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Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2019



he Times Higher Education (THE) published for the first time on Wednesday 3 April 2019, the THE University Impact Rankings 2019. According to THE, this is their pioneering initiative to recognise universities across the world for their social and economic impact, based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

THE announced that UTAR is ranked 101-200 in the overall THE University Impact Rankings 2019. According to THE, UTAR's ranking is based on the university's scaled and pre-rounded performance on Sustainable Development Goal 17- Partnership for the Goals and the top three SDGs are SDG 4 Quality Education, SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities and SDG 5 Gender Equality.

The inclusion of UTAR in these rankings demonstrates the university's commitment to supporting the Sustainable Development Goals through its teaching, research and knowledge transfer. It also reflects the embodiment of these goals in the university's internal practices, policies and procedures, and with verifiable evidence in the activities.

UTAR awarded Premier Digital Tech University status by MDEC

Premier Digital Tech University ™

t is another step forward for UTAR when the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) awarded UTAR the Premier Digital Tech University status in Malaysia.

Recognised by MDEC, the Premier Digital Tech University status is awarded to UTAR for its qualifications and commitments in offering top-notch digital technology courses in Malaysia. This recognition is a result of providing the students with intensive and special training in the digital technology sector to ensure that UTAR students continue to grow and fill future digital job demands locally and globally.

The Premier Digital Tech University status also offers end-to-end talent pipeline development for the digital economy sector. With the status, UTAR students will now be able to access a wide range of resources, internship and job opportunities with top technological industries in Malaysia.

Collaborations at Work

Promoting unity through PLIP

rime Minister's Department of National Unity and Integration (Jabatan Perpaduan Negara dan Integrasi Nasional, JPNIN), in collaboration with UTAR, organised "Program Interaksi Latihan Industri Perpaduan Bersempena Sambutan Tahun Baru Cina" at Sungai Long Campus on 25 February 2019. The event aimed to provide a platform for the students from both public and private universities to explore more career opportunities through *Program* Latihan Industri Perpaduan (PLIP) and promote national unity.

The event was graced by YB Senator Tuan Waytha Moorthy Ponnusamy, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (National Unity and Social Wellbeing). Also present at the event were JPNIN Director General Datuk Baharin Idris, Deputy Director General (Operations) Dato' Hj. Abdul Karim bin Hj. Abu Seman, Deputy Director General (Planning) Aldrina @ Mimi O.P. Andu, UTAR Vice President Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat, Registrar Yim Lin Heng, UTAR students and students from other higher learning institutions, namely Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Kuala Lumpur, University Malaysia of Computer Science and Engineering, Lincoln

University College, International Islamic University Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Perlis, HELP University, SEGi University & Colleges, and Taylor's

In his remarks, YB Senator Waytha Moorthy said, "This ceremony offers a great opportunity to increase the interaction and network among higher learning institutions and companies."

Prof Ewe said, "PLIP is a chance for you to interact and mingle with colleagues from various racial and cultural backgrounds." The event also saw the participation of the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia, Malaysia Retail Chain Association and government-linked companies such as Top Glove, Proton and Amanah Raya Berhad.



from left: Aldrina, Yim, Datuk Baharin YB Senator Waytha Moorthy Prof Ewe and Dato' Hj. Abdul Karim with participants

Keeping UTAR's quality assurance at its best

TAR welcomed a group of delegates from Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) on 6 March 2019 at Sungai Long Campus. The official visit saw six MQA delegates, both local and international, visiting UTAR to gain insight on how UTAR maintains its quality assurance and standards.

The delegates from MQA were its Assistant Directors Asmaa Suid and Masfidayanti Mokhtar, Senior **Executive Accreditation of Division** of Finance Accreditation Agency Nurdalila Mohd Mohtar, Senior Qualification Analyst of Tonga National Qualifications and Accreditation Board Kisione Wesley Manu, **Quality Assurance and Accreditation** Coordinator of Kardan University Waheedullah Afghan, Coordinator of Accreditation and Operations Assistant of Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation Dr Nenita Belinia Nagarit.



Welcoming them were UTAR Vice President Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat, Dean of Academic Quality Assurance Dr Chong Shyue Chuan, Director of Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) Loh Siaw Yien and DQA Assistant Manager Jayalechumi Gunasegaran.

The delegates were welcomed with an introduction video of UTAR before the room's attention was switched to Dr Chong. In his presentation, he explained the role, procedures and standards that UTAR applied in its internal quality assurance policy to maintain the quality, integrity and systematic quality control of the university which was led by the DQA. He also said that the quality assurance process in UTAR is holistic as it includes the feedback and responses from the students and alumni.

Huawei to offer scholarships to UTARians

TAR and Huawei Technologies (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd strengthened their existing rapport following the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MoA) at Kampar Campus on 13 March 2019. Underlining both parties' commitment in an education sponsorship collaboration, the MoA was signed in conjunction with Huawei Connected Campus 2019 recruitment event which saw more than 1,000 participants, comprising UTAR students and staff.

The signatories from UTAR were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and UTAR Vice President Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong; while signing on behalf of Huawei Technologies Malaysia was Huawei Southern Pacific Region Office's Director of Talent Acquisition Zhu Rui (朱春) and witnessed by Principal Human Resource (HR) Director of Regions Recruitment and Allocation Department from the Huawei Headquarters You Jin (游金).

Also present at the MoA signing ceremony were UTAR Vice President Prof Ts Dr Faidz bin Abdul Rahman, UTAR Faculty of Information and Communication Technology Dean Assoc Prof Ts Dr Liew Soung Yue, UTAR Division of Community and



International Networking Deputy Director Dr Chen I-Chi, Huawei Southern Pacific Human Resource Department's HR Manager for Talent Acquisition Derrick Gan Chyun Chi and Huawei Southern Pacific Human Resource Department's Talent Acquisition Specialist Jane Tan Lee Kuen.

"I'm glad to have our industry partner, Huawei, to come forth to sign this MoA to offer scholarships to UTAR students," said Prof Chuah. He reassured that UTAR will continue to operate as a not-for-profit university, offering scholarships to deserving students and keeping its fees affordable.

Complimenting UTAR graduates who are currently working with Huawei Technologies Malaysia, Zhu said that Huawei highly values its multi-faceted collaborations with reputable education institutions such as UTAR, which has produced countless talents essential to the country's human capital growth.

TEDxUTAR 2019

Campus on 26 January 2019. It saw about 100 participants in attendance.
Present at the event was UTAR Chancellor Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, Vice President Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat, Department of Soft Skills Competency (DSSC) Head Fook Oi Yee, lecturers, students and the public. TEDxUTAR was organised by a team of students and it was supported by advisors, namely Faculty of Creative Industries Department of Modern Languages Head Maxwell Sim Yik Seng and DSSC Assistant Lecturer Nur Farahin binti Bahari.

The one-day event presented a combination of 14 speakers from various backgrounds, ranging from coaching, journalism and big data to entrepreneurship and environmental issues. It aimed to bring together bright minds to give talks on a wide range of subjects that are idea-focused. Themed 'Critical Evolution', the event covered all manners of topics such as rapid innovation in the burgeoning world of science and technology, social and political reforms to foster innovation as well as the need for spiritual and medical remedies.



TEDxUTAR was officially launched by (from left): Prof Ewe, Tun Ling and Tan

Prof Ewe said in his welcome speech, "TEDxUTAR is an invaluable platform for the participants to explore industry networks and share knowledge to enhance students' understanding of the changes of global developments."

TEDxUTAR Organising Chairman Tan Sheng Yee said, "The event was worthwhile with invaluable experiences garnered by the members of the team. We hope that the TEDxUTAR chapter will continue to enrich the lives of many."

WOW Kampar carnival returns



WOW Bazaar offered a wide array of foods, beverages, household products and healthy lifestyle products



A blood donation drive in collaboration with Ipoh's Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun was also held



WOW Kampar Challenge 2019 tested participants' physical stamina under Sports and Recreation component



Kampar' enabled visitors to have fun while learning about Kampar's past through several live demonstrations



ea art class for tea lovers

total of 165 Bachelor of Communication (Hons) Public Relations students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS) of UTAR staged another comeback this year with more "WOW" factors through "WOW Kampar 2019" carnival. The three-day carnival was held at Grand Kampar Hotel in Kampar, Perak from 29 to 31 March 2019.

The carnival aimed to promote Kampar, the former tin mining town as a tourism destination as well as to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Kampar being declared as a district in Perak. It was coorganised by the Kampar District and Land Office (PDTKpr), Kampar District Council (MDKpr) and Grand Kampar Hotel; and supported by the Perak State Government and Tourism Perak Management Berhad (Tourism Perak). The WOW Kampar 2019 was the second installation since its first version in 2017.

Themed 'Celebrating a Decade of Kampar', the carnival kick-started with a grand launch which saw the presence of Member of Parliament for Kampar Thomas Su Keong Siong representing Perak State Tourism, Arts and Culture Committee Chairman Tan Kar Hing. Also present to grace the ceremony were UTAR Vice President Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong representing UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, FAS Dean Dr Lee Lai Meng, PDTKpr District Officer Khairul Anwar bin Ramli, MDKpr President Khairul Amir bin Mohamad Zubir, Grand Kampar Hotel Executive Director Hew Fen Yee and WOW Kampar 2019 President Low Shun Jun.

Su hopes that 2019 will be a year in which Kampar will be known locally and internationally as one of Malaysia's interesting and significant destinations. Prof Choong hopes that WOW Kampar 2019 would inspire undergraduates to continuously contribute and be ever innovative in giving back to society. Low expressed her appreciation to UTAR for providing them the opportunity to reintroduce and re-energise their second home, Kampar.

Some of the activities held were Tun Tan Cheng Lock exhibition, Nasi Lemak Challenge, hair donation, Cantikampar photography, arts and crafts exhibition and workshops. The carnival was further spiced up with WOW Bazaar which saw the participation of more than 90 vendors and food trucks



The enthusiastic WOW Kampar 2019 committee

SES Inter-University Competition 2019

tructural Earthquake Stability Inter-University Competition (SES-V) came back for the fifth time in five consecutive years with the most number of participations.

Thirty-two teams from 18 higher learning institutions including from Perlis and Johor made their way to UTAR Sungai Long Campus on 17 March 2019 to showcase their skills and talent in constructing a "High-Rise Mixed Commercial and Residential Building" model that will withstand the test of earthquake simulation.

This year the teams were challenged to build a residential building with two levels of commercial floor at the bottom and six levels of residential floor on the top. The constructed structure was then loaded and tested on an earthquake simulation shaking table and the winners were judged based on stability of structure, cost and time efficiency and presentation.

A total of RM5,400 cash prizes were up for grab among the participants. The competing teams were from UTAR, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, UCSI University,



Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, University of Malaya (UM), Heriot-Watt University Malaysia, University of Nottingham Malaysia, INTI International University, SEGI University, Manipal International University, Universiti Malaysia Pahang and three polytechnics, namely

Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, Politeknik Sultan Azlan Shah and Politeknik Sultan Idris Shah.

Prior to this competition, SES Intra-University Competition 2019 was held at Sungai Long Campus on 16 February 2019.



Champion: Team Tizzy 1 from UTAR and their winning mode

First runner-up:

Team Beam Civil

from UTAR and

their winning







SES-V Chairman Lim Xin Chern (middle, in blue) and his committee





Second runner up: Team JJ Skr from UM and their winning

Traditional Lion Dance Championship







1st Runner-up and Best Equipment and Formation Design: Kuala Kangsar Chiau Hooi Beo Dragon and



2nd Runner-up: Persatuan Sukan dan Kebudayaan Ma Ching Ipoh Team B

en lion dance teams from all around Perak came together to compete head-to-head in the inaugural UTAR Perak Open Traditional Lion Dance Championship 2019 on 17 March 2019 at Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, Kampar

The championship was organised by UTAR Wushu Club of Kampar Campus' Lion and Dragon Dance Division. It aimed to create a platform for the lion dance teams in Perak to compete and learn from each other and to raise awareness on the importance of preserving lion dance as intangible cultural heritage.

Invited to launch the competition was UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, accompanied by International Hong Teck Sports Association Chief Instructor Siow Ho Phiew, Head of Department of Student Affairs (DSA) of Kampar Campus Chiang Jeng Fong representing UTAR Vice President Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, Advisor of UTAR Wushu Club of Kampar Campus Dr Lee How Chinh, DSA Senior Assistant Manager of UTAR Wushu Club Adrin Yeap Wai Kuan, Chairperson of UTAR Wushu Club of Kampar Campus Leong Kok Weng Kavein, Organising Chairperson Cheah Kar Hon and sponsors.

Prof Chuah said, "Malaysia is a very unique country with different ethnicities staying together. And, thanks to the persistence of the Malaysian Chinese, Malaysia is able to retain most of the Chinese culture, traditions, art and language besides China."

Cheah said, "Lion dance has made great contributions to promote Chinese culture in Malaysia because Malaysians from different ethnic groups like to watch lion dance performances."

EAC accreditation visit



n accreditation visit by Engineering Accreditation Council (EAC) Malaysia evaluation panel was conducted from 19 March 2019 to 20 March 2019 at Sungai Long Campus.

The aim of the accreditation visit was to verify the Engineering programmes under evaluation in compliance with the appropriate accreditation criteria in order to ensure the graduates were adequately prepared to enter the engineering profession. The assessment involved four Engineering Degree Programmes, which were Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Biomedical Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Chemical Engineering and Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Mechatronics Engineering.

Headed by Senior Evaluator Ir Prof Dr Law Chung Lim, the EAC delegates consisted of panel members Ir Prof Dr Arazi bin Idrus, Ir Dr Yee Hooi Min, Ir Ahmad bin Tamby Kadir, Dato' Ir Prof Dr Abdul

Wahab Mohammad, Ir Dr Umi Fazara binti Md Ali, Ir Yong Yoke Choon, Ir Dr Mas Sahidayana Mohktar, Ir Prof Dato' Dr Mohammed Rafiq bin Abdul Kadir, Ir Dr Hj Muhamad Fuad Abdullah, Ir AP Dr Mohamed Tharig bin Hameed Sultan, Ir Dr Budiman Azzali bin Basir, Ir Mohd Hazli bin Hashim, Observer Assoc Prof Dr Cheng Chin Kui and Secretariat Mohd Nizam Abd Malik.

Welcoming the EAC delegates at the opening meeting were UTAR Vice President Prof Ts Dr Faidz bin Abd Rahman, Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science Dean Prof Ir Dr Goi Bok Min, Deputy Deans Prof Ir Dr Yow Ho Kwang, Ir Dr Lim Jee Hock, Assoc Prof Ts Dr Yap Wun She, Heads of department and UTAR staff.

The visit also involved checking of relevant documents and campus tour with the purpose of ensuring that the university has provided adequate facilities and support for professional development and student learning.

Partnering with MMU Korea for mutual interest



From left: Prof Ewe, Prof Chuah, Prof Park and Prof Pyo during the MoU exchange

efforts, UTAR inked an MoU with Mokpo National Maritime University (MMU). a South Korean maritime university, on 28 January 2019 at Sungai Long Campus. Signing on behalf of UTAR were its President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, witnessed

internationalisation

by Vice President Prof Ir Dr Ewe Hong Tat; while MMU was represented by its President Prof Dr Park, Sung-Hyeon, witnessed by Director of Korean Language and Cultural Centre Prof Dr Pyo, Hyun-

Through the MoU, both parties wish to exchange expertise, knowledge, resource and experience especially in the area of engineering and shipping.



MoU with UM and UiTM

■ TAR signed an MoU with Universiti Malaya (UM) and Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) on 16 January 2019. The signing ceremony took place at UM.

The MoU aimed to carry out works on thermoelectric heating and cooling, photovoltaic cooling design and development, students and staff exchange and joint research activities. Besides, the three parties will work closely on the exchange of publications, reports and other academic materials and share activities and programmes in areas of mutual interest.

Signing the MoU were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, UiTM Vice Chancellor Emeritus Prof Dato' Dr Hassan Said and UM Vice Chancellor Datuk Ir (Dr) Abdul Rahim Hashim. Witnessing the MoU were UTAR Centre for Environment and Green Technology Chairperson Prof Ir Dr Ong Kok Seng, UiTM Faculty of Mechanical Engineering Dean Prof Ir Dr Muhammad Azmi Ayub and UM Nanotechnology and Catalysis Research Centre Director Prof Dr Mohd

First inter-varsity drums competition



The winners and participants smile for a group photograph

he 1st Malaysia Inter-Varsity Competition of 24 Festive Drums was held at Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik of Kampar Campus on 23 February 2019. The competition was jointly organised by the 24 Festive Drums Association of Malaysia, Ipoh Drum Academy, UTAR Wushu Club and Huazong 24 Festive Drums Development Department. It aimed to promote the exclusivity of the Chinese culture. Invited to launch the competition were UTAR Chancellor Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, Co-Founder of 24 Festive Drums and Honorary Adviser of Malaysian 24 Festive Drums Association Tan Chai Puan and UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik. Also present were UTAR Council Members Datuk Lim Si Cheng and Hew Fen Yee, Deputy President of MCA Datuk Dr Mah Hang Soon, Organising Chairperson Chong Zhen Hau, sponsors, committee members, UTAR staff and students and the public.

The competition saw seven beautiful performances from seven participating universities, namely Southern University College, Sunway University, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Xiamen University Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and UTAR. Sunway University, UTAR and UUM won the first, second and third places respectively.

Explore the World, Experience the Diversity

¶ith the theme 'Explore the World, Experience the Diversity!' the inaugural UTAR International Day 2019 was successfully held at Kampar Campus on 5 March 2019.

Jointly organised by the Division of Community and International Networking (DCInternet), Department of Student Affairs, Department of Soft Skills Competency and Department of International Student Services, the event aimed to foster greater ties among international students as well as with the local staff and students.

The event was attended by more than 200 visitors who took part in many exciting activities, namely outbound mobility experiences sharing about Korea, China, Japan and Taiwan: cultural booths and art exhibition: hands-on experiences; mini-games and cultural performances.

The event was graced by DCInternet Director Assoc Prof Dr Lai Soon Onn.



UTAR International Day 2019 committee

Special Feature

t was a jubilant and lifechanging occasion for 2,736 graduates of UTAR when they received their respective postgraduate and undergraduate degrees at UTAR's 28th Convocation. The graduates celebrated their academic achievement together with dignitaries, lecturers and staff from UTAR at Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik in Kampar Campus from 8 to 10 March 2019. The graduation ceremony was a three-day celebration of the graduand's perseverance, determination and their dedication to the ideals of UTAR.



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





 Prof Chuah declaring the opening of Session Three and Four of the Convocation



The Session One and Two of the Convocation were declared open by 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 Boards of Trustees members.

The guests of honour for the four sessions of the Convocation were Consultant in Neurology Department of University of Malaya and Member of Board of Trustees of UTAR Education Foundation Prof Dato' Dr Tan Chong Tin for Session One, President and Group Chief Executive of SIRIM Berhad Prof Ir Dr Ahmad Fadzil Mohamad Hani for Session Two, Chairman of Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) Perak Branch and Executive Chairman of Ngan Yin Food Industries Sdn Bhd Dato' Gan Tack Kong for Session Three, and Chairman of Malaysian American Electronics Industry (MAEI) and E&E Productivity Nexus (EEPN) Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai for Session Four. The scroll presenters for Session One were Tun Ling for PhD graduates, Tan Sri Ting and Dato' Tan; Session Two were UTAR Board of Trustees Member Tan Sri Dato' Seri Lee Oi Hian and UTAR Council Member Datuk Lim Si Cheng; Session Three were UTAR Council Member Datuk (Dr) Oh Chong Peng and UTAR Board of Trustees Member and UTAR Council Member Datuk Lee Leck Cheng; and Session Four were UTAR Council Member Tan Sri Dato' Seri Chor Chee Heung and UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee.

In his commencement address, Prof Chuah congratulated the graduands and said, "Having completed your formal education, armed with a degree and obtained the relevant skills, there is









Guests of Honour, from left: Dato' Tan, Prof Ahmad Fadzil, Dato' Gan and Dato' Seri Wong

much more to learn from this point onwards. Unlike in the university where your schedule is dictated by your programme, from now onwards, you are the master of your own time and actions, and your future is very much dependant on your decisions."

Dato' Tan in his speech congratulated the graduands and said, "Most of you will work in some existing institutions after the graduation. The reasons for the existence of the institutions are to serve and fulfil human needs. If you are an entrepreneur and want to start a new venture, the core consideration is to identify some unfulfilled, real human needs and try to solve it."

Prof Ahmad Fadzil in his speech inspired the graduands by sharing his life journey and emphasised, "Lifelong learning is the continued educational experience that helps engage the brain, improve physical activity and maintain healthy social relationship. Lifelong learning can boost your self-confidence because it is an added bonus to your existing capability, competency, experience and skills gained as students."

Dato' Gan in his speech enthused, "Now, on this special day, your life will take another exciting turn that will navigate you to many different paths. There will be opportunities for you to chase your dreams; chances for you to pick up new skills; platforms that allow you to unleash your potentials; occasions that enable to extend your social circle; people who inspire you and teach you lessons. Likewise, anticipate challenges ahead of you."

Dato' Seri Wong in his speech, elucidated, "Learn to respond with a positive attitude, be agile and adaptive to the changes. It is a competitive world. Be hungry for success, don't be complacent. Challenge the status quo. Be a team player, you cannot do everything yourself. Build a competitive team. Make your communication clear, concise and precise. Keep it simple and sweet and communicate with empathy."

The mace bearers were Psychology student R. Thanusha, Accounting student Ong Jun Xiang, Electronic Engineering student Foo Yue Yan and Chinese Studies student Yin Shiqiang.









Tan Sri Lee (right) presenting the scroll to Accounting graduate Siti Farahdeena binti





scroll to Englis



Datuk (Dr)
Oh (right)
presenting
the scroll to
Physiotherapy
graduate Lee
Kar Weng







Sixth from left: Tun Ling, Prof Chuah, Tan Sri Ting and Dato' Tan with some graduates

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Chinese orchestra performance

UTAR Philharmonic orchestra performance



fellow graduates to be determined









Liew advising the fellow graduates to



Musical interlude performers (clockwise from top left): Rebecca Pang Sing Vun, Veronica Pang Syn Ni, Huang, Songjiang, Esther Koh Khai Qi, Ong Yee Yang, Chong Qi-Qi, Sam Jett Shi, Lim Vi Xuen, Ng Min and Tan le Huang







Graduates in jubilant mood

In Search of Excellence

Cyber heroes of UTAR



▲ Front row: Soh (far left), Ng (second from right) and Tin (far right) with Minister of Communications and Multimedia YB Gobind Singh Deo

hree Bachelor of Computer Science (Hons) students, namely Ng Jiunn, Tin Ley Ter and Soh Lun Hao were crowned the third winner of Cyber Heroes Competition 2019. The competition was held from 6 to 7 March 2019 at Asia Pacific University and Putrajaya Marriott Hotel. The team won RM1,000 cash prize.

Organised by CyberSecurity Malaysia, Cyber Heroes Competition 2019 aimed to promote cybersecurity culture among the younger generation and create awareness on the importance of defence over hacking. Cyber Heroes Competition 2019 was also an informative platform to promote the culture of being protective (defensive) and responsible in the cyberspace.



Student awarded at

Majlis Anugerah Tokoh Siswa

▲ Lim (left) and Education Minister YB Dr Maszlee Malik

ee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science student Lim Chin Hui won the "Penghargaan Khas Ketua Pengarah ■Pendidikan Tinggi" award at Majlis Anugerah Tokoh Siswa 2018 on 30 March 2019 at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia.

The event was organised by the Ministry of Education. Attending the event from UTAR were Vice President Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, Head of Department of Student Affairs (DSA) Loh Nyuk Leung, DSA Manager Choong Yee Chin and UTAR students.

The prestigious award ceremony was held to acknowledge the leadership, talent and contribution made by university students nationwide. The title "Penghargaan Khas Ketua Pengarah Pendidikan Tinggi" was awarded to the first, second and third place in organising international competition/event. Lim was nominated for Actuary Today 2018 which was held from 7 to 10 June 2018 at Sungai Long Campus.

Recognition by CIMA

TAR Faculty of Business and Finance (FBF) Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) Accounting alumna Wan Pui Yee was awarded the "High Achiever Award" during the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) A-Star Programme Award Ceremony held at CIMA SEA's Office at First Avenue, Bandar Utama on 24 February 2019.

Along with six other Accounting alumni, namely Hew Jun Jie, Loh Dip Yee, Loh Yee Wah, Kevin Tan Kah Seng, Yan Kit Wai and Chong Jia Hao, Wan also passed the final exam of the CIMA A-Star Programmme. Launched by CIMA in October 2018, the A-Star Programmme is a fast track avenue for nominated top achievers from selected prestigious Malaysian universities to obtain the coveted CIMA Professional Qualification upon passing only one final exam, which is the Strategic Case Study, and fulfilling the requirement of having a minimum of 36 months of relevant working experiences.



Hew (most left), Wan (second from right) and Yan (most right) displaying their certificates of completion while Cheah (second from left) looks or

Recognition by JobStreet.com

TAR was awarded the "Top 10 private universities recommended by JobStreet.com" on 18 January 2019. The award ceremony called "JobStreet.com Preferred 2019 Program" was held at Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur. It was organised by JobStreet.com.

The award was given based on certain criteria. These criteria include strong collaboration with industry partners, job market demand and supply, employer's recommendation and the quality of candidates.

The award is a recognition and endorsement from JobStreet that UTAR students are highly recommended to the employers in Malaysia. This programme provides an assurance to JobStreet registered employers that only the best quality candidates are offered to the employers for hiring.



UTAR Vice President Prof Choong Chee Keong (left) receiving the award on behalf of UTAR from JobStreet.com Country Manager Gan



Second in business case competition

our Faculty of Business and Finance (FBF) students clinched the second spot in the HSBC Malaysia Business Case Competition 2019's final round at Hotel Istana City Centre Kuala Lumpur on 27 March 2019.

Organised by Enactus Malaysia and sponsored by HSBC, the HSBC Malaysia Business Case Competition aimed to provide a platform for young students to apply their practical business knowledge and skills to real-life business scenarios.

The guartet walked away with a cash prize of RM10,000. They were mentored by FBF Department of Economics senior lecturer Kuar Lok Sin.

World's 10 most productive authors



aculty of Business and Finance's Dr Garry Tan Wei Han was recently recognised as one of the "World's 10 Most Productive Authors" in the area of Mobile Commerce. He is currently ranked #5.

The recognition was given based on 1,130 mobile commerce articles published using the Web of Science database from January 2007 until October 2018. The article that contributed to Dr Tan's ranking is titled "The Knowledge" Mapping of Mobile Commerce Research: A Visual Analysis Based on I-Model" published in the Sustainability Journal.

UTAR was also rated as one of the "World's 10 Most Productive Institutions" in the area of Mobile Commerce. UTAR is ranked #2.

First runner-up in iUM Disrupt



our UTAR Entrepreneurship students and one Universiti Malaya (UM) student emerged as the first runner-up at iUM Disrupt 2019. The competition was held at Tuanku Bahiyah Residential College, UM from

They presented a product called "Incretable". It is a table that has multiple functions and features such as adjustable height, table lamp, cup holder, hidden power socket, storage space and wireless charging.

The four UTAR Entrepreneurship students were Kong Woon Kit, Low Kin Kei, Loo Sau Qien and Goh Yee Jian. The fifth member was Tan Kah Chun from UM. The team took home cash prize RM750.

Outstanding Paper Award



Dr Cham displaying his certificate

aculty of Accountancy and Management Head of PhD and MPhil Programmes Dr Cham Tat Huei along with other researchers received "Outstanding Paper Award" at QS Subject Focus Summit Research Sharing Session, held at UCSI University, Malaysia from 5 to 7 December

The research paper titled, "The Intention of China Tourists to Visit Sarawak: A Study of Push and Pull Factors" aimed to seek the factors influencing China tourist to travel to Sarawak. The paper was co-authored with Swinburne University of Technology lecturer Dr Bibiana Lim Chiu Yiong, Universiti Putra Malaysia senior lecturer Dr Cheah Jun Hwa and Wawasan Open University MBA student Julie Liaw.

The aim of the Summit was to foster a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the hospitality and leisure management education.

Engineering Professor awarded by IMechE



Prof Ong walked away with an ISB Award Certificate

TAR Centre for Environment and Green Technology (CEGT) Chairperson Prof Ir Dr Ong Kok Seng was recently awarded the Volunteer Award for Meritorious Service 2018 by The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) International Strategy Board (ISB).

The award is made in recognition of outstanding services to IMechE's international network and only two awards are given out each year. Prof Ong is one of the recipients with the other being Daniel Fayolle of IMechE Groupe France.

The IMechE website also commended Prof Ong's extensive experience and insight in Institution matters, as well as the contribution of his leadership skills to the Malaysia Branch.

Jinbodhi Education Subsidy Award

inbodhi Education Subsidy Award presentation ceremony 2019 was held on 24 January 2019 at Sungai Long Campus. A total of eight UTAR students received the education subsidy from Bodhi Meditation Malaysia Bhd

Present at the ceremony were Vice Chairman of BMMB Brother Xu Te. **UTAR Vice President Prof Dr Choong** Chee Keong, BMMB members Brother Min Zhan and Sister Dong Cao, subsidy recipients, UTAR staff and students.

The recipients were Er Ji Siang, Nies Yong Seng, Lee jia Chie, Jefferey Voo Khang Wei, Sam Li Xing, Oai Wen Chi, Saarani Subramaniam and Sim Yee Chean.



Front row, from left: Brother Min, Brother Xu, Prof Choong and Sister Dong with the eight subsidiary recipients



Kicap Bentong Sdn Bhd awards FCI student

s part of the UTAR New Village E-commerce project under Department of Soft Skills Competency (DSSC), Year Three Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI) student Fan Yi Wei was awarded a cash prize of RM500 for assisting Kicap Bentong Sdn Bhd in designing their brand logo. The award was given by Kicap Bentong Sdn Bhd Production Manager Adrian Wong on 22 February 2019 at Sungai Long Campus.

UTAR New Village E-commerce project was launched on 23 November 2017. It aimed to link the new villages to the small and medium-sized enterprises through the adoption of digital marketing and e-commerce with training and guidance from the UTAR students and staff.

Adrian Wong (second from left) presenting the cash prize to Fan, while DSSC Head Fook Oi Yee (far left) and FCI Head of Multimedia Design and Animation Department Dr Yuen May Chan look on

Best Paper Award for PhD student

TAR Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) Year Three PhD student Kiran Adnan received the 3rd Best Paper Award at the 3rd International Conference on Data Management, Analytics and Innovation (ICDMAI 2019), held at Lincoln University College from 18 to 20 January 2019.

Titled "Role and Challenges of Unstructured Big Data in Healthcare" the research article identified the challenges created by unstructured data in healthcare to improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare systems. The research was supervised by UTAR FICT lecturers Ts Dr Rehan Akbar and Dr Khor Siak Wang. Kiran walked away with a certificate of acknowledgement and trophy.

From left: Dr Rehan, Kiran and Dr Khor





CCSN Chairperson receives **IEEE Excellent Award**

entre for Communication Systems and Networks (CCSN) Chairperson Prof Ts Dr Lim Eng Hock made UTAR proud when he received the "IEEE Excellent Award" at the IEEE Malaysia AP/MTT/EMC Joint Chapter Publication Awards 2018. Prof Lim received the award for his research paper titled "Dielectric Resonator Antennas: From the Basic to the Aesthetic". The paper explained the basic characteristics of dielectric resonator antennas (DRAs), with emphasis on the effect of the form factor on their resonance (operating) frequencies.

IEEE is the world's largest professional association dedicated to advancing technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of

Chapter Chair of AP/MTT/EMC Joint Chapter Malaysia Assoc Prof Dr Fauziahanim binti Che Seman (left) presenting the award to Prof Lim

Achievement unlocked by UTAR Nursing alumni

TAR Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) Bachelor of Nursing (Hons) graduate Chung Shun Pei made UTAR proud by obtaining "Cemerlang" (Excellent) in the Malaysian Nursing Board licensure examination conducted by the Malaysian Nursing Board on 19 December 2018.

The examination aimed to recognise future nurses who had completed their studies. It is compulsory for each nursing student to pass the Malaysian Nursing Board Examination, in accordance

Ir Chan (right) presenting

the mock cheque to Koay



Chung (left) and FMHS Head of Nursing Department Liew Siew Fun

with the 1950 Nursing Act (Act 14), to practise nursing. Students who have passed the examination may start practising in any government or private hospitals in Malaysia and overseas.

ANI-WHERE learning platform won bronze

he "ANI-WHERE Learning Platform' which was developed by Faculty of Creative Industries lecturer Ng Perng Jeu won him a bronze medal in the "P&P Innovation Competition 2018". The competition was held at Universiti Kebangsaan Malavsia from 23 to 24 January 2019. It was held in conjunction with Karnival Inovasi P&P



ANI-WHERE Learning Platform is an interactive multimedia learning tool for digital animation. It aimed to create interesting and easy-to-use multimedia to increase students' performance level and motivation. Besides, it also aimed to provide an alternative learning platform to help students learn better and enhance the interactivity between students and learning materials.

LKC FES students shine in Huawei ICT Competition

hree students from Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES), namely Chew Vee Jeng, Koe Jia Chi and Tan Yu Sheng, won the first runnerup for Huawei ICT Competition Malaysia Final 2018-2019 on 22 January 2019. They were led by their instructor Dr Tham Mau

The success was secured after three hours of on-the-spot lab exam related to Routing and Switching, WLAN and Security. Deputy Minister of Education YB Teo Nie Ching was in attendance to present the award to the winners and officiate its closing ceremony.

The competition aimed to address the gap between talent and requirements in the industry, through working with universities in producing well-rounded and multi-skilled professionals, preparing them to join the workforce in a digitally progressing world.



From left: Baker ZhouXin, Prof Ts Dr Arham Abdullah, YB Teo, Dr Tham, Koe, Chew, Tan and Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Head Ir Dr Chang Yoong Choon

Excelling in chemical engineering

n award ceremony for the "Best Final Year Project in Petrochemical Engineering" was held on 13 March 2019 at Kampar Campus. It saw Ir Chan presenting the award to Final Year Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Petrochemical Engineering student Elvin Koay Jing Lin. Koay received a certificate and a cash prize of RM3,000.

The award ceremony aimed to give recognition to students' excellent research work. Also present at the award ceremony were Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology Deputy Deans Dr Lo Po Kim and Dr Tan Kok Tat, Department of PetroChemical Engineering Head Dr Mathialagan Muniyadi, staff



Win at Toastmasters contest

nternational Speech and Table Topics Contests was jointly organised by UTAR Sungai Long Toastmasters Club and Toastmasters International, District 102, Division E, Area E2 on 23 February 2019. The competition was held at Sungai Long Campus.

The International Speech Contest saw Quantity Surveying student from Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES), Heng Shen Yih winning the third place. Heng's speech was titled "The Wall". He was awarded a trophy and a certificate.

Present at the competition were Area E2 Director Patrick Lau, fellow members of various Toastmasters Clubs in Area E2, UTAR students and guests. The competition aimed to provide an opportunity for Toastmasters to gain speaking experience, as well as an opportunity for other Toastmasters to learn by observing proficient speakers.

Heng (left) receiving the award from Patrick Lau

and students. 16 In Search of Excellence

Community at Heart

achelor of Communication (Hons)
Public Relations (PR) students from
the Faculty of Arts and Social Science
organised an In-Campus Mural Painting at
Kampar Campus. The event was part of PR's
UAMP3084 Corporate Social Responsibility
(CSR) subject. An official ceremony was held
on 13 March 2019.

Present at the ceremony were UTAR
President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr
Chuah Hean Teik, Head of Estates and
Facilities Department of Kampar Campus
Ir Abdul Majid bin Mohd Gani, Yu Jing
Art Studio Artist Sophie Ng Min Hui,
Department of PR lecturer Diong Fong Wei,
staff and students.

Prof Chuah said, "Through projects like this, students are being cultivated with the aspect of leadership and volunteerism. It requires the students to make decisions and communicate with different parties, while undertaking the initiative of performing a

Beautifying the Campus



Standing from left: Diong, Ng (fifth from left), Prof Chuah, Lim and Majid with student volunteers

task independently. These students who took the initiative to beautify the Campus will definitely have a good memory to take along with them."

The Project Director of PR CSR Projects 2019, Group 7, Lim Xin Jie said, "The concept of the maze in the middle of the mural coincides with three UTAR missions, which are 'Tenacity in overcoming challenges', 'Agility in facing new frontiers',

and 'Responsibility in pursuit of excellence'. It also reflects the struggles, happiness and challenges faced by the university students throughout their undergraduate years."

A total of 102 students was involved in the project. They were divided into eight groups and each group carried out different CSR Projects which included beautification project and visitation to old folks and orphanage homes.

優大

拉曼大学金宝校区中文研究学会 (中研会)主办的第三届拉曼大 学文学周"缔源"于2019年3月30日至4 月3日,一连5天在金宝校区敦林良实礼 堂举办,旨在推广文学创作风气、提升 校园文学氛围,以及提供一个让文学爱 好者交流的平台。

本届文学周主题"缔源",缔,联接;源,源流,寄望到场的来宾不仅能感受到中华文化既深邃又不失趣味的一面,也希望可把它和在地的马华历史文化联接起来,使两者都能成为每个人内在生命的丰盛之源。

活动主席谢菘烈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、活动顾问老师莫德厚、学生事务处副经理姚爱萍和家人在筹备过程中所给予的督导、协助与支持,以及全体筹委、工委的齐心协力地克服了种种的挑战与困难,让文学周得以成功筹办。

本届文学周顾问老师莫德厚表示非



▲ 第三届拉曼大学文学周"缔源"于日前在金宝校区敦林良实礼堂举办,获得了校内外文学爱好者的 踊跃出度

第三届拉曼大学文学周"缔源"

常高兴能够和筹委们一同奋斗、学习与成长, "我们不仅希望能够呈现中华文化跟本 地文化的交融, 也盼望能够将关注点放在大马华人的历史, 尝试呈现先辈们从大陆陆 续南来后, 在本地生根然后茁壮成长的一个变迁与发展。"

中研会顾问老师兼中文系系主任杜忠全博士致词时感谢校方对学生活动的鼎力支持,"自2017年起的第一届拉曼大学文学周,如今已来到了第三届,也成为了中研会,以及拉曼大学中文系大学部学生自发性筹办的一项重大年度活动。当初院方提出这项活动的目的在于希望能够让学生们在作业、呈堂、考试之外的大学生活里留下美好日难忘的回忆。"

开幕主宾中华研究院院长张晓威副教授致词时表示,"这是学长学弟之间的一种活动模式兼精神传承,学生们对主题的构思和传承也非常用心和花心思。同时也可借此机会把马华文学介绍给到访者,让更多人对我们本土独特的马华文学有更深入的认识,让马华文学的发展获得更多的滋润与发扬。"他补充,"文学周活动除了推广中华研究院和中文系以外,也作为一项大学的社区回馈活动让更多在地和附近社区的民众前来参与。"

文学周活动包罗万象,其中包括戏剧工作坊、木刻工作坊、童玩工作坊、中国结工作坊、捏面人工作坊、围棋工作坊、汉服体验坊、书展、名家讲座及展览等。

Going the extra mile for charity





Participants hitting the road (bottom) after the warm up session (to

ver 600 participants from every segment of the society participated in the "Charity Run for UTAR Hospital Project" event held at Sports Complex of UTAR Kampar Campus on 2 March 2019.

Officially launched on 24 January this year, the charity run for the upcoming hospital was spearheaded and organised by a group of students with the support of the Department of Student Affairs (DSA) of Kampar Campus. Its main objective was to raise funds for the UTAR Hospital Project, which is estimated to cost RM330million.

Flagging off the 9km run were UTAR Chancellor Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik, UTAR Council Members Datuk Lee Leck Cheng and Hew Fen Yee, and UTAR Vice President Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong. Also present were Toh Puan Ena Ling and Organising Chairperson Wong Hock Nian.

Besides joining the two-hour run, participants also had the opportunity to try their hands at exhilarating side activities such as zorbing, the kin-ball games and the Army Eliminator inflatable challenge, as well as enjoying free health screening by the Kampar District Health Office.

To further give colour to the ceremony, a string of performances by a school as well as UTAR clubs and societies were also available. They included the ebullient cheerleading performance by SMJK Ave Maria Convent's Titan team; the intrepid martial arts performance by UTAR Taekwondo Club; the breezy acoustic singing by UTAR Music Club's "Broken Artistes"; and the nimble diabolo performance by the UTAR Sungai Long Chinese Studies Society Diabolo Unit. The closing ceremony saw the presence of UTAR Planning and

Development Committee Advisor Tan Sri Hew See Tong, DSA Kampar Campus Head Chiang Jeng Fong, main sponsor Kevin Kong Chee Kin and spouse Vivian Ng, and event advisor Yau Ai Ping.

▲ 黄贤强是拉曼大学中文系学士课程 校外考委。

拉曼大学中华研究院学术讲座: 黄贤强博士谈梁碧茹及其家族

量大学中华研究院于2019年2月27日在 金宝校区主办了一场由新加坡国立大学(新大)中文系副教授黄贤强博士主讲, 以"从恰保闲真别墅和梅州洁养堂论梁碧如 及其家族的跨域研究"为题的学术讲座。

黄贤强博士曾任新大中文系系主任,目前是拉曼大学中文系学士课程校外考委,研究专长涵盖近代史、新马华人研究等。此行是主讲人首次到访拉曼大学金宝校区。

他自1998年起开始发表与锡矿巨子梁碧如相关的论文,"梁碧如(又名梁辉、梁廷芳)是个跨域人物,1876年南来马来亚后,足迹跨及多个地域,包括广东梅州、南洋的霹雳州、槟城等地。他的事业也涉足多个领域,包括锡矿业、慈善教育事业,同时他也是清朝驻槟城副领事。" 此外, 他也简述了梁碧如在当时南洋马来亚和中国梅县的两头家,探讨了梁在南洋和中国两地的贡献与影响力

随后,他简介了于1900落成的客家围龙屋"洁养堂"的建筑构造,"梁碧如在家乡兴建的'洁养堂'是最能代表维系马来亚和中国侨乡关系的物资资产,而且不只是建筑本身,也包括建筑内所遗留下来的文化符号,以及延生出来的跨域亲情。虽然在文化

大革命的时候遭到相当大的破坏,但因为其重要的历史价值和原主人的历史角色,让它在2011年被梅江区文物保护单位列为了重要历史文物。"他透露在考察"洁养堂"期间更在该处发现了清朝光绪年间的石碑和牌原

除了提及梁碧茹在马的教育贡献,主讲 人也以蒙养学堂和德济疗养院为例,探讨了 梁碧茹与家族对家乡的启蒙教育和医疗方面 的贡献。

他总结表示,"跨地域的调研、文献与口述资料并重的研究方法让我们能够更了解南洋华侨与侨乡侨眷的互动关系。梁碧茹的发迹符合了华侨白手起家的模式,他依靠勤奋、人脉和运气,以锡矿业累积财富,同时也积极参与社团公益和领事公职累积社会资本。梁家在南洋的荣华富贵也延续到家乡,洁养堂围龙屋的落成,不只是光宗耀祖的文化符号,更是情牵南洋和家乡的标志。"

最后,主讲人与出席者交流甚欢,一同探讨了与洁养堂、蒙养学堂的命名起源、梁碧如后人的发展、家族史变迁、跨界研究、田野考察等相关的课题。

Sudut UTARian

Program pencegahan jenayah bersama Polis Kampar

Bermatlamat untuk mendidik komuniti UTAR mengenai tanggungjawab mereka dalam menangani jenayah dan mengawasi perkara yang mendatangkan bahaya, Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah Kampar telah menganjurkan *Program High Profile Policing* bertempat di Kampus Kampar. Seramai 25 orang anggota polis mengambil bahagian dalam aktiviti berbasikal dari Balai Polis Kampar ke Kampus Kampar pada

31 Januari 2019. Program ini diadakan bersempena dengan pelancaran *Kampar Cops Cycling Team*.

Dipimpin oleh OCPD SUPT Hasron Nazri bin Hashim dari Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah Kampar, program berbasikal tersebut juga bertujuan untuk mengenali para pelajar UTAR secara akrab dan pada masa yang sama untuk mempromosikan gaya hidup sihat untuk semua.



Pasukan berbasikal polis Kampar bergambar dengan kakitangan dan pelajar-pelajar UTAR





Delegasi tersebut disambut dan dinaungi oleh Naib Presiden UTAR untuk Pembangunan Pelajar dan Hubungan Alumni Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, Ketua Jabatan Hal Ehwal Pelajar (DSA) Chiang Jeng Fong, Ketua Jabatan Keselamatan (DSS) Wong Kean Loong, Ketua Bahagian Komunikasi Korporat dan Perhubungan Awam (DCCPR) Chock Yujin, para kakitangan dan pelajar-pelajar UTAR.

Program anjuran bersama DSA dan DSS ini merupakan sebahagian daripada usaha berterusan Polis DiRaja Malaysia bagi menjalinkan hubungan erat dengan komuniti setempat mengenai langkah-langkah pencegahan jenayah.

Selain mewujudkan kesedaran mengenai pencegahan jenayah dalam kalangan pelajar, program ini juga bertujuan untuk menjalin hubungan yang lebih baik di antara pegawai-pegawai kanan Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah Kampar serta komuniti UTAR. Program ini juga merupakan peluang bagi pegawai polis untuk mendekati pelajar-pelajar secara langsung. Di samping itu, mereka turut mengedarkan risalah-risalah pencegahan jenayah yang mengandungi maklumat terperinci mengenai langkah-langkah bijak dalam menangani jenayah.

Program tersebut kemudiannya berakhir selepas sesi pertukaran cenderamata di antara Prof Choong dan SUPT Hasron, menandakan kerjasama antara keduadua institusi tersebut melalui inisiatif sedemikian.



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