exhibition on 19 and 20 March at Perak Campus which attracted around 1,000 students while the musical drama held by the team on 24 March at Kampar Chinese Temple Hall attracted about 500 public members. The musical titled 'Zero-to-Hero Musical Drama' featured performances by UTAR students of various societies with special guest appearances by local Astro AEC artistes Min and Ah Yoke, and talented UTAR alumni.

Pink-3: 15,000 mud balls for a greener environment



At a mud-ball 'factory': Prof Chuah (second from right), assistant environmental health officer Khairiyah binti Abdul Halil (right), another visitor and Pink-3 members

The 33-member Team Pink-3 made 15,000 mud balls dosed with beneficial microbes for treating polluted water at Perak Campus on 14 March.

The team used the Effective Microorganisms Activated Solution technology from Japan in making the mud balls, which were donated to Kampar District Council.

Red-4: Film festival and sports fiesta



UTAR students at the film festival

The 33-member Team Red-4 held a film festival themed 'Share and Inspire' at Perak Campus on 11 March. The film festival showcasing UTAR campus life attracted an audience of about 200. Ronald Chan Jun Chuan emerged as the champion of the film festival with 'The Moments of Our University Life'. The team also held a fiesta of sports, games and food at the Grand Kampar Sports Complex on 25 March for them to interact with the Kampar people. Huaren Million Star winner Yann made a special guest appearance at the fiesta.

Yellow-5: RM40,000 for National Kidney Foundation

On 4 March Yellow Team-5 raised RM40,000 for National Kidney Foundation to buy a kidney dialysis machine and other equipment and RM2,000 for UTAR Education Foundation through a charity run cum fun carnival at the 400-metre tracks of Dataran Bandaraya Ipoh with a 10-hour performance by UTAR and secondary school students, and local artistes Zenny, Ray Ng and Azizi Zakariah. Guest-of-honour Perak State Executive Councillor Datuk Dr Mah Hang Soon donated RM10,000 on behalf of the state government.



Charity run in progress



Dr Sebastian (second from left) presenting the first prize. Looking on is Orange-6 Director Yong Jing Wei (left)

Orange-6: Treasure hunt and interactive school visits

Team Orange-6 held a carnival of treasure hunt, games and food at Perak Campus on 20 February. Thirty-six UTAR student teams participated in the treasure hunt where competing five-member teams were required to pass through seven stations within 45 minutes. The team visited Pei Yuan High School in Kampar on 20 March, and Shen Jai High School and Poi Lam High School in Ipoh on 22 March to interact with the high school students to inspire them to pursue tertiary education.



Villagers performing the sewang dance in UTAR Perak Campus

Green-7: Service and funds for Orang Asli community

Team Green-7, who tasked themselves to serve the Orang Asli community, went for a community service trip to Kampung Batu Berangkai on 11 February. The event, officiated by Home Affairs Deputy Minister Dato' Lee Chee Leong, featured a drama performance, sharing by UTAR alumni, exhibition, games and learning workshop for the children of this Orang Asli village.

To raise funds for the Orang Asli community, the team held the UTAR Aboriginal Carnival at Heritage Hall at Perak Campus on 29 March. The carnival featured dance performances including the Orang Asli's 'sewang' dance by the villagers and Chinese 'erhu' recitals by UTAR students. It raised approximately RM56,000 for the campaign and the funds were allocated for the Orang Asli community and UTAR Education Foundation. Contributions came from the Finance Ministry, Prime Minister's Department and Perak state government as support for the campaign.

To celebrate its 10th anniversary this year more meaningfully, UTAR came up with a We-Care-We-Act initiative which is coordinated by UTAR Department of Soft Skills Competency. Under the initiative, UTAR students would participate in voluntary community activities in rural areas which would be held throughout the year. Such We-Care-We-Act community activities were carried out in three villages in February 2012.



We care and we tutor village children English

Kampung Pahang:
English lesson in session



Kampung Pahang:
Outdoor activities in progress



Tapah Road:
Schoolchildren having group activities



On 18 and 19 February 2012, a group of 22 students from UTAR Perak Campus spent their weekend meaningfully with Chinese primary schoolchildren in Kampung Pahang on Saturday and Tapah Road New Village on Sunday, both in Perak.

The group's We-Care-We-Act activity was to teach the schoolchildren basic English language and IT skills using computer teaching aids. The student volunteers were well prepared for the sessions. They used laptop computers and LCD projectors as teaching aids and tailored the lessons to match the language proficiency level and learning ability of the schoolchildren. Led by their group leader, an English Education student, the group was divided into five subgroups each teaching one of the language components of speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar at the school. Besides written exercises, they also included games, songs, and video clips to make learning fun for the schoolchildren. There was also a personal coaching session where all student volunteers got together to guide the schoolchildren.

"The programme has been an interesting way for schoolchildren to acquire some basic English language and IT skills," said headmistress Soon Shann Hwa of SJK (C) Kampung Pahang.

"It is a good programme for students to boost their learning interest on the usage of IT and computer," said MCA Tapah Road district community service committee member Ho You Meng, after thanking the UTAR students for volunteering in the noble cause to help the village children.

We care and we teach villagers how to produce enzymes

The UTAR We-Care-We-Act initiative reached Pekan Getah New Village in the outskirts of Tapah on 25 February.

Led by staff from UTAR Department for Soft Skills Competency, 28 students from various faculties visited the village to promote the use of homemade organic enzymes for a greener environment to the locals including primary schoolteachers and children in the village community hall.

The students also shared with the villagers how to produce the enzymes from household wastes such as fruit and vegetable peels. The wastes were put in a large used water bottle with a bit of brown sugar, bacterial culture stock and sufficient water. Within days, the material would be fermented by the bacteria and produced enzymes which could be used as a floor detergent that would kill germs. Therefore producing homemade enzymes, the students explained, would reduce and reuse wastes and be environmental friendly. The students left some vegetative wastes, enzyme samples which would serve as the bacteria culture stock and water bottles for the villagers to try out producing enzymes on their own.

UTAR student: Let me show you how you produce enzymes.



UTAR students and staff posing with the locals by the community hall

UTAR duo shares German experience

Final-year UTAR Electronic Engineering students Goh Jia Haw (left, bottom) and Adam Liew Chen Fah (right, top) from the Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology were selected for a hard-to-come-by if not once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go on an industrial attachment in Germany from June to December 2011.

The industrial attachment programme enabled Goh and Liew to complete their final-year projects in Germany in OSRAM Opto Semiconductors and Infineon Technologies AG respectively under the supervision of Prof Rupert Schreiner from the University of Applied Sciences Regensburg, Germany, and partner university of UTAR. All their expenses were sponsored by the companies.

OSRAM Opto Semiconductors, one of the world's leading manufacturers of optoelectronic semiconductors for the lighting, sensor and visualisation sectors, which regularly launches new technologies and products that make a lasting difference to these sectors. Winning the 2007 German Future Prize was the latest highlight in the research history of OSRAM Opto Semiconductors, which stretches back almost thirty years. The company has long been one of the most innovative outfits in Germany.

Infineon Technologies group, headquartered in Germany, is a world leader in offering semiconductors and system solutions for automotive and industrial electronics, chip card and security applications. With employing UTAR graduates as one of the objectives, the group's Malaysian subsidiary Infineon Technologies (Kulim) Sdn Bhd signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for collaboration with UTAR at Perak Campus on 19 January 2011 (see UTAR Horizon February 2011 issue, page 2). Infineon Kulim was the group's first such facilities in Asia.

Other areas of collaboration under the MoU included facilitating exchanges and interactions of staff members between the two partners to pursue research and development, training, and to organise and participate in seminars, conferences and workshops, and in publications; and for UTAR under- and postgraduate students, study visits and industrial attachment at Infineon facilities for enhancing students' learning experience and research and development purpose. It was for fulfilling the industrial attachment collaboration objective between UTAR and Infineon that Liew was given the opportunity of the study trip to Germany.

"My final-year project required me to work on optimising the thermal resistance of PCB for mounting high-power LEDs," said Goh, whose final-year project titled 'Thermal Characterisation of High-Power LED (light-emitting diode)'. At the OSRAM facilities in Germany, Goh studied the different factors that affected the thermal resistance of PCB (printed circuit board) such as the size of heat spreader and thermal conductivity of a dielectric material. He found a solution to optimise thermal resistance of PCB and completed his project successfully.

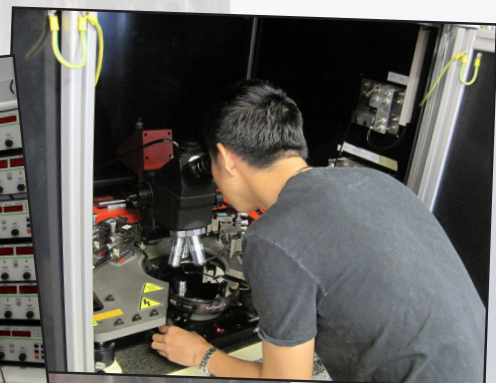
"For decades, silicon oxide has been the dielectric material. As the size of circuit board is scaling down, silicon oxide is found no longer suitable. Therefore, research for a new material to replace the current material is required," said Liew. His final-year project was on 'The Characterisation of High-K Material', which studied the possibility of replacing silicon oxide with zirconium oxide as dielectric material. His research findings in Infineon facilities in Germany showed that zirconium oxide had better dielectric properties than silicon oxide, but further thorough research would be necessary before it could be used to replace silicon oxide commercially.

"If you want something badly enough and work really hard for it, you will eventually get it in the end," said Liew, adding that he also learned about German workplace professionalism and to be a good team player through the programme.

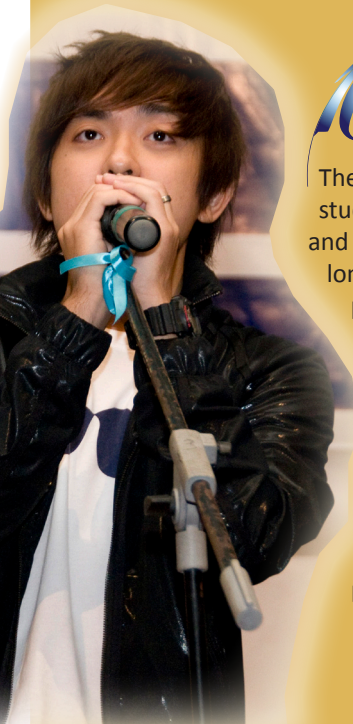
The two students thanked UTAR for providing them excellent theoretical teaching on campus and the essential hands-on fundamental research experience in the industry, especially in overseas. While they admitted that, when in Germany, the weather, cultural differences and communication had been their challenges, they found their experience truly remarkable and worthwhile.



Goh evaluating thermal measurement data



Liew with the microscope he uses



UTAR Ball 2012 – a night of glitz and glamour

The night of 3 March 2012 was a night of glitz and glamour when UTAR students turned out dressed to the nines with their best dashing suits and elegant gowns for the UTAR Ball 2012, which was part of the year-long UTAR 10th Anniversary celebration. It was also a night of music, performances, dance and, of course, lucky draws. The ball kicked off with recital of fusion pieces by the East and West Orchestra which was followed by vocal performances by Yen Peng and Bonjie, and contemporary upbeat dances among other performances. Appearing as special guest performer was former Astro Star Quest top-10 contestant Julio (left) who blew the audience away with his stunning voice. The beautiful people danced the night away after the announcement of the Prom King Foong Lik Jing and Prom Queen Saffron Koo.



A bonanza of cultures

As part of the year-long UTAR 10th Anniversary celebration, UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science in collaboration with the Japan Foundation of Kuala Lumpur (JFKL) held an event themed 'Language and Culture Bonanza' showcasing diverse cultures on 20 and 21 March 2012.

Featured in the event were the *diabolo* game originated from China, costume jewellery and *henna* palm and fingers dying from India, origami, *furoshiki* (eco-friendly wrapping cloth), *yukata* (summer kimono), *cosplay* (costume play), movie and food from Japan, tarot card from Europe and the contemporary temporary tattoos. The event saw many participants trying their hands at origami (left, bottom), trying on yukata (left, top) and showing off their cosplay costumes (bottom).

"The event is a meaningful way for students to learn about foreign languages and cultures," said JFKL Japanese Language Department head Isogaya Hiroyuki, adding that the event could give the students a sense of ethnic and cultural harmony. Shin Myoung Jee, an exchange student from Inje University, Korea concurred and she said, "I have not only learnt about different languages and cultures but also gained a sense of harmony and togetherness within me."



10th UTAR anniversary 2002 - 2012 UTAR fest attracts crowds

UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik officially launched the UTAR 10th Anniversary Fest by releasing balloons (picture) at Perak Campus on 18 February 2012. He applauded UTAR staff and students for their efforts and teamwork in organising and coordinating such a mega event.

The fest drew numerous local folks to participate in the various activities. Among them was a charity food fair, where UTAR students, staff and sponsoring private organisations set up 30 stalls selling food, drinks, games and merchandise. Various mouth-watering local delicacies that sold like hot cakes were the famous Kampar curry-chicken-in-bread, salt-baked chicken and the popular *luk-luk* (skewered steamboat food). Besides exhibitions, demonstrations, a campus tour, and various competitions were also held for participants from pre-school children to university students.



Pageant cum Indian prom night

It has been an annual affair for UTAR Indian Cultural and Language Society and 1Malaysia Society to jointly organise the UTAR Pageant and Indian Prom Night at Perak Campus. This year the event was held on 24 February and it attracted about 300 students and guests.

The night, which was filled with performances of songs, dances, the Indian bhangra beats and other music, had a grandeur start when beauty queens Miss UTAR Saree Queen 2011, Perak Saree Queen and Miss Malaysia Eco-Tourism paraded one-by-one. Then, the night reached its climax, when the pageant contestants in colourful trendy outfits and traditional costumes cat-walked gracefully and posed elegantly on stage. Before the night was over, first-year Psychology student Anusha Segal (second from right) was crowned Miss UTAR 2012. The first runner-up was final-year Chemistry student Beljit Kaur (centre), who was also Miss Facebook and Miss Charity. Final-year Public Relations student Thirosha Nair (left) was the second runner-up.

10th UTAR anniversary 2002 - 2012 FES has its FESTival

Every year, UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Science (FES) at Kuala Lumpur Campus has its festival. This year's festival is themed 'UTAR FESTival 2012: Tiki Hawaii'. Tiki, shown in the festival banner (bottom left), refers to the large Polynesian wood or stone carvings of human figure. FES students wanted a Hawaiian mood to the festival, which attracted more than 500 partygoers. Highlights of the festivals were the performances of invited artistes Malaysia Idol 2 winner Daniel Lee (right), One in a Million winner Suki Low (bottom, centre) and Gatsby Styling dance champion Jackson Chua (bottom, right).





Our foreign students say...



"We heard from our seniors that UTAR is a good university and they recommended us to join the internship in UTAR; so, here we are at UTAR now," said Houssam Bounailat (left), who is from Telecom Lille 1, a leading Engineering school in France and who is on a three-month student exchange programme at Perak Campus until 12 May 2012.

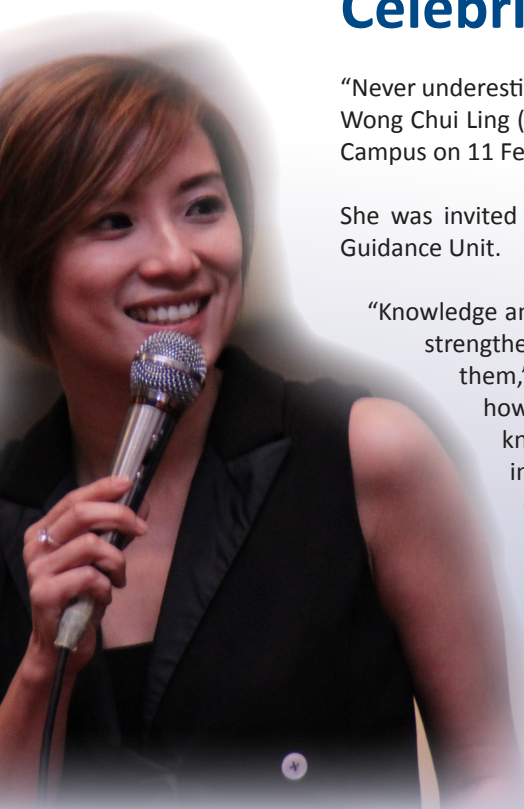
"The campus is big and amazing; the lecturers and staff here are good and nice," said Lahlou Kenza (right), Bounailat's course-mate, adding that the hot weather and food here were the main challenges for her when she first came to UTAR but she gradually got used to them.

"I learned about Inje offering student exchange programme which allows students to learn English, therefore, I applied for it," said An Jae Sung (top, left), an exchange student from Inje University, Korea, adding that he hoped to get some experience through his study here to widen his exposure and better understand the Malaysian culture.

"English teaching in Korea emphasises on only grammar and students are weak in speaking and listening. The English programme here will help me improve on these two areas," said another Inje exchange student Kang Hyun Kyon (top, right). Other exchange students from Inje University were (from top, left) Shin Myoung Jee, Gwon Deuk Yong, and Kim Eun Hye.



Celebrity talks on dream



"Never underestimate yourself and your dream," said famous Hong Kong-born TV and radio host Angel Wong Chui Ling (picture), sharing her career experience in the entertainment industry at UTAR Perak Campus on 11 February 2012.

She was invited to talk on 'Turning Your Dream into Reality' organised by UTAR Counselling and Guidance Unit.

"Knowledge and experience are essential key elements to realise your dreams. You should always strengthen your capabilities through observing others who are successful and learning from them," Wong added. She advised the audience to be always well prepared no matter how many obstacles they faced so that they would be ready when an opportunity came knocking. Despite her venture into Malaysian entertainment industry was unpromising in the beginning, she did not give up but stayed on until her efforts eventually paid off.

"Whoever you are, you can always have your dream but you have to work hard to achieve it and take responsibility of your life and career," advised Wong.

马来西亚闽南籍华人民间宗教信仰考察

中华研究院于3月14日主办了一场名为《马来西亚闽南籍华人民间宗教信仰考察》讲座，为该院“闽南文化研究计划”的第一场讲座会。

主讲人是石沧金教授。石教授来自中国甘肃，2003年7月获得暨南大学博士学位。目前在暨南大学华侨华人研究院工作，亦是马来亚大学访问学者。他重点研究华人社团及华人文化，主要学术著作《马来西亚华人社团研究》。

石教授从“闽南人的民间信仰”，“闽南人与民间教派”和“闽南民间神祇的扩散”这三方面来分析马来西亚闽南籍华人民间宗教信仰。首先分析马来西亚闽南籍华人的民间信仰状况，简要介绍保生大帝、法主公、广泽尊王、清水祖师、开漳圣王、王爷等闽南籍华人信仰的主要神祇及相关寺庙；其次，以真空教、三一教、德教等几个民间教派为例，分析闽南籍华人与民间教派的复杂关系；最后，以法主公等为例，分析闽南民间信仰的扩散现象，以及对其他方言群的影响。

石教授也在会上分享其在马来西亚考察时深入民间所拍摄的庙宇和神像的照片，让听众对此有着更深入，更形象的了解。此外，在场的听众们也分享了他们在做民间宗教研究考察时所经历的“奇遇”，以及述说亲友们对民间宗教的所见所感所闻，令现场顿时蒙上了一片“神秘”的色彩。



中华研究院院长何启良教授（左）赠送4本该院出版刊物予石沧金教授（右）。

背景：

在2011年获得丹斯里杨忠礼赞助30万令吉下，拉曼大学中华研究中心开启了一项与厦门大学、金门大学及成功大学合作的闽南文化研究计划，今年更成立了“闽南文化研究组”，推广闽南文化研究。

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烟花三月-中华研究院师生书画联展



何教授观赏画作

为了庆祝拉曼大学成立十周年纪念，拉曼大学中华研究院与拉曼大学书法学会特别联办了一个师生中国书画联展，题名为《烟花三月-中华研究院师生书画联展》，由3月21日至28日于拉曼大学金宝校区图书馆展出。

这项书画联展于3月21日举行了一场别开生面的开幕礼，由拉曼大学中华研究院院长何启良教授及拉曼大学中文系教授林水榭教授拉开帷幕。

此书画联展是拉曼大学中文系创办十年，同时也是中华研究院自2009年10月成立以来首次举办的大型师生书画展。书画展一共展出大约五十幅书画作品。

通过此难得的活动，中华研究院师生与书法社社员有机会展现他们的书画艺术，发扬中华文化。此外，展览会亦提供机会让参展者，以及参观者一个观摩交流中国绘画与书法技艺的平台。

不孕不育，怎么办？

现今社会，随着环境污染问题日愈严重，人们生活不规律以及压力大，甚至性传播疾病等的相关因素，导致世界人口减少，社会人口老化问题日渐严重。这种社会现象已成了世界人口的“发展”趋势了。

继续教育中心就此“不孕不育”问题，开办了“不孕不育，怎么办？”讲座会，与民众一起探讨东西方医学对于不孕不育的认知及中医的治疗思路。主讲人是拉曼大学医学与保健科学学院中医系讲师一郭素璇医师。郭医师毕业于中国山东中医药大学中医学专业，具有中医临床相关工作经验；此外，还考获了中国上海复旦大学硕士学位妇产科学专业，具有妇产科临床相关的工作经验。

这场讲座共分两个环节进行。第一个环节主要剖析不孕不育的病因，症状，从中医角度出发，提出治疗的药膳方。第二个环节主要围绕在“辅助生育技术及护理”方面，讲解人工受精，试管婴儿，冷冻储存胚胎之现今生殖技术。

当晚，除了吸引女听众之外，还吸引了许多男士前来聆听。台上台下互动良好，听众们也都积极发问。这场讲座会使民众对中医治疗不孕不育有了更深一层的认识。



Malam warna warni

Persatuan Hindu UTAR telah menganjurkan Malam Muzikal dan Kebudayaan 2012 pada 24 Mac 2012 di Kampus Sungai Long. Ini bertujuan memberi pendedahan tentang budaya, sejarah dan tradisi masyarakat India serta memberi peluang kepada siswa siswi untuk menonjolkan bakat mereka.

Malam penuh warna warni itu dimulakan dengan persembahan yoga atau juga dikenali *yoga asana*. Kumpulan yoga telah mempersembahkan dua jenis yoga iaitu *Surya Namaskaram* dan *Chanthira Namaskaram*. Setiap postur Yoga yang berasal dari India Purba ini dikatakan memberi kebaikan kepada fizikal, mental dan rohani pengamalinya.

Malam tersebut turut menyaksikan drama berkisarkan epik Hinduisme. Epik ini secara tradisionalnya dibahagikan kepada *kandas* atau beberapa buku utama

secara kronologi dengan peristiwa-peristiwa besar dalam kehidupan Rama. Antaranya dalam buku kelima, *Yuddha Kanda* mengisahkan peperangan antara Rama dan tentera Ravana.

Selain daripada persembahan Yoga dan drama, para hadirin juga dihiburkan dengan beberapa tarian etnik India antaranya tarian klasikal India yang berasal dari Tamil Nadu Selatan India. Manakala bagi acara penutupan pula hadirin dipersembahkan dengan tarian *Mangalam*. Tarian yang memberi penghormatan kepada alam semesta.

Malam tersebut berakhir dengan sedikit jamuan ringan. Para hadirin dijamu dengan makanan tradisi masyarakat India seperti *ediyappam*, *vadai*, *tosai*, *samosa* dan jus.



Karnival Super Blast meriah

Bagi memeriahkan lagi sambutan ulang tahun ke-10 UTAR, 10 kelab dan persatuan telah bergabung tenaga menganjurkan Karnival Super Blast pada 29 Mac 2012 di Kampus Petaling Jaya UTAR.

Di samping menarik minat para pelajar terhadap kelab dan persatuan, karnival ini juga bertujuan mewujudkan persekitaran kampus yang menarik dan menyeronokkan. Antara kelab dan persatuan yang terlibat adalah seperti Kelab Sukan, Kelab *Wushu*, Kelab *Taekwondo*, Kelab Rekabentuk Permainan, Kelab Fotografi, Kelab Badan Permainan, Kelab Drama dan Pengucapan Awam, Kelab Tarian, Travelers Den dan Persatuan Pertolongan Cemas.

Pengerusi, Eric Ching berkata karnival ini telah dirancang sejak Januari 2012 melibatkan seramai 15 ahli jawatankuasa dan beliau berasa begitu gembira dengan sambutan yang menggalakkan daripada para pelajar.

Karnival ini berakhir dengan konsert mini yang turut diadakan bersempena dengan Kempen *Earth Hour* yang memberi peluang kepada para pelajar untuk mempamerkan bakat mereka. Antara yang mengambil bahagian adalah ahli-ahli kelab *Wushu* dan finalis U-STAR.

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