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Inspired by the people, a group of forerunners conceived a brainchild called 'Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman'. These founding forerunners then worked passionately and tirelessly to make their dream a reality. Their enthusiasm influenced many others along the way.

Donations poured in not only from wealthy philanthropists, corporations, organisations, state and federal governments, but also from countless unknown individuals from all walks of life. UTAR was eventually born on 13 August 2002.

Today, 10 years later, inspired by the forerunners, UTAR have strived hard to increase its student numbers from 411 to over 19,000, to produce over 25,000 employable and socially responsible graduates, and to excel in the creation, dissemination and preservation of knowledge.

Moving forward, UTAR will continue to propel to achieve greater heights for the betterment of the community, the people, the country and the world.



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Message



YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak
Prime Minister
Malaysia



I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) on its 10th anniversary celebrations.

I was made to understand that UTAR, guided by its founding philosophy to provide quality education for all, is a not-for-profit institution whose primary objective is to offer high standard of education to the rakyat.

Education is one of the most critical drivers for transforming Malaysia from a middle- to high-income economy. It is also an engine of growth in its own right. Therefore, education, particularly the private education sector, has been identified as one of the Key National Economic Areas under the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP).

Over the short span of 10 years, the University has produced over 25,000 graduates in all fields that are critical to the country's economic development. I am impressed that UTAR has a proven track record of high employability rate, that is, 97% of its graduates are gainfully employed within six months upon graduation and the graduates have been well accepted by the industries and employers in both local and global marketplace. More importantly, this talent pool is contributing positively to the progress of ETP for Malaysia to become a high-income, developed, resilient and competitive nation.

The growth of UTAR has been nothing short of being spectacular. Within a decade, the University has grown from a single campus to four, from offering just eight programmes initially to now over 100, and from just serving over 400 students to more than 19,000. In recent years, the University has also intensified its R&D efforts in fields of importance or emerging importance to the economy. UTAR is undoubtedly a leading private institution of higher learning in the country.

I am proud of UTAR's achievements over the years. Moving forward, I hope that UTAR will continue to be guided by its founding philosophy and work harder towards providing higher quality education to the rakyat to become a truly 1Malaysia university.

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Dato' Sri Mohd Najib

Message



YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin
Higher Education Minister
Malaysia



It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman on its 10th anniversary celebration.

To progress in making Malaysia a centre of higher educational excellence by the year 2020, we embrace the mission to build and create a higher education environment that is conducive for the development of a superior centre of knowledge and to generate individuals who are competent, innovative and of noble character to serve the needs of the nation and the world.

It is delightful for all to note that UTAR embraces the same mission as the ministry towards achieving educational excellence. The University has today established four campuses in the Klang Valley and Perak which are equipped with sufficient facilities and provide an environment conducive for learning. UTAR works closely with the industry in R&D and commercialisation as well as programme development to ensure the university's programmes will provide the latest relevant competencies needed by the industry. Besides imparting relevant knowledge and technical know-how to students, the University also implements a structured system of providing the essential soft skills training to ensure that the students possess the necessary leadership quality, innovative ability and moral values.

The approach adopted by UTAR has been successful as evident in its high student enrolment of more than 19,000 and alumni body of more than 25,000 strong over a period of 10 years. It is also reported that the University's graduate employability rate is as high as 97 percent within six months of graduation, an achievement that speaks volume of the quality of education offered. It is also noted that its students and faculty members have regularly won awards. Therefore, UTAR is contributing towards making Malaysia a centre of higher educational excellence.

Once again, I congratulate UTAR on its 10th anniversary. I am glad to know that the University has embraced the ambitious vision to be a premier university. It is my aspiration that UTAR will intensify its efforts especially in R&D and internationalisation to progress closer to becoming a premier international university that Malaysia will be proud of.

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Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin

Message



YBhg Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek
President
Malaysian Chinese Association



I take great pride in writing this congratulatory message for the 10th anniversary celebrations of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.

I recall that when UTAR was established in 2002, it was a 33-year-old dream came true for the MCA and the community it serves. It was then another momentous milestone achieved by the party in providing more and better higher education opportunities to the rakyat since the establishment of Tunku Abdul Rahman College in 1969. It is only befitting for me, at this juncture, to thank all my forerunners in the MCA who had worked tirelessly to make UTAR a reality. I also thank the innumerable generous donors of all ethnicities, organisations, corporations, state and federal governments for contributing selflessly to the noble cause of establishing the University.

A decade after its inception, it is comforting for me to know that UTAR has fulfilled, if not surpassed, the aspirations and expectations of its founders and benefactors. The University has enriched the lives of close to 50,000 students and alumni, not to mention their family members and loved ones. All its graduates, exceeding 25,000, are fully employed locally and globally, serving the community and society, and contributing to the economic transformation of Malaysia.

It is also heartening for me to note that UTAR, already an excellent teaching university, is working towards becoming an excellent research university so as to transform itself into a premier university. To achieve this goal, UTAR faculty members are leading the students in stepping up their efforts in R&D and commercialisation. The University has also intensified its internationalisation process to enhance the recognition by its peers all over the world on its academic standings and research capabilities to improve UTAR's reputation and rating globally. In this respect, I thank the faculty and staff of UTAR for their hard work and dedication to achieve excellence.

Moving forward, I urge the entire UTAR community to continue to work towards achieving greater heights. Students must study hard so that they continue to be highly employable UTAR graduates in the industry and contribute to the country, while keeping up the good name of UTAR. UTAR must continue to offer more high-quality courses and be more active in R&D activities that are relevant to the industry and to the economic development of the country.

I congratulate UTAR on its 10th anniversary. On behalf of the party, I would like to assure here that MCA will continue to support UTAR in its journey to be a greater university for the community, society and Malaysia.

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Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek

Message



YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum
Chairman
UTAR Education Foundation
Board of Trustees



It is my honour and pleasure to pen this message to congratulate Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman on its 10th anniversary.

I am indeed proud to be associated with UTAR as the Chairman of its Board of Trustees. UTAR is truly an outstanding university. The establishment of UTAR was a dream come true for its founding group of people led by Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik. It took hardly a year, after Government approval, for the university to open its doors and welcome its inaugural cohort of students at the humble rented Petaling Jaya Campus. This amazing feat by the founders touched the hearts of the community and when UTAR unveiled its plans to build its permanent campus, all Malaysians, from the wealthy philanthropists and business tycoons to the ordinary man in the street and the hawkers, from private business corporations to public organisations, and from both federal and state governments, donated so spontaneously and very generously to UTAR's building fund.

To express gratitude to the countless benefactors, UTAR set off to fulfil their expectations and aim to achieve only the highest possible - to become a premier university. Since then the University has embarked on an extraordinary journey. Started with slightly over 400 students 10 years ago, today, the University enjoys the good reputation of being an excellent teaching university which is serving a student population of over 19,000, pursuing more than 100 programmes from pre-university to postgraduate studies. What is truly impressive is UTAR's capability of offering world-class education at fees more affordable than most, if not all, other private institutions. One would be delighted to know that over the past decade UTAR has produced more than 25,000 graduates who are doing well in their careers in every key industry not just in Malaysia but also overseas.

Not resting on its laurels, the University has stepped up its efforts in research and development and also commercialisation to further contribute to the economic development and transformation of the country. The dedication and hard work of the UTAR community has driven the university to advance progressively towards becoming an excellent research university, while it continues to improve as a university.

Congratulations to Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman for a decade of success. Moving forward, I am certain UTAR will continue to achieve greater heights and emerge as a global premier university.

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Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum

Message



YABhg Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik
UTAR Council Chairman



"It takes 10 years to grow a tree but a hundred years to grow a man." A well-known Chinese saying that depicts the laborious task to develop a person of significant eminence. Nonetheless, UTAR had taken on such a task a decade ago to develop not only just an individual but rather a community, and it has achieved a certain success today.

Just as the saying goes, UTAR did grow from an acorn to an oak over the past 10 years. Like an acorn that grew from a single stem to many branches that bear many leaves, flowers and acorns, the University grew from its humble beginnings of a single makeshift campus in Petaling Jaya serving just hundreds of students to today's four campuses in the Klang Valley and Perak occupying thousands of acres, serving tens of thousands of students and producing tens of thousands of alumni.

While we celebrate the University's 10th anniversary, let us not forget the contributions of our forerunners. From a spark of inspiration among the forerunners of MCA came the aspiration of creating a premier institution of higher learning. They toiled for decades until their dream eventually came true when Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman was born 10 years ago in August 2002. Without MCA there would be no UTAR today.

Thanks must go to the University's dedicated staff, especially its leaders the founding President Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ng Lay Swee and present President Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik; their hard work has nourished the steady growth of UTAR. I would also like to thank the UTAR's Board of Trustees and Council members and international advisors for their invaluable guidance to the University.

And most of all, I thank the people for their unceasing support and unwavering trust. Without the people's contributions, the infrastructural growth of UTAR would not have been possible. Without the people's entrusting their young ones to the University, the student and alumni growth of UTAR also would not have been as spectacular.

Like an imposing oak that provides a generous cosy shade for the countless passers-by who seek its comfort, UTAR has been a conducive learning ground to a myriad of lifelong wisdom seekers, young and old, as well as, given solace to numerous unfortunates who were disadvantaged by poverty and natural calamities.

While the flowers, acorns and oak should always be thankful to the earth, rain and sunshine that nurture them, the students, alumni and University should always be mindful of the selfless sacrifices and generosity of their benefactors who are not only the well-to-do philanthropists but also the unknown men in the street.

In return, let us all strive for excellence and perfection on our way to making UTAR a premier university. Let the many acorns of UTAR grow into many benevolent oaks to serve and repay the society and country. Let Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman produce a man of the century for the world, perhaps, within a hundred years.

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Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik

Message



**YBhg Ir Professor Academician Dato'
Dr Chuah Hean Teik
UTAR President**



"A decade of forerunners' toil, we'll treasure in our hearts. A century of nurturing individuals, we'll achieve with greater glory."

As we celebrate the University's 10th anniversary, let us keep in mind those who have brought us to this milestone of our journey. Such milestone could only be achieved with the bold vision and foresight of our forerunners who have selflessly dedicated to the noble cause of building a university for the people and the enormous contributions of our innumerable benefactors whose benevolent deeds have always been a source of inspiration for us to grow from strength to strength.

UTAR began with 411 students, eight Bachelor Honours degree programmes, three faculties and one campus location. Fast forward, UTAR now has over 19,000 students pursuing more than 100 programmes spread over nine faculties in four campus locations. Built on 1,300-acres of land, our lake view flagship Perak campus has ventured into second phase of the campus development to provide an exceptional intellectual environment for its thriving vibrant and diverse community. In tandem with the exponential growth, the University also set to develop a purpose-designed city campus in Bandar Sungai Long.

Since its beginnings, UTAR has charted on the right course to achieve its vision to be a premier university – one that excels in creating, preserving and disseminating knowledge.

In creating knowledge, the University research on diverse areas of contemporary and emerging importance which strives to bring benefits to the community, society and world at large, and to humankind herself. Our diverse research areas include stem cells, cancer, traditional Chinese medicine, building construction, waste water treatment, environmental health, mobile and satellite communications, solar and renewable energy, IT security, internet TV, cloud computing, multimedia education, computer vision, social capital, globalisation, agriculture and Chinese studies. Our intensified research efforts and strong research culture have yielded numerous achievements of significance. Among these are the incorporation of the spin-off company UTAR Microalgae Sdn Bhd, patents for research inventions, increased research collaborations and success in securing competitive research grant.

In preserving knowledge, our relentless efforts have led to UTAR's publications to be listed among the top 10 universities in the country in terms of number of publications indexed in ISI Web of Science and Scopus in 2011.

In disseminating knowledge, we nurtures students with UTAR's unique six education philosophies of 德 – virtue and morality, 智 – knowledge and intellect, 体 – physical and mental health, 群 – sociality and humanitarianism, 美 – aesthetics and harmony, and 新 – creativity and innovation. Our over 25,000 graduates have proven once and again that the broad-based and character education they experienced at UTAR has transformed them into versatile, confident and socially engaged professionals with integrity and global outlook.

On this momentous occasion, it is befitting for me to thank all parties for the full-hearted support and efforts in making UTAR a truly outstanding university. Let us advance together towards achieving greater glories in serving the society, nation, mankind and the world.

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Ir Professor Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik