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## Rankings by Times Higher Education 2018

UTAR is now ranked #99 in the *Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2018*, up from #111-120 in the 2017 Rankings. Subsequently, on 7 February 2018, the *Times Higher Education (THE)* ranked UTAR #501-600 in its *Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2018 top 1000 list*. UTAR is also top 500 in both the broad subject areas of Engineering and Technology, and Social Sciences and Management by the QS World University Rankings 2018.

UTAR's placing in the rankings reflected the immense efforts and strategies put in place by the University since its inception in 2002.

The *Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2018* and *The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018* are based on 13 separate performance indicators in the areas of teaching, research, paper citation, knowledge transfer, industry income and international outlook.



Group photo after the launch

With the support from Silverlake, UTAR launched the Key Generation of UTAR integrated Cumulative Grade Point Average (iCGPA) and Blockchain Certification System. It was held at Sungai Long Campus on 9 February 2018.

Present at the launching ceremony were Deputy Minister of Higher Education Datuk Dr Mary Yap Kain Ching; Silverlake Founder and Group Chairman Goh Peng Ooi; UTAR Council member Datuk (Dr) Oh Chong Peng; UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik; UTAR Vice President Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei; Silverlake Symmetry and Technology Research Sdn Bhd Managing Director Chee Hin Kooi; UTAR Registrar Yim Lin Heng; and Department of Examination, Awards and Scholarships Director Nik Zaitun binti Nik Salleh.

In view of the Industrial Revolution 4.0, UTAR aims to be a smart university that has implemented the Blockchain technology. Being the first university in Asia to launch this certification system, UTAR graduates are issued with an actual and a digital certificate which is secured.

Datuk Yap urged everyone to continue to design and deliver interventions that will strengthen Science, Technology, Engineering

## UTAR iCGPA and Blockchain Certification System

and Mathematics skills, employability skills and global citizenship skills.

Prof Chuah believes this technology will enable students to have a clearer overview of their personal strengths and weaknesses and prospective employers can identify future employees based on skills and other holistic measurements.

According to Goh, Blockchain is like an impenetrable container that cannot be manipulated or altered. It has enabled them to make a repeated profit by solving problems in an efficient, meaningful and purposive way.

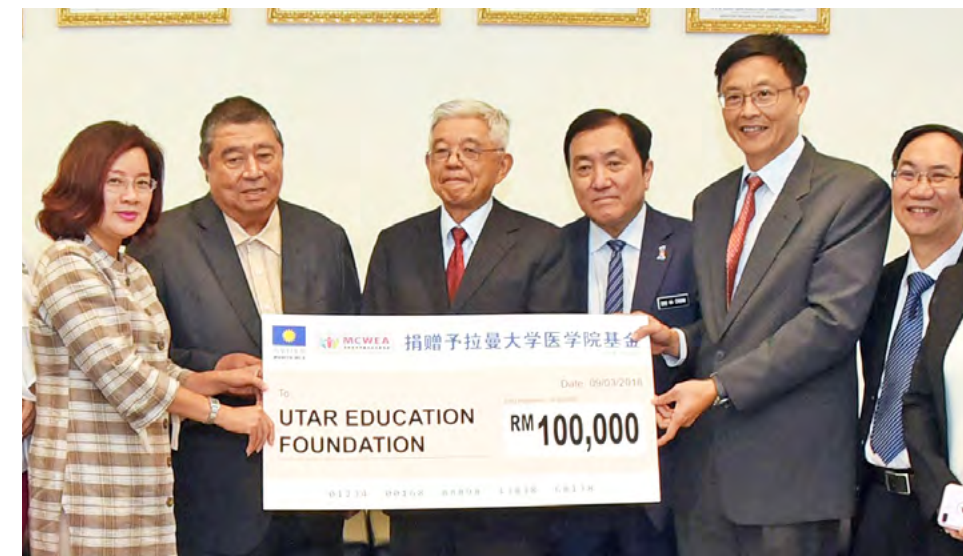
## UTAR Hospital receives RM100,000

Wanita MCA and the Malaysian Chinese Women Entrepreneurs' Association made a donation of RM100,000 on 9 April 2018 for the development of UTAR Hospital. This donation was made at UTAR Kampar Campus during the 26th UTAR Convocation.

The mock cheque was presented to UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee by Wanita MCA Chief Datuk Heng Seai Kie. It was witnessed by UTAR Chancellor Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, UTAR Council Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh and UTAR Council Member Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan. Also present at the ceremony was Datin Paduka Tan Siok Choo who was the Guest of Honour for the convocation.

Datuk Heng said, "We hope this hospital will bring many benefit to the people in Kampar. We hope this small donation will inspire more people to contribute towards the establishment of the hospital."

Prof Chuah said, "The hospital is expected to be operational by the end of 2021. It will be a unique hospital offering medical services in both Western Medicine and Traditional and



Datuk Heng (far left) handing a mock cheque to Hew; while (from left) Tun Ling, Tan Sri Ting, Dato' Seri Ong and Prof Chuah look on

Complementary Medicine including Chinese and Ayurvedic medicine."

With a total of 250 beds for conventional medicine and another 100 beds for Traditional Chinese Medicine and Ayurvedic Medicine, the hospital will also provide clinical training for UTAR's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, and TCM students.



From left: Qiu Guofeng, Qiu Xiaohong, Tan Sri Hew and Prof Ewe

## Visit and MoU signing

UTAR Planning and Development Committee Advisor Tan Sri Hew See Tong along with UTAR Vice President Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat and Institute of Chinese Studies Dean Assoc Prof Dr Chong Siou Wei visited Meizhou, Guangdong, China from 25 to 29 March 2018.

On 26 March 2018, UTAR signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Jiaying University (JYU), located in Meizhou. Topics discussed included mutual collaborations on academic staff and student exchange, research activities, credits recognition, research and inheritance of Hakka culture and postgraduate studies. Also present at the MoU signing ceremony were JYU Secretary Qiu Xiaohong, Chancellor Qiu Guofeng, and Vice Chancellors Xue Fangcun, Luo Jiawen, Yuan Duo and Zhang Lixia.

The UTAR delegates were accompanied by Chairman of Meizhou Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese Tang Zhiping, Vice Chairman Zhang Yinghong, and Secretary General and Office Director Cai Yuwen during the visit in Meizhou, China.

UTAR and Tianjin University (TJU) renewed their memorandum of understanding (MoU) at Sungai Long Campus on 28 March 2018.

Present on behalf of TJU were Dean for School of International Education Prof Chen ZhiHua, Assistant Dean for School of Civil Engineering Prof QiuHong Zhao and lecturer for School of Science Dr Shanshan Cheng.

UTAR was represented by its Vice President Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei, Division of Community and International Networking Deputy Director Assoc Prof Dr Lai Soon Onn, Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science's Student Development and Industrial Training Deputy Dean Dr Lim Jee Hock, Centre for Extension Education Assistant Manager Mohanaselvi Panicker.

The renewal of this MoU will facilitate the exchange of scholarship plans, faculty and student exchange programme, cultural and artistic activities and collaborations on joint academic research and seminars.

## UTAR and TJU renew ties



Prof Lee (fourth from right) and Prof Chen (third from right)



## MoU with CMU

UTAR and China Medical University (CMU) officially inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 20 March 2018 at Sungai Long Campus.

The MoU was signed in the presence of the Minister in The Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Ir Dr Wee Ka

Siong. Signing on behalf of UTAR was its President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik witnessed by Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Dean Emeritus Prof Dr Cheong Soon Keng, while CMU was represented by its Vice President Prof K. S. Clifford Chao witnessed by Office of Global Affairs Dean Prof Liang-Yo Yang. Also present at the event were College of Chinese Medicine Dean Dr Hen-Hong Chang, Graduate Institute of Acupuncture

Science Assoc Prof Yi-Hung Chen, Recruitment Consultant Prof Dr Teoh Boon Khai, students and staff.

Datuk Seri Wee hoped that the signing of the MoU will further strengthen the partnership and academic exchange between the two universities so that students can enhance their knowledge as well as broaden their worldview.

Prof Chuah said, "International collaboration is very important for students to

have exposure not only in the Southeast Asia and Malaysia but also in other parts of the world. This MoU is vital to facilitate academic development and exchanges between the two universities."

Prof Chao said, "CMU has 60 years of history with a total of 14 hospitals and about five thousand beds. We can also work together in the aspect of hospital establishment besides collaborating in Traditional Chinese Medicine."



From left: Prof Cheong, Prof Chuah, Datuk Seri Wee, Prof Chao and Prof Yang

## MoU with BQSM

UTAR and the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia (BQSM) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at Sri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur on 28 February 2018.

Signing on behalf of the parties were Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science Dean Prof Ir Dr Goi Bok Min and BQSM President Dato' Sr Aziz Abdullah. The signing was witnessed by Head of Surveying Department Assoc Prof Dr Chia Fah Choy and BQSM Registrar Sr Roziyah binti Ismail.

Present at the signing ceremony were BQSM Secretary Sr Jamisah binti Ibrahim, Board of Engineers Malaysia Representative Ir Ishak bin Abdul Rahman, board members of BQSM and the recipients of Best Dissertation Award and BQSM Professional Certificate.

The MoU aimed to assist final year Quantity Surveying students to be registered in BQSM as early as their graduation date. The assist will consist of registration procedures, required documents and requirements for renewing the registration for the first year.

Previously, only public universities, namely Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Universiti Malaya and Universiti Sains Malaysia have signed such MoU with BQSM. UTAR follows as one of the first private universities to sign this



From left: Dato' Aziz and Prof Goi at the signing ceremony

MoU with BQSM.

Dato' Aziz shared the total number of registered quantity surveyors in Malaysia, which is 3,721 altogether and urged more to come forward to register. Prof Goi explained that this MoU will assist graduating Quantity Surveying students for their pre-registration

before BQSM comes to verify and register the students.

The event also saw an award presentation ceremony for the Best Dissertation Award and BQSM Professional Certificates.

## TCM Fiesta

The Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Society of Sungai Long Campus organised the TCM Fiesta from 14 to 16 March 2018 at its Campus. The event aimed to empower the general public and students' healthcare choices by promoting awareness and practical application of TCM diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, besides providing them with an educational platform.

Themed "The Roving Practitioner (悬壶济世)", the event offered a wide range of educational activities, including mini-games with TCM elements, academic exhibition, CPR demonstration, probiotic talk, health test and medical consultations such as acupuncture, Tui-Na and internal medicine of TCM. The ceremony also saw a series of performances by the students such as live band, singing, and Qigong performance.

Present at the opening ceremony were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Centre for



From left: Ng, Prof Ngeow, Prof Chuah, Dr Chai and Dr Te

Research on Communicable Diseases Chairperson Prof Dr Ngeow Yun Fong, Centre for Research in Traditional Chinese Medicine Chairperson-cum-Department of Chinese Medicine Head Dr Te Kian Keong, Traditional and Complementary Division of the Ministry of Health's (MoH) Policy and Development Section Principle

Assistant Director Dr Chai Koh Meow, lecturers, students and staff.

Prof Chuah explained that TCM is a compilation of rich experiences and knowledge accumulated over thousands of years. He hopes to promote TCM to other Malaysian communities and ASEAN countries besides the Chinese community. It is

Prof Ngeow's aspiration to see TCM play a more proactive role in building a healthy community. Organising Chairperson Ng Yi-An hopes that people will gain more understanding on the characteristics and the ingenious treatment of Chinese medicine through this event.



From left: Dr Lim, Lim, Dr Lai, Justin Tobias, Zhou, Prof Tsutomu, Prof Chuah, Prof Ewe, Prof Cheng, Dr Tee, Dr Hen and Dr Loo

UTAR and Hokuriku University officially signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at Sungai Long Campus on 26 January 2018. Signing on behalf of the parties were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and Hokuriku University President-cum-Board of Trustees Chairman Prof Ogura Tsutomu.

Also present at the ceremony were Hokuriku University Executive Managing Director Zhou Hang, International Exchange Centre Deputy Manager Justin Tobias, UTAR Vice President Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat, Institute of Management and Leadership Development Director-cum-Division of Community and International Networking

## MoU with Hokuriku University

Director Prof Dr Cheng Ming Yu, Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science's Student Development and Industrial Training Deputy Dean Assoc Prof Dr Lai Soon Onn, Department of Laboratory Management and Safety Administration Head Dr Lim Jee Hock, Institute of Chinese Studies' R&D and Postgraduate Programmes Deputy Dean Assoc Prof Dr Tee Boon Chuan, Faculty of Accountancy and Management's Academic Development and Undergraduate Programmes Deputy Dean Dr Hen Kai Wah, Faculty of Creative Industries' R&D and Postgraduate Programmes Deputy Dean Dr

Loo Hong Chuang, and Centre for Extension Education Director Lim Guat Yen.

Prof Chuah expressed his wishes to foster and deepen both sides' collaboration through an agreement in various areas such as student and teacher exchange, implementation of joint research and research conferences. Prof Tsutomu expressed his pleasure in forging a strong and comprehensive partnership with UTAR. He pointed out the possibilities of collaborations between the two universities and look forward to the programme that could benefit both sides' students.



Pursuant to the “Belt and Road” China-Malaysia Economic and Trade Exchange Day, a discussion meeting, called “Belt and Road” China-Malaysia Culture, Education and Study Tour Programme and a cultural performance titled “The Secret Recipe (祖传秘方)” were held in Kampar Campus on 2 March 2018.

Matters regarding cooperative education, partner universities, study tour, cultural exchange, traditional herbs and Traditional Chinese Medicine were discussed during the meeting.

Present at the meeting were C-Corporation Chairman Regina Deng Qidan, Culture Department of Liaoning Province Deputy Director Niu Zhonglin, Liaoning People's Art Theatre Dean Tong Chunguang, Liaoning People's Art Theatre of Affiliated Art School Principal Hou Guodong, Kunwu Jiuding Investment Holdings Co Ltd Chief Executive Officer Ma Hong and members of Liaoning People's Art Theatre.

The visitors were welcomed by Dato' Albert Chang Chun Cheun representing

## China-Malaysia Economic and Trade Exchange Day



Delegates of the Trade Exchange Day



"The Secret Recipe" troupe of performers from Liaoning at Tun Ling Hall

Perak State Executive Council Member Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon, UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, UTAR Planning and Development Committee Advisor

Tan Sri Hew See Tong, UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee, UTAR Vice President Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, Institute of Chinese Studies Head of Chinese Studies Department Toh

Teong Chuan, New Kopisan New Village Chief Chen Kong Hoy and Officer of Kampar's New Village Development Tai Mun Hong.

## Sustainable Development Programme

Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM) Dean Dr Sia Bee Chuan and Head of MBA/MBA in Corporate Governance Programme Dr Pok Wei Fong, in collaboration with Tunghai University, were awarded grants by the Taiwan ROC Ministry of Education to develop MOOC courses on Sustainable Development.

This programme consists of three courses. It is jointly offered by Tunghai University (Engineering College and International College) and UTAR's FAM. The students will be exposed to complex issues of development and the impact of development on social, economic and environment in the hopes to see a better, liveable planet for the future generations.

The courses aim to develop a holistic understanding of sustainable development from the perspectives of social, economic and environmental and to build capacity to engage in decision making based on sustainable development values and beliefs, and justify it by scientific evidence, technology know-how, and economic theory.

The course will also introduce the basic concepts of system thinking and their applications to environmental management. The students will also be taught on the different system approaches such as Life Cycle Analysis, Material



Flow Analysis, Clean Production and Ecological Industry. The first series on “Introduction on Sustainability Science” started on 27 February 2018. The second series on “Sustainable Environment” commenced on 10 April 2018 and the last series on “Sustainable Development and Business” will be available from 22 May 2018.

The Faculty of Accountancy and Management and the Centre for Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility in Business organised Risks and Operations Management Seminar on 5 February 2018 at Sungai Long Campus.

The seminar aimed to highlight how youth and young working adults can plan their finances to optimise their retirement savings and discuss various sustainable issues on risks and operations management in the business environment.

The invited keynote speaker was Private Pension Administrator (PPA) Malaysia Chief Executive Officer Husaini Hussin. During his talk, he addressed some issues regarding the challenges of saving for retirement, the shocking reality of millennia's spending habits and several concerns about retirement to the audience.

He mentioned, under TN50 Private Retirement Scheme (PRS) Youth Incentive, those who are between the age of 20 and 30 will be given RM1,000 incentive by the Government with a minimum contribution

of RM1,000 in any PRS fund. The incentive is only available until 31 December 2018. He also gave a clear explanation on the overview, structure and value propositions of PRS, and provided a brief introduction to the types and features of PRS funds offered by the PRS providers, ranging from growth, moderate and conservative.

The event also assembled six PRS providers registered with PPA under one roof to raise the awareness and understanding of retirement planning. The participated companies included Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad, CIMB-Principal

Asset Management Berhad, Public Mutual Berhad, Kenanga Investors Berhad, AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn Bhd and AmFunds Management Berhad. A total contribution of RM8,000 was given out to the participants by the companies through PRS for youth@Campus treats draw, where the lucky participants received complimentary PRS units to open or top up their PRS account.

## Risks and Operations Management Seminar



Husaini (first row, centre) with the participants

The Master of Engineering (MEng) in Electronic Systems Programme was launched on 29 January 2018 at the Sungai Long Campus. The programme is the brainchild of USAINS Holding Sdn Bhd and American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), in collaboration with UTAR and it is supported by Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF). With this, eligible working engineers will receive full sponsorship from the HRDF (INBASE Postgrad MSc Programme) to pursue MEng in Electronic Systems in UTAR.

The initiative aimed to provide educational opportunities for working engineers who wish to elevate their skills and expand their width of knowledge to become more qualified professionals and move up to the Electronics and Electrical value chain.

Present at the launch were UTAR Vice President Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei, Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research Deputy Director Assoc Prof Dr A.G Ezra Morris, Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) Dean Prof Ir Dr Goi Bok Min, LKC FES Student Development and Industrial Training Deputy Dean Assoc Prof Dr Lai Soon Onn, LKC FES Deputy Dean for R&D and Postgraduate Programmes Assoc Prof Dr Yong Thian Khok, LKC FES Head of Master of Electronic Engineering (Electronic Systems) Programme Dr Shee Yu Gang, LKC FES Head of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department Assoc Prof Dr Chang Yoong Choon, USAINS Holding Sdn Bhd Group Senior Manager, Human Capital Development Calvin Chan Yee Yuen, USAINS Group Senior Officer, Human Capital Development Lim Wei Sin, students and staff.

Prof Lee expressed his gratitude to AMCHAM, HRDF and USAINS Holdings for its effort and close collaboration that made

## MEng in Electronic Systems Programme launched



Front row, from left: Lee, Prof Goi, Chan, Prof Lee and Dr Chang at the launching ceremony

UTAR Master of Engineering in Electronic Systems possible. Chan hopes the students will put their best effort into this programme and pass it with flying colours to secure a better career in the future.



## Kampar Science Fiesta



From left: Lee Siew, Prof Chuah, Tiong Kiat and Phang cutting the ribbon to signify the start of KSF 2018

an opportunity for CFS Foundation in Science students to present their research ideas and analysis via poster presentations. Also enriching KSF 2018 was a series of talks by industry experts and academics aimed to deepen the audience's knowledge in renewable energy, information technology, petrochemical engineering and science. KSF 2018 was mainly sponsored by Mattan Group.

## Visit by Busan Women's College

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Department of Nursing organised an educational visit for the Busan Women's College (Korea) in Nursing to UTAR from 8 to 11 January 2018.

The programme aimed to explore and experience nursing educational programme at UTAR. The visit enabled the students to learn a new culture, experience a different learning environment and make new friends. It also aided in enhancing personal and social competency as well as refining self-awareness with intercultural understanding.

UTAR also embarked on a collaborative journey with the Busan Women's College (Korea) by signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU). Both parties



UTAR staff and the nursing students

hoped that the MoU can promote future collaboration in the context of nursing practice which includes the aspects of research and development activities, sharing of ideas and facilities, enhancing research and curriculum development, providing industrial attachments for students and staff as well as holding seminars, conferences and workshops that are relevant to the industry.

There were many educational

activities lined up to assist the students in learning the social and cultural differences, also the education systems while developing an international point of view. The students were introduced to the UTAR Bachelor of Nursing curriculum, nursing clinical practice using simulated patients and reflective nursing practice. They also went on a tour to Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Tung Shin Hospital and Sunway Medical Centre.

One of the highlights of the programme was the cultural activities which provided the students with a platform to interact with each other and learn about other cultures and customs. The students performed some dance routines, sang national songs, presented a cultural fashion show and conducted role-play on dealing with patients from multicultural backgrounds.

## CFS celebrates language diversity

UTAR Kampus' Centre for Foundation Studies (CFS) organised a Language Week themed 'Celebrating Language Diversity' from 26 February to 2 March 2018.

The event was graced and launched by UTAR Vice President Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong. The event aimed to promote the importance of linguistic diversity and multilingualism among UTAR students.

Present at the opening ceremony were CFS Director Tan Lee Siew, Organising Chairperson A. Pakialetchumy, Event Coordinator G. Gangadurai, Faculty of Arts and Social Science Department of Languages and Linguistics Head Siti Ummaizah binti Meor Musa, CFS Deputy Director Lim Khiew Loon, CFS Heads of Departments, lecturers,



The guests and organising committee after the opening ceremony

UTAR staff and students.

Prof Choong believes that the event is a great platform to promote the importance of mother languages as well as the world dominating language, English. Gangadurai hopes this event could create awareness among the students to speak and value the importance of mother languages.

The event saw students reciting poetry in seven different languages, namely English, Malay, Chinese, Tamil, Japanese, French

and German. The week was also filled with various exciting language activities such as language booths and games, speakers' corner, movie screenings and talks. All activities focused on areas related to the beauty of mother languages, ways to cultivate interest in mother languages and the importance of languages for students' self-development.

The closing ceremony was held on 2 March 2018 at the Kampar Campus. Tan lauded the hard

work and effort placed by the CFS lecturers in organising a significant event like this for UTAR staff and students. The closing ceremony ended with a prize-giving ceremony for the winners and participants who had participated in the speakers' corner activity.

CFS lecturer Lionel Keith Vytialingam, overwhelmed by the potential of UTAR students, said, "I'm sure these students will achieve greater heights in the future."

## Visit by CMQIP

UTAR welcomed visitors from China-Malaysia Qinzhou Industrial Park (CMQIP) at Sungai Long Campus on 1 March 2018 to discuss potential collaborations.

Present were Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Department of Commerce and Port Office Deputy Director General Tan Xiuhong; Department of Commerce, Division of ASEAN Affairs Director Zhu Lei; CMQIP General Office Deputy Director Lan Jie; CMQIP Administrative committee Gao Faying and Hong Xinlu.

Receiving the visitors were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, Vice Presidents Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat and



From left: Hong, Lan, Tan, Prof Chuah, Prof Ewe, Zhu, Prof Cheng, Dr Lai and Gao

Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei, Division of Community and International Networking (DCInternet) Director Prof Dr Cheng Ming Yu and DCInternet Deputy Director Assoc Prof Dr Lai Soon Onn.

Prof Chuah mentioned that Malaysia has comparative advantages in certain areas, such as cultural diversity and political

stability, even though it is a relatively small country compared to other ASEAN countries. With that in mind, he developed recommendations on a potential collaboration with respect to both parties' strength and pursued synergy and complementarity.

Tan thanked UTAR for its warmest welcome and expressed

her willingness to explore and concretize different possibilities with the university. She hoped that the collaboration could benefit both parties in term of knowledge sharing and the workforce, which will then contribute to both countries.



# UTAR celebrates 26th Convocation

UTAR welcomed a total of 2,914 new graduates into the family of UTAR alumni at the UTAR's 26th Convocation ceremony which was held from 9 to 11 March 2018 at the Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik of Kampar Campus. It was a celebration of the graduands' perseverance, determination and their dedication to the ideals of UTAR.



Graduands marching their way to Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik

A total of 2,914 (Session 1 – 736; Session 2 – 714; Session 3 – 638; Session 4 – 826) graduands from 88 programmes comprising 66 Bachelor (Hons) degree, 16 Master's degree and six PhD programmes, received their convocation scrolls in four sessions held over the three-day period. Of the 2,914 graduands, 10 received their PhDs, 71 received their Master's degree and 54 received their Hons Degree with Distinction, while the rest received their Bachelor Hons with Merit and Bachelor Hons degree.

The Session One and Two of the Convocation were declared open by the UTAR Council Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh; Session Three and Four were declared open by UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik. Also present at the ceremony were UTAR Chancellor Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik and other UTAR Council and Board of Trustees members.

The Guests of Honour were Chairperson of United Malacca Berhad Datin Paduka Tan Siok Choo for Session One, President and Managing Director of Infineon Technologies (Kulim) Sdn Bhd Ng Kok Tiong for Session Two, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum for Session Three, and President of The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia and Secretary General of Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) Ir Dr Tan Yean Chin for Session Four. The scroll presenter for Session One was Minister of International Trade and Industry II of Malaysia and UTAR Council Member Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan; Session Two were UTAR Council Members Tan Sri Dato' Seri Chor Chee Heung and Datuk Lim Si Cheng; Session Three were UTAR Council Members Datuk Lee Leck Cheng and Datuk (Dr.) Oh Chong Peng; and Session Four were Tan Sri Sak and UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee.

Prof Chuah in his speech advised the graduates, "Career paths are becoming more flexible and you need to change expectations of what a career will look like in the future. Employees of the future will need a broad range of skills and experience that can help them creatively adapt to technologically rich environments so that they can move between careers. Graduates of the future should become job creators rather than job seekers. The world needs new ideas, innovative solutions and visionary leaders who can make things happen. You need to pursue both economic and social values to create not only wealth but a wealth of opportunities for others."

Datin Paduka Tan said, "Failure, success and the need to keep trying is the issue that I would like to talk about today. In a speech at Bard College, Paul Krugman, a Nobel Prize winner in economics, said the fight for equal rights for Black Americans isn't 'a tale of



Tan Sri Ting declaring the opening of Session One and Two of the Convocation



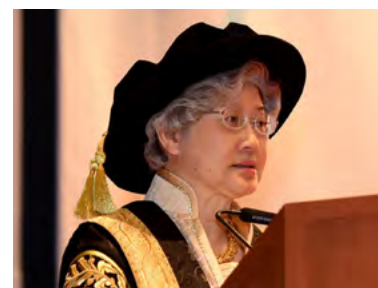
Prof Chuah advising the graduands on the importance of soft skills

good things happening by chance, but neither is it a tale of sudden, transforming revolution.' Instead, it's a story about activists, political leaders and ordinary citizens painfully pushing giant stones up a slope, year after year, and not giving up when those stones slid back ways. Whatever your dreams are today, dream even bigger. Wherever you have set your sights, raise them even higher. And above all, keep going. Don't do it because I asked you to. Do it for yourselves. Do it for truth and reason."

Ng said, "I realised that there is no such thing as the 'perfect job' or the 'perfect company'. Every job has its pros and cons, the only difference is you. You make the difference in a job; more specifically your attitude makes the difference. How you choose to approach a job determines whether it is perfect, or impossible. Needless to say, a positive attitude helps, but more importantly, a proactive attitude will take you to the next level. In today's highly competitive world, being self-driven will give you the added advantage, the differentiator that will set you apart from the rest."

Tan Sri Sak in his speech enthused, "In the World Economic Forum report, it is stated that future jobs will require ten key skills, namely complex problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, people management, co-ordinating with others, emotional intelligence, judgement and decision-making, service orientation, negotiation and cognitive flexibility. These are all human qualities that machines will find hard to emulate and therefore, graduates like you should sharpen your skills in these areas to ensure that you are employable now and in the future. As you walk out after this ceremony, you will be making decisions on the next step of your life. Regardless of what path you may choose, the country needs your input and contributions."

Ir Tan in his speech, elucidated, "Many employers look for staff who are positive, mainly because their positive attitude can influence



Guests of Honour, from left: Datin Paduka Tan, Ng, Tan Sri Sak and Ir Tan



Dato' Seri Ong presenting the scroll to Doctor of Philosophy (Engineering) graduate Yang Chuan Choong



Tan Sri Chor presenting the scroll to Banking and Finance graduate Soong Yoke Chuan



Datuk Lim Si Cheng presenting the scroll to Journalism graduate Muhammad Ali bin Abd Karim



UTAR Registrar Yim Lin Heng leading the Chancellor's procession



Datuk Lee presenting the scroll to Medicine and Surgery graduate K. Rupini



Datuk Oh presenting the scroll to Early Childhood Studies graduate Vivien Lee See Yui

those around them and affect the atmosphere and mood of the work environment. Generally, positive staff are welcome at work because they are deemed to have better confidence and are willing to take on challenges and responsibilities with fewer complaints. Being positive is also an attribute of a good leader and many inventors and world leaders are positive people who never give up believing in their visions. These are some of the attributes most employers will consider in the evaluation of your advancements in your career and your climb up the corporate ladder."

Master of Business Administration (Corporate Governance) graduate Kee Cia Hee in her graduation speech said, "Studying MBA at UTAR has enabled me to acquire new skills, which very much benefitted me for my promotion. The skills I acquired, namely leadership, interpersonal communication and project management have helped me to

develop as a complete person." Bachelor of Social Science (Hons) Psychology Lim Lee Kern said, "I would like to thank my parents, family members, friends and all the helpful lecturers who have taught me in my journey of four years in UTAR. I realised it was indeed the best choice of mine to be part of UTAR and today I am proud to stand as UTAR alumni."

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Early Childhood Studies graduate Amalia Maisarah binti Zulkifli enthused, "At this moment, I would like to share two valuable tips to follow in the workplace. Firstly, take initiative and don't ever wait for your supervisor to tell you what to do. Secondly, take charge, take part and never be shy to share your ideas and always be a team player to succeed in your career."

Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) Ting Xin Then said "I would like to congratulate all the graduands who are graduating today. I want

you to know that everything happens for a reason. I believe we wouldn't be who we are today without the knowledge and soft skills we gained from UTAR. I hope whichever path you are about to take next, just keep calm and make a plan."

With the addition of 2,914 graduates from this 26th Convocation, the number of the University's alumni now stands at 53,420 since its inaugural convocation in 2005.



Hew presenting the scroll to Business Administration graduate Khoo Hong Yeah



Graduands and their parents at the UTAR 26th Convocation





UTAR graduates, from left: Kee, Lim, Amalia and Ting



Mace bearers, clockwise from top left: Construction Management student Lee Zer Sen, Entrepreneurship student Marvin Goh Wen Yi, Finance student Yap Wah Seng and Chinese Studies student Yin Shiqiang



Chinese orchestra performance



Musical interlude performers (clockwise from top left): Veronica Pang Syn Ni, Xaviera Yih, Yang Shun Kai, Evelyn Foo Ching Lin, Lim Vi Xuen, Tay Jor Jun, Neoh Bok Xiang, Tan le Huang, Esther Koh Khai Qi and Teo Jeng Yee



Fourth from left: Prof Chuah, Tan Sri Ting, Datin Paduka Tan, Tun Ling and Dato' Seri Ong with some graduates of Session One



UTAR PhD graduates



Third from right: Hew, Datuk Lee, Tan Sri Chor, Prof Chuah, Ng, Tan Sri Ting; Datuk Lim and Tan Sri Sak (far left) with some graduates of Session Two



Second from left: Advertising graduates Lim Jun Kit, Choo Hong Yuan and Raymond Goh Chee Wei with their friends



Third from left: Tan Sri Sak, Prof Chuah, Ir Tan and Hew (far right) with some graduates of Session Four



Finance graduate Sereen Priscilla Jude Thaddeus with her family members



Graduates in jubilant mood





From left: Chairperson of CFA Institute Research Challenge Malaysia Phua Yee Boon with winners Lee, Soo, Tan, Lew and Saw

## CFA Challenge

UTAR's Faculty of Business and Finance (FBF) students won second prize in the Malaysia CFA Institute Research Challenge 2017/2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia after competing in a battle of analytical wits with a total of 15 local teams. The final Malaysia CFA Institute's Research Challenge 2017/2018 was held on 10 March 2018.

The team comprised of Year Two Finance and Banking students, namely Tan Zheng Zhi, Soo Zhi Cheng, Lee Kok Long, Saw Teong Yew and Lew Jiang Liang. They walked away with a challenge trophy, USD500 worth of Wiley book voucher and certificates of participation verified by CFA Institute and CFA Society Malaysia. The team was supervised by UTAR FBF lecturer Woo Kok Hoong.

The challenge was organised by the CFA Institute and hosted by CFA Society Malaysia. It is an annual, local, regional and global competition that provides university students hands-on mentoring and intensive training in financial analysis.

The challenge kick-started on 25 October 2017 and saw the participation from a total of 15 public and private universities all around Malaysia. All the participating teams were subjected to carry out equity research on Westports Holdings Berhad, the port operator that dominates Port Klang, the busiest port in Malaysia.

## Top Cited Author



Tan displaying his certificate

Faculty of Business and Finance lecturer Garry Tan Wei Han's research paper was recently awarded the "Top Cited Author (2014-2017)" by Elsevier (USA) for the Telematics and Informatics Journal.

The research paper was awarded based on the number of citations received, which was 138 citations from 2014 to 2017. It was co-written by Ooi Keng Boon from UCSI University, Chong Siong Choy from the Finance Accreditation Agency and Hew Teck Soon from the University of Malaya.

From a total of 1555 journal articles published from 1989 to 2014 using Thomson Web of Science database, Tan's research paper was identified as one of the 50 highly cited papers. The paper is also ranked alongside with the authors of the Technology Acceptance Model and Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology.

## Double wins by FAS students



"M-Asterisk" won the Best Design and Best Idea awards

UTAR Psychology students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Science won the Best Design Award and Best Idea Award in the 2nd INTI PSYCHOMECH competition. It was held at INTI International University, Nilai on 6 and 7 April 2018.

A total of 27 teams participated in the competition. UTAR team, called "M-Asterisk", managed to grab two awards out of four award categories. The winning team was comprised of Psychology students, namely Ng Kuan Sien, Ku Nazrin Ardy bin Rudy Arsono, Jason Lim Tau Yi, Hue Jie Yeng and Goh Sin Jie.

The event was organised by the University Psychology Club of INTI International University. It aimed to create and enhance public awareness about the blending of psychology and engineering, and allow students from different faculties and universities to exchange knowledge among one another.

The UTAR Kampar female basketball team won the second prize in the inaugural Varsity Basketball League (VBL) 2017. It was held at Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) of Kuala Lumpur Main Campus from 15 to 28 November 2017. The national final game was played on 28 November 2017.

The league was organised by the Department of Sports of Ministry of Education and Majlis Sukan IPTS Malaysia in collaboration with TAR UC Kuala Lumpur and Taylor's University.

The championship aimed to encourage students' participation in co-curricular activities, raise the standard of basketball games, enhance networking amongst athletes and exchange knowledge and expertise in sports.

The team walked away with a cash prize worth RM500 and 16 individual silver medals. Psychology student Chua Yie Hong bagged an additional award, namely the Three-Point Queen Award and took home a cash prize worth RM200.

## Silver in VBL 2017



The first runner-ups posing with their medals and mock cheque

## FAM receives research grant from MTDC

The research team from the Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM) managed to secure a research grant worth RM63,200. The mock cheque presentation ceremony was held on 15 March 2018 at the office of Malaysian Technology Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (MTDC).

UTAR Vice President Prof Ir Dr Lee Sze Wei represented UTAR to receive the mock from MTDC Chairman Dato' Latt Shariman Abdullah. It was witnessed by MTDC Chief Executive Officer Dato' Norhalim bin Yunus.

Also present at the ceremony were FAM Head of Accountancy Department K Shamini, FAM lecturer Ung Leng Yean and Faculty of Business and Finance lecturer Kuek Thiam Yong. They were led by Dr Low Mei Peng.

UTAR was one of the five local universities to secure a social research grant from MTDC. The research team endeavoured to study the level of digitalisation adoption among companies in Malaysia.



From left: Dato' Norhalim, Dato' Latt Shariman and Prof Lee

## MTSF Award

Master of Science student Esther Thou Mun Huieh from the Department of Biomedical Science won Science and Technology Research grant worth RM30,000 at the 24th Malaysia Toray Science Foundation (MTSF) prize presentation ceremony, held at InterContinental Kuala Lumpur recently. Organised by MTSF, the event aimed to promote science and technology in Malaysia by supporting deserving Malaysian researchers. Thou was among the seven recipients who received the Toray Science Foundation, Japan grant.

Present at the event were MTSF Chairman Academician Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman, Toray Industries Japan Executive Vice President Kazushi Hashimoto, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Malaysia His Excellency Dr Makio Miyagawa, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau, MTSF Examination Committee Chairman Academician Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim and MTSF Selection Committee Chairman Academician Tan Sri Emeritus Prof Dr Augustine Ong Soon Hock.



Thou (far right) receiving her grant



UTAR Buddhist Society (Kampar Campus) celebrated its 10th anniversary at Kampar Campus on 10 February 2018. The celebration saw spiritual and motivational talks, exhibitions, music sharing sessions and other intriguing activities.

Themed 'Unite' (因缘), the carnival aimed to enlighten the UTAR community and the general public on the universal values of Buddhist teachings and to also showcase the genesis and milestones of the society since its inception in 2008.

Invited to officiate the carnival was UTAR Vice President Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat. Also present were the UTAR Buddhist Society (Kampar Campus) Advisor Lee Chen Kang, Head of Student Affairs Department (Kampar Campus) Chiang Jeng Fong, and Organising Chairperson-cum-UTAR Buddhist Society (Kampar Campus) Chairperson Cheah Lynn. Making the celebration even more heart-warming was the presence of the former society chairpersons and members.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Prof Ewe, Lee, Chiang and Cheah. It was followed by Prof Ewe's thought-provoking talk titled "Science and Buddhism" which explained how Science does not contradict with Buddhist teachings and explores how some scientific discoveries are in line with the Buddhist cosmological view of the universe.

Prof Ewe said, "With the understanding of the Buddha's teachings and the nature of

## Buddhist Society celebrates 10th anniversary



The Organising Committee of the UTAR Buddhist Society (Kampar Campus)

things around us, it is easier for us to control our mind regardless of how turbulent a situation can be."

Cheah expressed her gratitude to everyone who has supported the Society. Lee congratulated the Society and reminded current members the privileges of joining and

organising meaningful spiritual activities as a young adult.

The carnival also housed three other high-profile speakers, namely former MyFM Radio DJ Royce Tan, prominent 8TV newscaster Tan Chia Yong, and award-winning Malaysian actress Angelica Lee.

## PR Campaign 2017/2018: Volunteerism VI grand launch

The Public Relations (PR) Campaign 2017/2018: Volunteerism VI officially kicked off on 6 March 2018. All 198 PR students gathered for the grand launching event at the Multipurpose Hall of the Heritage Building, Kampar Campus.

Held for the sixth year, this year's PR Campaign was themed 'Revitalizing Volunteerism, Empowering Community'. It consists of five groups with different campaign sub-themes, namely Corporate Social Responsibility, Digital Economy, Health Services, Heritage Tourism and Social Welfare.

The event saw a large crowd and among them were Faculty of Arts and Social Science staff who were present to give their support. Dance performances by the campaign members and the five sub-groups' mascots marked the commencement of the event. They presented their theme song, titled "V", written and composed by the campaign members themselves.

"We are more than glad to continue to carry out these community-based projects and to do our best to serve the society. Our main goal is certainly to promote the public provision for unmet social



All smiles after the grand launch

needs through the act of volunteerism as well as to promote alternative provision among the community," said Main Campaign Director Julian Chin Chun Kit.

Present also to lend their support for the campaign's grand launch was the cast members of the movie "Lee Chong Wei". They graced the opening ceremony and marked the official launch of the PR Campaign 2017/2018:

Volunteerism VI.

The grand launching event was the collaborative efforts of all five groups. Prior to the grand launching, each group has also organised a series of activities, including their soft launching event. Following the grand launch, an array of in-campus and outreach activities will also be organised by the five sub-groups, throughout the coming weeks until April.

Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, the President of UTAR, spoke on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) at the Sungai Long Campus on 7 March 2018 and again at the Kampar Campus on 21 March 2018.

The talk aimed to create awareness among students on the latest trends of 4IR and focused on the challenges that will be faced by the future graduates in 4IR. In an overview, Prof Chuah elucidated to participants on the waves of Technological Revolution, trends and challenges in 4IR, skills required for future graduates as well as ways to work with industry and professional bodies.

Prof Chuah said, "It is necessary to keep ourselves abreast of the changes in all fields and aspects including our lifestyles, education and the way we think. These changes would bring about opportunities for growth and developments. The arrival of 4IR would raise the global income and improve the quality of life, while technological innovations would generate higher efficiency and productivity."

"Nevertheless, we should also foresee the challenges in multiple aspects. The turbulence as a result of the Industrial Revolution would yield greater inequalities and social tensions. The challenges would also cut across many aspects, from the workforce to our daily lives such as water, food, energy, climate change, healthcare, security and job market," Prof Chuah added.

At the talk, Prof Chuah reviewed some of the initiatives and strategies taken by various countries to overcome the challenges in 4IR. He also mentioned some professions of the future and suggested some skills required in 2020 which included complex problem solving, creativity, people management, emotional intelligence, negotiation, decision making

## President speaks on Fourth Industrial Revolution



Prof Chuah highlighting the opportunities and challenges in 4IR

and cognitive flexibility.

The talks at both campuses were hosted by the Department of Student Affairs and saw the attendance of more than 1900 staff and students.

## Entrepreneurial talk by MoneyLion Inc



Wong (right) presenting the token of appreciation to Foong

Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) together with Department of Consultancy and Commercialisation organised an entrepreneurial talk on 12 March 2018 at Sungai Long Campus. Present at the talk were LKC FES Centre for Computing and Intelligent Systems Chairperson Assoc Prof Dr Tay Yong Haur, LKC FES lecturer Wong Chim Chwee, students and staff.

MoneyLion Inc. Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer Foong Chee Mun gave a talk titled "Entrepreneurship in the age of automation and artificial intelligence". He began by giving an overview of MoneyLion Inc. to the audience and it was followed by the introduction to finance technology and artificial intelligence (AI).

Foong shared about the working environment and cultures as well as his experiences on the start-up and success of MoneyLion. He also spoke about the evolvement of AI in the finance industry and the incorporation of technology in business in the industrial revolution.

## Blended learning and its importance



Kristina delivering her insights on blended learning

The Centre for Learning and Teaching organised a talk titled "Blended Learning and the Future of Education" at Kampar Campus on 29 March 2018.

The invited speaker was Faculty of Arts and Social Science lecturer Kristina Francis. The objective of the talk was to provide participants with an overview of blended learning and its importance, also the ways on how to incorporate blended learning into the teaching and learning programmes.

Kristina elaborated that, the use of blended learning environments in higher education has rapidly increased in the 21st century. Tools and techniques that were initially used in the experimental distance education courses are today part of mainstream education with blended learning as a continuum between traditional face-to-face teaching and purely online courses. Among the popular blended learning tools available online are TED-Ed, Google Classroom, PlayPosit, Edpuzzle, Blubbr, LessonPaths and Kahoot.



第二届拉曼大学文学周

李尧庆谈中华文化对峇峇文化的影响

“千溯”开幕典礼

由拉曼大学金宝校区中文研究会（中研会）主办的第二届拉曼大学文学周“千溯”于2018年3月17日至21日在金宝校区敦林良实礼堂举办，吸引了逾1,600来自校内外的文学爱好者一同前来参与其盛。

文学周为期5天，旨在推广文学创作风气、提升校园文学氛围，以及提供文学爱好者交流的平台。本次文学周以“千溯”为题，意指回望从前，重寻遗忘已久的风景，同时延续第一届文学周的薪火，传承不忘的初衷。

活动主席邱婉莹致开幕词时感谢拉曼大学中华研究院作为活动的指导单位，活动顾问老师和家人在筹备过程中所给予的建议与支持，以及一同患难与共的全体筹委在这一年里的努力与用心付出，让中研会能够成功举办这一届的文学周“千溯”。

中华研究院院长张晓威副教授致词时表示，“中国古典文学承载着中国文化的精髓，我们可以通过这次的文学周活动把中国古典文学介绍给外系的



嘉宾们为第二届拉曼大学文学周“千溯”主持开幕仪式；黄诗婷（右起）、杜忠全、张晓威；姚艾萍（左起）、陈明彪、鍾志强。

学生，让他们也能够领略中国古典文学的美妙。拉曼大学作为金宝区内的一所高教机构，我们可以通过活动把知识传达给社区，作为一种对社区的回馈，因为这项文学周活动不只是让校内学生参与，也开放给社区民众前来参与，一同感染文学的气息，借此希望把昔日的锡城转化成知识传播的地方。”

活动主宾拉曼大学副校长鍾志强教授表示，“感谢中研会筹办这项意义非凡的活动，因为本校除了注重学生们的学术表现之外，也非常鼓励学生多参加课外活动，培养个人的领导和沟通能力。”他透露，“不久前所接待从辽宁来的艺文参

访团对拉曼大学的文学与文化发展感到钦佩，他们给予的评语是本校不仅充溢着浓郁的人文气息，也非常重视中华文化的传承，而且更设有中国并不普遍的孟子学院。为此，寄望本校中华研究院再创高峰，文学周也要一届一届地传承下去。”

其他出席嘉宾包括中文系系主任兼中研会顾问老师杜忠全、研究生课程主任陈明彪博士、活动顾问老师李树枝博士、学生事务处副经理姚艾萍、学生会代表黄诗婷等。

文学周活动包罗万象，其中包括第二届全国大专文学奖、书展、电影分享会、讲座、展览、诗词演唱会、工作坊等。

拉曼大学第二届全国大专中文文学奖颁奖典礼

拉曼大学第二届全国大专中文文学奖乃是第二届拉曼大学文学周“千溯”的重点活动之一，颁奖典礼于2018年3月18日在敦林良实礼堂举行。

本次文学奖设有三个组别，即新诗组、散文组以及短篇小说组，而每组各设有首奖一份、评审奖一份及优秀奖两份。自2017年10月23日开始征稿，收件截止日期为2018年2月8日，获得了国内各大专院校学生共襄盛举。

文学奖筹委会主席叶楚儿表示，“一场文学奖的筹备并不容易，需要很多的人力、物力才能实现，过程中面对无数的挑战与挫折，所以我们非常感谢拉曼大学中华研究院作为本活动的指导单位，同时感谢本次活动顾问李树枝博士和学生事务处副经理姚艾萍、各位评审在筹备过程中给予我们鼎力支持与协助。”

新诗组评审团代表陈川兴、散文组评审团代表杜忠全以及短篇小说组评审团代表王筠婷个别点评了各组的参赛与获奖作品，并给予了各自的建议与鼓励。

值得一提的是，来自拉曼大学金宝校区的中文系本科生胡玖洲更横扫本次文学奖三个组别的奖项，其中他以《三点一个父亲》、《阁楼故事》、《天空之城》分别摘下了新诗组首奖、短篇小说组首奖，以及散文组的评审奖。



颁奖典礼大合照。

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优秀奖 (排名不分先后)	《他方》	刘恺璇	南方大学学院
	《我在手术房里听钢琴》	王晋恒	马来西亚理科大学
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评审奖	《天空之城》	胡玖洲	拉曼大学
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	《陀螺·转》	王晋恒	马来西亚理科大学
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优秀奖 (排名不分先后)	《直到那日》	郑梓城	拉曼大学
	《露丝》	陈作东	双威学院

由本校中华研究中心马来西亚华人及文化研究组和中华艺术研究组联合主办，拿督斯里李尧庆博士主讲的“中华文化对峇峇文化的影响——以敦陈修信祖居文物为例”文化讲座于2018年4月11日在金宝校区举行。

主讲人是现任工程顾问，原槟州税务局局长，致力于槟州供水发展与管理逾四十年，曾获马来西亚工程师学会槟城分会颁发“杰出工程师”奖。他也是马来西亚注册专业土木工程师、英国特许工程师，本科毕业于澳大利亚新南威尔士大学土木工程系，后来更考获南澳大利亚大学的商业博士。他也积极参与社会活动，特别热衷于中华文化活动，在多个华团担任要职。他是现任槟城华人大会堂文学组副主任、槟城孙中山协会副会长、槟城艺术协会诗词组主任和槟城鹤山诗社顾问。

他和敦陈修信令媛拿汀巴杜卡陈淑珠曾联合撰写了《环壁生辉：敦陈修信祖居文物巡览》的中英双语著作，并以此书作为讲题的内容，让读者对敦陈修信这位昔日的华裔领袖及其峇峇家族的文化有更深入的了解。

他表示，中华文化与文物研究虽然不是他的本行，但属个人兴趣，希望借此次的分享和师生互相交流与学习。他

在会上以敦陈修信家族为例，逐一讲解了陈氏祖居内与中华文化相关的文物，其中包括壁饰、绘画、书法、刺绣、灯笼、木雕、牌匾、塑像及照片等，突显了充满中华文化氛围与元素的马六甲峇峇文化与生活方式。陈氏祖居的壁饰中的字词多数都取自于中国古代典籍如《诗经》、《礼记》、《孟子》、《论语》等。

此外，陈氏祖居中的祖先的神位、关羽的灵位、孔孟的语录、苏轼的名篇、名家的书画、画作的题跋、对联及谚语等，皆体现了儒家思想的正义、诚信、忠诚、仁爱、慈悲等精神价值观，“陈氏家族坚持践行儒家传统思想，都会定期在祖居中的孝思堂举行祭祖仪式。”

祖居内的照片记录了陈氏这一峇峇大家族的生活变化、社会环境的改变以及当时政治发展的状况，“峇峇族群对新马政治的贡献很大，而敦陈禄祿和敦陈修信父子更是其中的代表人物。”

他总结表示，“峇峇族群致力于中华文化的传承，同时也做到中西文化兼收并蓄。马来西亚是个多元种族的国家，而身为研究者，我们应该致力于深化各民族的文化交流与研究，进而推广‘和谐’的文化。”



李尧庆为出席者解析了峇峇文化里的中华文化与元素。

席间嘉宾包括中华研究院副院长林良城博士、中文系系主任杜忠全、中华研究中心中华艺术研究组组长林志敏博士等。

摩托车义工之旅分享会

本校学生事务部辅导处于2018年3月26日邀请了活跃于柬埔寨志工活动的陈翔恩（Jerry Pop）前来主讲以“为生命与爱而骑（Ride for Life, Ride for Love）的摩托车义工之旅”分享会，畅谈了他从马六甲出发，通往柬埔寨和寮国担任义工的心路历程。

陈翔恩在投身义工行列之前，是一位平面设计师，也拥酒店管理专业。他在分享会上谈到了自己的义工梦想、踏上征途的原因、路上所遇到的困难及所见所闻等。

一直以来，他都有一个担任义工的梦想，因为自幼父母离世，曾获得义工的无微不至与关怀，让他从小就立下“把爱传出去、关怀别人”的志向。一直到在2012年12月21日的“世界末日”预言的契机之下，他展开了为生命和爱而骑的计划，以母亲所遗留下来的“高龄摩托”，从马六甲出发，历经41天后终于到达了柬埔寨暹粒，开展他的义工梦想。

他原本计划在柬埔寨当三个月的义工，结果在当地逗留了4年，从原本一句柬埔寨语也不懂，到现在已成为了常被当地人误以为本地人的半个柬埔寨人。他在路途中也曾遇到许多困难和挑

战，但庆幸的是遇到很多“人间天使”，助他度过每一个难关，“这大概就是沿路上最美丽的风景了。”因为在初出发的时候，身上只带着2400令吉，一路上的意外几乎把带在身上的钱给花光了，不仅受了伤，又面对经济困难，让他陷入低潮。不过庆幸的是他很快走出低潮，寻获一间愿意让他打工换宿的旅社，同时继续他的义工活动。

他在柬埔寨的义工活动主要是在附属的义工组织里负责为村民和学生烹煮素食，空闲时也会到孤儿院及学生为学生进行英语辅导课及协助煮食。他也曾参与协助当地大学生剪发活动，同时自己也省下剪头发的费用。他特别提到了在当地行善的注意事项，“当地有许多假的孤儿院，所以我基本上都不会直接给钱来行善，而是给予物资或服务上的援助。”

他奉行简约生活，在征途中更是如此，目前所穿的“战鞋”更是2012年出发时的鞋子，随行的旅行包也是由麻布袋所制成。他喜欢摄影，不管什么时候他都会想办法拍摄当地的特色照片，也曾把在柬埔寨拍摄的照片送往加拿大参展，更被喻为生活的艺术家。此外，他曾为联合国科教文组织（UNESCO）出版



陈翔恩在分享会中细述了他在路上的所见所闻。

摄影书。除了基本的生活开销，他把所取得的收入都奉献在其义工之路。

“最伟大的故事没有剧本”，他相信自己在未来将继续投身义工行列，以自己小小的力量把爱传出去。



# Kem Bahasa Inggeris CEE



Antara aktiviti menarik yang dijalankan sepanjang Kem tersebut

Penguasaan bahasa Inggeris dalam kalangan pelajar sentiasa menerima perhatian daripada semua pihak dan ini sejajar dengan aspirasi sistem pendidikan di Malaysia yang ingin melahirkan individu yang mampu menguasai bahasa Inggeris bagi membolehkan mereka berdaya saing di peringkat global. Bagi mendukung aspirasi tersebut, Pusat Pendidikan Lanjutan UTAR (CEE) telah menganjurkan Kem Bahasa Inggeris yang disertai oleh 330 pelajar sekolah menengah pada 17 March 2018 di Kampus Sungai Long.

Selain mewujudkan kesedaran dalam kalangan pelajar tentang kepentingan penguasaan bahasa Inggeris, terutamanya dari segi kefasihan dalam pertuturan, kem Bahasa Inggeris ini juga bertujuan untuk menggalakkan interaksi antara para pelajar dari tujuh buah sekolah berlainan seperti SMK Jenjarom, SMK Dato' Shamsudin

Nain, SMK Bandar Baru Sungai Long, SMK Bandar Banting, SMK Seksyen 27, SMK Taman Forest Height dan SMK Dato Mohd Said di samping memupuk sifat kepimpinan dalam kalangan peserta.

Kem tersebut bermula dengan sesi suai kenal dan aktiviti memanaskan badan yang diketuai oleh Ketua Unit Bahasa Inggeris CEE Raiza Azni binti Suhainih. Para peserta kemudian dibahagikan kepada 15 buah kumpulan untuk menjalankan aktiviti-aktiviti yang ditetapkan.

Kem tersebut diteruskan dengan pengajaran bahasa Inggeris yang intensif selama tiga jam yang terdiri daripada Tinjauan Kosakata, Bengkel Tatabahasa dan Kemahiran Pembentangan. Setiap sesi diperuntukkan selama satu jam dengan aktiviti dan kuiz yang menarik. Aktiviti-aktiviti yang dijalankan telah memberi peluang dan ruang kepada para pelajar untuk

menggunakan bahasa Inggeris dengan cara yang mudah dan menarik.

"Berbanding dengan Kem Bahasa Inggeris sebelum ini, kali ini kami memastikan penglibatan penuh pelajar-pelajar dengan menjalankan pembelajaran secara aktif melalui sesi soal jawab dan aktiviti secara berkumpulan. Kami juga menjalankan lebih banyak aktiviti berasaskan kumpulan untuk memastikan terdapat penyertaan penuh daripada semua ahli," kata Raiza.

Kem yang telah dikendalikan oleh tenaga pengajar serta staf dari CEE tersebut mendapat sambutan yang amat baik daripada para peserta. Walaupun kem tersebut merupakan satu pengalaman pembelajaran yang singkat tetapi ianya berjaya memberi kesan-kesan positif kepada para peserta.

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