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Welcome to the 33rd issue of UTBPulse. Sep - Dec 2023

Alhamdulillah, It is my privilege to present the 33rd issue of UTBPulse, which highlights some of the most significant milestones and accomplishments of the past few months. This period has been marked by a series of important events that celebrate our collective dedication to excellence, innovation, and community engagement.

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Chancellor of UTB, consented to officiate UTB Convocation 2023 ceremony. The ceremony was also graced by His Royal Highness Prince (Dr) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, the Pro-Chancellor of UTB. Complementing this, the Khatam Al-Quran ceremony added a spiritual dimension to our celebrations, reflecting our commitment to both academic and moral growth.

I am also proud to share the success of the of UTB-STE Connect, a collaborative platform that marks a new chapter in bridging academia and industry, fostering stronger partnerships for the future. In addition, our participation in the 33rd Teacher's Day served as a powerful reminder of the invaluable role educators play in shaping our students and our nation.

Engagement with our national leaders and professional communities remains a priority. We hosted a fruitful dialogue session with esteemed members of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, Yang Berhormat Dayang Hajah Rosmawatty binti Hj Abdul Mumin and Yang Berhormat Dr Awang Hj Mahali bin Hj Momin. This session provided valuable insights into key national issues and UTB's role in addressing them. Likewise, our dialogue with Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera & Arkitek (PUJA) Brunei Darussalam, led by PUJA's President, Yang Mulia Sr. Haji Awang Hanafi bin POKDGSRDRLU Haji Awang Abdul Rahman, underscored our commitment to fostering close ties with the professional community.

We also take immense pride in the accomplishments of our students. UTB is incredibly proud to congratulate Dayang Basma binti Lachkar for her historic accomplishment in securing a Silver medal at the 19th Asian Games in the Women's Taijiquan and Taijijian All-Round event held in Hangzhou, the People's Republic of China. Additionally, UTB staff and students gained notable recognition at the Brunei Info-Communication Technology Awards (BICTA) 2023, emerging as the winners of the Tertiary School Award and securing a Merit in the Research and Development category.

These accolades highlight the innovative spirit and drive for excellence that permeate our university.

Our dedication to excellence in education and research continues through attending several workshops and newly signed MoUs with valued partners. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming distinguished visitors, including Professor Dr. Hugh Bigsby, Dean of the Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce of Lincoln University, Christchurch, New Zealand, and His Excellency Maeda Toru, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam. We saw book donations from His Excellency Prof. Dr. Hamit Ersoy, The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkiye, Embassy of the Republic of Turkiye in Brunei Darussalam and Her Excellency Sengdavanh Vongsay, The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam. On a personal note, I participated in the Canada-ASEAN Partnership Forum to strengthen educational ties and explore collaboration opportunities between Canada and ASEAN, within Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy. These activities have opened doors for exciting collaborations in academia, research, and industry.

Looking ahead, I am confident that UTB will keep advancing as a leading institution of higher learning. Together, we will build on our achievements, overcome challenges with resilience, and continue making impactful contributions to society.

Take care, and thank you

Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.



Zohrah Sulaiman

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Khatam Al-Quran Ceremony In Conjunction With UTB Convocation 2023

7 September 2023 – In conjunction with Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) Convocation 2023, 98 participants took part in the Khatam Al-Quran ceremony that was held at the University Mosque, Tungku Link, Gadong. Participants consisted of 43 male students and 55 female students.

Present as the Guest of Honour was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Muhammad Juanda bin Haji Abdul Rashid, Minister of Development, as Deputy Chair of UTB Council. Also present was Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

The ceremony began with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah led by the Guest of Honour, followed by the recitation of Surah Ad-Dhuha until Surah Al-Masad by the participants, led by Yang Mulia Awang Nabil Ridhwan bin Suhili @ Suhaili, a graduate of Bachelor of Business in Accounting and Information Systems.

The event then proceeded with Takhtim and Doa Khatam recited by Yang Mulia Awangku Ahmadi bin Pengiran Idrus, a graduate of Bachelor of Business in Finance and Risk Management.

The Guest of Honour later presented certificates and souvenirs to the male khatam participants while UTB's Vice-Chancellor presented to the female khatam participants. The ceremony concluded with a Doa Selamat read by Yang Mulia Tuan Haji Jalil bin Haji Putra, Bilal, Level I of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) Mosque, Brunei Darussalam.

For the UTB Convocation Ceremony 2023, a total of 397 graduates graduated on Thursday, 14 September 2023 at the Plenary Hall, International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas.





Universiti Teknologi Brunei Convocation 2023



14 September 2023 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) consented to officiate the UTB Convocation 2023, held at the Plenary Hall, International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas.

His Royal Highness Prince (Dr) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, the Pro-Chancellor of UTB was also at the Ceremony.

The arrival of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince at the ICC was greeted by the Minister of Education and Chairman of the UTB Council, Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md Salleh; the Vice-Chancellor of UTB, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Hj Sulaiman; and the Registrar & Secretary of UTB, Yang Mulia Awang Lim Chui Hua.

The UTB Convocation 2023 ceremony commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah led by Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Paduka Seri Utama Dato Paduka Seri Setia Haji Awang Salim bin Haji Besar.

The Procession of the Chancellor into the Plenary Hall then followed, led by the Bentara (mace-bearer) holding aloft the Mushaf Al-Quran.

Verses 11-15 of Surah Al-Jatsiah in the Holy Quran were recited by Yang Mulia Awang Mohammad Wafiy bin Haji Morsidi, a graduate of the Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Computer Networking. Meanwhile, Yang Mulia Awangku Ahmadi bin Pengiran Idrus, a graduate of the Bachelor of Business (Hons.) in Finance and Risk Management read the lessons from the verses.

The Vice-Chancellor of UTB then delivered the Sembah Alualuan.

His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and Chancellor of UTB also consented to deliver the Titah (Royal Speech).

His Majesty then consented to confer the Honorary Doctorate in Technology Innovation to His Royal Highness Prince (Dr) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, the Pro-Chancellor of UTB.

This was followed by His Majesty conferring the Doctor of Philosophy, Master's Degree and Bachelor's Degree to recipients listed in the Convocation Book. This was immediately followed by the call of 'Allahu Akbar, Wa Lillah il Ham' by the graduates and all present.

His Majesty graciously presented certificates to 397 graduates. The recipients included eleven (11) Doctor of Philosophy graduates, eighty-two (82) Master's Degree graduates, and three hundred and four (304) Bachelor's Degree graduates.

As of 2023, UTB has produced over 5,141 BDTVEC HND; 295 Higher National Diploma Level Five; 2,817 undergraduates, 514 Master's degree and 21 Doctor of Philosophy graduates from academic programmes offered by the Faculty of Engineering, UTB School of Business, School of Computing and Informatics, School of Applied Sciences & Mathematics, School of Design, and Centre for Communication, Teaching and Learning (CCTL).



UTB Excellence Award Ceremony in Conjunction With UTB Convocation Ceremony 2023

16 September 2023 - The Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) Excellence Award Ceremony 2023 was held today in conjunction with UTB Convocation Ceremony 2022. The UTB Excellence Award Ceremony celebrates the Staff Excellence Award (SEA); the Vice-Chancellor's Award; the University Excellence Award; the Dean's List Award; the Co-Curricular Activities or Student Achievement Passport (SAP) Award; and the People's Choice Award UTB Project Showcase 2023. This year new excellence award categories were introduced namely Meritorious Award and Most Progressive Award. The ceremony took place at the Plenary Hall, International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas.

Present as the Guest of Honor at the event was Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Mohd Salleh, the Minister of Education, and Chairperson of UTB Council members.

The event began with the recitation of the Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by a welcoming remark by the Vice-Chancellor of UTB, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman.

At the event, the Guest of Honour presented awards to the recipients of the Staff Excellence Awards (SEA) in Teaching, Research, Administrative Excellence Award for Academic Staff and Non-Academic Staff, and Special Mention Award. A total of seventeen academics and staff were awarded for their excellent service to the University this year. The recipients were each awarded with a plaque, certificate of recognition and cash prize of BND\$1,000.00. While recipients for Special Mention received a certificate.

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The Staff Excellence Award was introduced in 2015, celebrated annually to reward the outstanding and meritorious contribution of both academic and non-academic staff to the success of the University in achieving its strategic goals.

The ceremony then continued with the Guest of Honour presenting the Graduate Excellence Awards in various categories to deserving graduates who have completed their studies and excelled in their respective academic programmes.

Awards presented under the Graduate Excellence Award include the Chinese Ambassador Award; Chinese Ambassador Award – UTBSB Best Project / Research Project; Brunei LNG Sdn Bhd University Excellence Award; McDonald's Brunei University Excellence Award; Brunei Shell Petroleum University Excellence Award; Faculty of Engineering Petrokon Utama Sdn Bhd Best Final Year Project Award; The Authority For Info-Communications Technology Industry of Brunei Darussalam (AITI) University Excellence Award; UTB School of Business Baiduri Future Innovators Award; BIBD Best Project Award; Hengyi Industries Sdn Bhd University Excellence Award; ITPSS Sdn Bhd University Excellence Award; Golden Corporation Sendirian Berhad University Excellence Award; Brunei Fertilizers Industries Sdn Bhd UTBSB Best Project / Research Project Award; Faculty of Engineering IMECHE-

Brunei Award for Best Mechanical Engineering Graduate; Faculty of Engineering IMECHE-Brunei Award for Best Mechanical Engineering Final Year Project; Datastream Digital Sdn Bhd (DST) SCI Best Project Award; Belait Shipping Company Sdn Bhd UTB School of Business Excellence Award; UTB School of Business Best Project Award; Ideal Café and Grill SCI Best Student Award; Dynamik Technologies Sdn Bhd SCI Best Student Award; Pertubuhan Ukur, Jurutera and Arkitek (PUJA) PUJA Prestige 2023 Student Award; Jetwires Electrical and Technical Services Sdn Bhd University Excellence Award; UTB School of Business Excellence award; School of Design Best Final Year Project Award; UTB School of Business MPC Meritorious Award UTB School of Business; UTB School of Business Special Award; School of Computing and Informatics Most Progressive Award; UTB School of Business Most Progressive Award; and Outstanding Research Paper Award.

Sponsors of the Graduate Excellence Award include The Embassy of The People's Republic of China in Brunei Darussalam; Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad (BSP); Brunei LNG Sendirian Berhad; McDonald's Brunei; Petrokon Utama Sendirian Berhad; Authority for Info-Communication



Technology Industry of Brunei Darussalam (AITI); Baiduri Bank; Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD); Hengyi Industries Sendirian Berhad; ITPSS Sendirian Berhad; Golden Corporation Sendirian Berhad; Brunei Fertilizers Industries; Institution of Mechanical Engineers Brunei Darussalam (IMECHE-Brunei); Shiham Sendirian Berhad; Datastream Digital Sendirian Berhad; Belait Shipping Company (Brunei) Sendirian Berhad; Takaful Brunei AM; Ideal Food Industries Sendirian Berhad; Dynamik Technologies Sendirian Berhad; Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera dan Arkitek (PUJA); Puan Yang Terutama AR. (Arkitek) Siti Rozaimeriyanty binti Dato Seri Laila Jasa Haji Abdul Rahman; Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Brunei Darussalam; Jetwires Trading and Electrical Services; Tuan Soon Loo; Muara Port Company; British Computer Society; UTB School of Business; and Anonymous.

The event then continued with the presentation of the Dean's List Award, Co-Curricular Activities Award or Student Achievement Passport (SAP) Award, and the People's Choice Award.

About fifty-two recipients from various faculty and schools who have demonstrated commendable academic achievement in their studies received the Dean's List Awards.

Eight recipients were awarded for Student Co-curricular Activities which include Outstanding Life Skill Achiever, Top Religious Award (Male), Top Religious Award (Female), Sports Man of UTB, Sports Woman of UTB, Community Service, and Top Culture.

Meanwhile, eight recipients were awarded the People's Choice Award for the UTB Project Showcase 2023.

Also present were His Excellency Mr. Xiao Jianguo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China; Yang Mulia Ir. Awang Haji Mohammad Nazri bin Haji Mohammad Yusof, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC); Yang Mulia Dr Awang Haji Azman bin Ahmad, the Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) Ministry of Education; Yang Mulia Awang Haji Mohammad Rosli bin Haji Ibrahim, the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Religious Affairs and other members of the UTB Council.



33rd Teacher's Day Celebration

23 September 2023 - The 33rd Teacher's Day Celebration was held this morning at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas, with the theme "Guru Berkualiti Pemacu Transformasi Pendidikan".

His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, graced the event with his presence. During his attendance, in his capacity as Chancellor of UTB, His Majesty also took the opportunity to view UTB's showcase.

Accompanying His Majesty were His Royal Highness Prince (Dr) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, the Pro-Chancellor of UTB, along with other members of the royal family. The Vice-Chancellor of UTB, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, was also in attendance.

One of the notable awardees at the event was Yang Mulia Dr. Lim Tiong Hoo, who received the Special Mention Award in recognition of his contributions to the field of Electrical and Electronics education.





The Launching Ceremony of UTB-STE Connect 2023

24 October 2023 - His Royal Highness Prince (Dr) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB), graciously consented to officiate the First UTB Science, Technology and Engineering Connect (UTB-STE Connect) 2023. The event took place at the Main Conference Hall, International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas.

The arrival of His Royal Highness was greeted by the Minister of Education and Chair of UTB Council, Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md. Salleh and UTB Vice-Chancellor, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were members of the UTB Council, senior government officials, guests, staff and students of UTB.

The event commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, verses 57 to 58 of Surah Al-A'raf by Yang Mulia Dr Siti Wardah binti Major (Rtd) Haji Abdul Rahman, Lecturer of UTB School of Business, First Runner up

of the Final National Al-Quran Reading Competition for Adults, 1444H.

Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, UTB's Vice-Chancellor delivered her welcoming speech.

His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince, then consented to deliver sabda and officially inaugurated UTB-STE Connect 2023, followed by a multimedia presentation.

The event proceeded with the plenary session by Yang Mulia Professor Datuk Ir. Ts. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi bin Ismail, the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Malaysia entitled 'Research and Innovation in Facing Emerging Global Challenges: The What and How?'

Before leaving the ceremony, His Royal Highness consented to give a token of appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor of UTM. His Royal Highness then consented to receive a Pesambah designed by Awang Aiman bin Roslan, a student from the School of Design and a photograph session afterwards.

UTB-STE Connect 2023 was co-organised with Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti



Teknologi Petronas (UTP), and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP). This biennial congress aspired to bring together luminaries from academia, science, research, engineering, industry, and stakeholders to discuss and exchange ideas to create a brighter future together in their respective fields.

With the theme, 'Research and Application for a Better World', the congress featured a diverse programme structured around five conferences and three special featured events, offering a broad spectrum of topics and discussions.

The five conferences included the 9th Brunei International Conference on Engineering and Technology (BICET 2023); 6th International Conference on Applied Computational Intelligence in Information Systems (ACIIS 2023); 2nd International Conference on Business, Management and Information Systems (ICBMIS 2023); 1st International Conference on Agrotechnology, Beverage, and Food (ICABF 2023); and ATU-Net 1st International Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Computing, Engineering, and Science Education (InvENT 2023).

Featured events include the 11th Asia Technological University Network (ATU-Net) Board Meeting; the 2nd UTB University Presidents' Forum and the UTB Women Leadership Forum.

23 October 2024 marked the beginning of the congress which includes the five conferences together with the UTB Women Leadership Forum 2023 and the 11th ATU-Net Board Meeting 2023.

The final day of the congress was scheduled for 25 October 2023 featuring the Women Leadership Workshop alongside the concurrent five UTB-STE Connect 2023 conferences.

Sponsors of the UTB-STE Connect 2023 were Brunei Press

Sendirian Berhad as the Platinum sponsor; Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD) as the Gold sponsor, and Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad (BSP), Brunei LNG Sendirian Berhad, and Authority for Info-Communications Technology Industry (AITI) of Brunei Darussalam as the Silver sponsors; Netcom Computer House Sendirian Berhad, Berakas Power Company Sendirian Berhad (BPC), ITPSS Sendirian Berhad, Datastream Digital Sendirian Berhad (DST) are the Bronze sponsors; Other sponsors include Progresif Sendirian Berhad, Artesian Fresh Sendirian Berhad, Rustique by Absolute, Flower Journal, Auto Haus, Eight tea, Healthy Food BSB and Elpresso Coffee.

ACIIS 2023 Technically Co-Sponsored by IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, Malaysia Chapter and sponsored by the ASEAN University Network/ Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net) – Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

UTB-STE Connect 2023 was a testament to UTB's commitment to fostering innovation, advancing knowledge dissemination, and promoting global collaboration. It provided an unparalleled opportunity for thought leaders and change-makers to come together and shape the future through the fields of Science, Technology, and Engineering.

Empowering Success Through CV/Resume Writing Workshop

2 September 2023 – The Career and Guidance Unit of UTB organised a career workshop in conjunction with UTB Convocation Festival 2023. The workshop entitled “CV/Resume Writing (Your Next Step to Success: Perfect your CV/Resume with JobCentre)” was delivered by Yang Mulia Hj Abdul Azim bin Hj Salleh and Mohd. Khairul Hasbullah bin Hj Anuar from the Career Unit of JobCentre Brunei.

They shared the knowledge and experience in the field of career development that gave an invaluable

dimension to the workshop, providing attendees with a deeper understanding of how to create an effective CV or resume, a skill that can significantly impact their future career trajectories.

Through this collaborative effort, the Career and Guidance Unit, along with the expertise of the officers from JobCentre Brunei, aimed to empower individuals with the tools and insights necessary to excel in the competitive world of professional endeavours.



UTB No Backpack Day

4 September 2023 - UTB Campus L.E.A.D organised 'No Backpack Day' for the first time in conjunction with the UTB Convocation Festival 2023. This is to raise awareness of kids who could not afford a backpack.

This activity aimed not only to promote a backpack-free lifestyle but also to create a safe space for students to unleash their creativity and encourage them to make enjoyable and memorable memories during their university learning journey. Various types of items were brought besides backpacks, including luggage bags, reusable bags, baskets and boxes.

Through this event, UTB hoped to inspire the wider community and raise awareness about the less fortunate children who lack access to basic educational resources like backpacks.

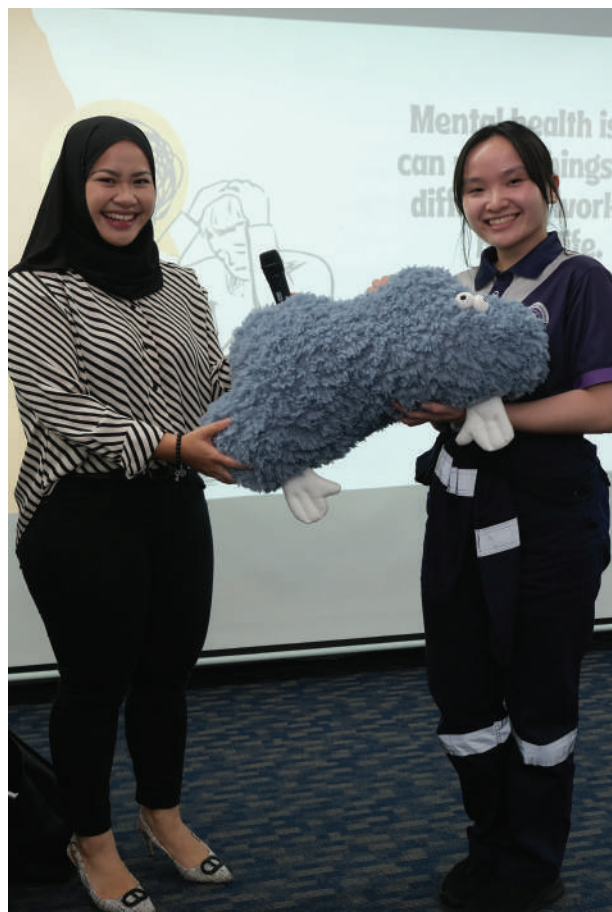


UTB Wellness Talk in Collaboration With MOH Brunei

9 September 2023 - UTB Health Safety and Environment Office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) Brunei Darussalam, organised a wellness talk titled 'Effective Strategies for Dealing with Stress and Anxiety'. The talk was held at Lecture Theater 4 of the university, and aimed to equip students and staff with the necessary tools to manage stress and anxiety effectively.

The talk was delivered by Yang Mulia Siti Nadzirah binti Hj Abdullah, Psychologist, Mental Health Strategy, Health Promotion Centre, MoH. The speaker emphasised the link between unaddressed stress and negative impacts on various aspects of life, including work performance, academic success, overall health, and physical well-being.

The wellness talk concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, allowing participants to seek personalised advice and clarification on specific stress-related concerns.





HSE Walk, Run, And Ride Event

21 September 2023 - The Health, Safety and Environment Office of UTB organised the Walk, Run and Ride event to foster physical activity, health, safety, and environmental practices among staff and students.

In addition to the walk, run, and ride activities, the event also featured a lively Zumba session, designed to provide participants with an enjoyable and energetic exercise experience.

Also present was Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, the Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

The event highlighted the university's unwavering dedication to enhancing the well-being of its community and promoting environmental consciousness.



UTB International Day

26 September 2023 – UTB held an International Day with the theme “Nations Around The World” at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the university. The event was organised by the Executive Committee (ExCo) International Affairs, ExCo Culture, Campus L.E.A.D Petroleum Chemical Engineering, and Campus L.E.A.D School of Business Economics and Management.

Present as the Guest of Honour was Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB. Also in attendance were Her Excellency Caryn R. McClelland, Ambassador of the United States Embassy in Brunei Darussalam; His Excellency Tran Anh Vu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to Brunei Darussalam; Her Excellency Ambra Dickie, High Commissioner of Canada in Brunei Darussalam; Representatives of Foreign Missions to Brunei Darussalam from Pakistan, India, Thailand, United Kingdom, Türkiye, Laos, Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh; Expatriates of UTB; UTB Principal Officers, staff, and students.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by a welcoming remark by Nur Khairina binti Awang Jumat, the Chairperson of the International Day and Head ExCo International Affairs, Student Representative Council 2023/2024.

The Guest of Honour then officially inaugurated the ceremony, followed by a tour of the International Day Exhibition.

The event featured a variety of activities, including entertaining games, exhibitions and a photo booth, among various other engaging activities. UTB international students also showcased their cultures, national costumes, dishes, and delicacies.

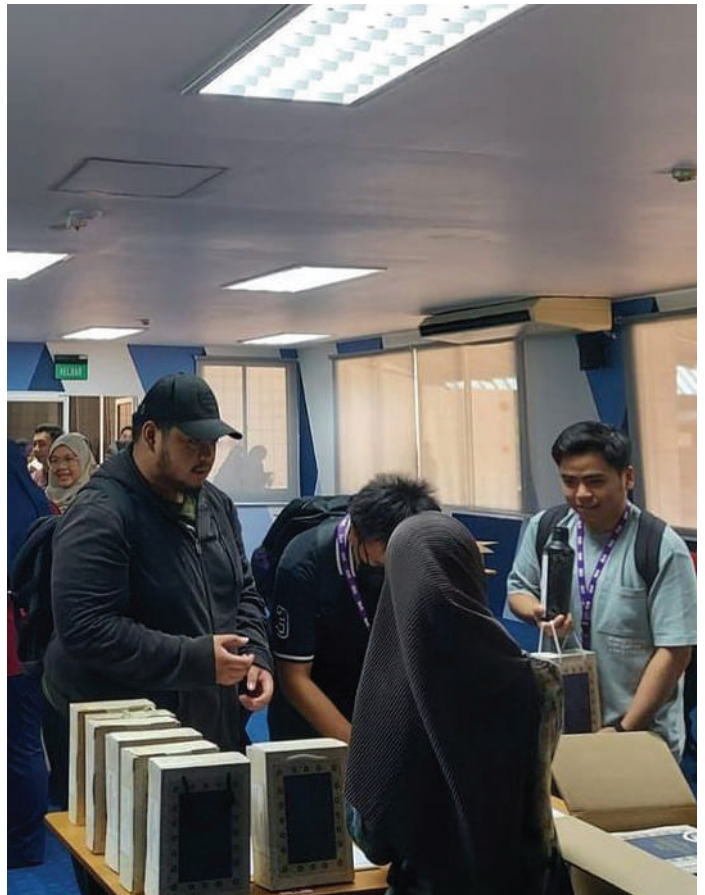
International Day 2023 meaningfully symbolised global solidarity and unity, honouring the rich tapestry of nations across the world. The occasion featured booths, international culinary delights and a myriad of activities that highlighted global diversity. Additionally, the event promotes valuable connections and relationships with international students.





The Distribution of Mushaf Al-Quran and Yaasin Book

27 September 2023 - His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Chancellor of UTB generously consented to give away Mushaf and Yaasin to students of UTB. The distribution event took place at the Concourse Hall of the university from 26 to 30 September 2023.



UTB Wellness Talk Addresses Importance of Sleep For Mental Health



30 September 2023 - The Health, Safety and Environment Office of UTB, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH), hosted a Wellness talk with the title 'Sleep for Success'. The talk was held at Lecture Theater 2 of the university and was delivered by Yang Mulia Dr Nur Adibah Hj Sarbini, Medical Officer, Mental Health Strategy Unit, Health Promotion Centre, MOH.

One of the key topics explored during the talk was the detrimental impact of sleep deprivation on mental well-being. Lack of sleep can lead to increased levels of stress, frustration, depression, and anxiety. When individuals do not get enough sleep, their ability to cope with daily challenges and regulate emotions can be significantly weakened.

The speaker also emphasised that establishing healthy sleep habits is crucial for maintaining optimal mental health. Practical suggestions and strategies were provided to enhance sleep quality, including the development of a calming bedtime routine, the adherence to a consistent sleep schedule, and the creation of an environment conducive to restful sleep.

The Wellness talk aimed to raise awareness about the importance of prioritising sleep for overall well-being. Participants were encouraged to seek assistance if they were encountering difficulties with sleep or facing mental health challenges.



Career and Guidance Unit Hosts Virtual Career Talk with Schneider Electric

5 October 2023 - The Career and Guidance Unit of UTB held a career talk with Schneider Electric, which took place virtually through Microsoft Teams and at the Fawaz Training Room, Level 3, Library Complex of UTB.

The talk featured four speakers, including Hayati Kamis, Sales & Marketing Operations Executive of Schneider Electric Brunei; Ani Wahida binti Abdul Rahim, Schneider Graduate Programme Associate, Schneider Electric Malaysia; Arvinna Lee, Singapore Schneider Electric; and Nurul

Aqilah binti Saidi, a Masters student of UTB who did her internship at Schneider Electric.

The primary objective of this talk was to facilitate a sharing session with students regarding the opportunities available through the Graduate Trainee program at Schneider Electric. Additionally, the speakers aimed to impart valuable knowledge and insights to the students about Schneider Electric and its operations.

UTB And UTHM's Inaugural Joint Symposium 2023

5 October 2023 – The inaugural Joint Symposium of 2023 between UTB and Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) was held this morning virtually through the Microsoft Teams platform.

The event commenced with welcoming remarks from Associate Professor Ts. Dr Asmarashid bin Ponniran, the Dean of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at UTHM, and Dr Ang Swee Peng, the Deputy Dean (Industry and Services) from the Faculty of Engineering, UTB.

Carrying the theme 'Navigating the Digital Frontier: Emerging Trends and Challenges in Electrical and Electronic Engineering,' the symposium officially began with a presentation by Professor Dr Adel Al-Jumaily from the Faculty of Engineering at UTB. His presentation focused on 'Computational Intelligence based Health Technology: challenges and future directions'. The presentation delved into the intriguing world of healthcare technology, shedding light on the hurdles it faces and the bright future it promises.

Following this, Professor Dr Mohammad Faiz Liew bin

Abdullah from the Faculty of Electrical and Electronics at UTHM, delivered a presentation on the 'Future of Internet of Things (IoT) in Wireless Communication Network', offering a glimpse into the potential and transformative impact of IoT in the realm of wireless communication. The symposium also included a question-and-answer session to engage the participants.

Additionally, the symposium featured a postgraduate session with presentations by Nor Akmal binti Alias, UTHM Postgraduate student. She presented a topic entitled 'Simulation Study of SMC for Nonholonomic Differential Drive Wheeled Mobile Robot', and Nuramanina binti Hamdani, a postgraduate from UTB, presented her research entitled 'Optimistic opportunity to Brunei: Investing in Residential rooftop PV.'





Dialogue Session With The Members of The Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam

11 October 2023 - UTB hosted a dialogue session with the Members of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, Yang Berhormat Dayang Hajah Rosmawatty binti Hj Abdul Mumin and Yang Berhormat Dr Awang Hj Mahali bin Hj Momin. The dialogue was held at the Main Conference Room of the university.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by UTB Vice-Chancellor, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman. Together with her were the Assistant Vice-Chancellors of UTB, Registrar and Secretary, Deans and other relevant university staff.

Also present during the dialogue session was Yang Mulia Dr Joyce Teow Siew Yean, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Global Affairs) from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

The dialogue commenced with an introduction of UTB's programmes and entry requirements, followed by a discussion revolving around the academic sphere.

The dialogue session provided an invaluable platform for exchanging insights and best practices, enabling participants better to understand the challenges and opportunities within the academic landscape. The session also highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between academia and the legislative sector in driving educational excellence and promoting the advancement of Brunei Darussalam's knowledge-based economy.

Dialogue Session With PUJA Brunei Darussalam

11 October 2023 - UTB hosted a dialogue session with Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera & Arkitek (PUJA) Brunei Darussalam this morning at the Main Conference Room of UTB.

The President of PUJA, Yang Mulia Sr. Haji Awang Hanafi bin POKDGSDRDLU Haji Awang Abdul Rahman, led the delegation. Whereas UTB was represented by Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

Also present were the Assistant Vice-Chancellors of UTB, Registrar and Secretary, Deans and other relevant university staff.

The dialogue began with an introduction of UTB's programmes and entry requirements, followed by an explanation of Professional Assessment (PSA) and PUJA Professional Assessment (PPA) by PUJA.

This dialogue aims to enhance collaboration between UTB staff and students with PUJA, fostering knowledge exchange and professional growth.





Unicycle In Conjunction With UTB Convocation Festival

11 October 2023 - UNICYCLE was held in conjunction with UTB Convocation Festival 2023. Organised by the Student Representative Council (MPPUTB) session 2023/2024. This event brought together staff and student cyclist enthusiasts to foster physical fitness and enhance overall well-being within the UTB community.

Present as the Guest of Honour was Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, UTB's Vice-Chancellor.

The evening kicked off with an energetic Zumba session, setting a lively atmosphere for the participants. Following this, attendees had the opportunity to simultaneously cycle, walk, and run, promoting a sense of unity and camaraderie among the participants.

The event aimed to emphasise the importance of physical fitness and maintaining a healthy work-life balance. By encouraging staff and students to prioritise their well-being, UNICYCLE sought to create a more productive and vibrant university environment.





Religious Talk Held In Conjunction With Maulidur Rasul 1445H

14 October 2023 - The Religious Unit of UTB and ExCo Religious and Spiritual held a religious talk commemorating the Maulidur Rasul 1445H. The event was held at the University's Concourse Hall.

Present as the Guest Honour was the Vice-Chancellor of UTB, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman. Also in attendance were UTB principal officers, staff, and students.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah, followed by Selawat Tafrijiyyah and Selawat Syifa'a. The religious talk was delivered by Yang Mulia Ustaz Pengiran Ahmad Faris Ramadhani bin Pengiran Haji Sellahuddin, Mosque Affairs Officer of Jame' 'Asr Hassaniil Bolkliah on 'Sunnah Dihadayati Hidup Diberkati'.

During the talk, Ustaz highlighted the biography



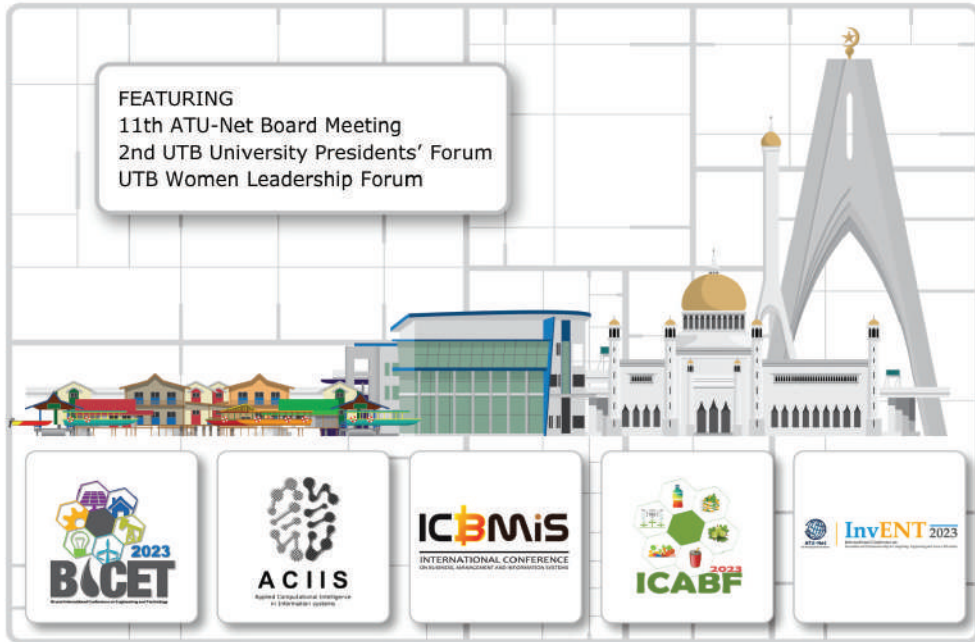
of Prophet Muhammad's S.A.W and emphasised His exemplary character as a guide for His ummah (followers). He encouraged the audience to emulate and incorporate the Prophet's practices into their lives.

The event then concluded with the recitation of Doa Selamat.

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23 - 25 October 2023 | International Convention Centre, Brunei Darussalam



UTB Presents The Inaugural UTB-STE Connect 2023

14 October 2023 - UTB proudly presented the inaugural UTB-Science, Technology and Engineering Connect (UTB-STE Connect) 2023. The congress was held in the honour of His Royal Highness Prince (Dr) Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, The Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, the Pro-Chancellor of UTB conferred the Honorary Doctorate in Technology Innovation.

UTB-STE Connect 2023 was organised and hosted by UTB in collaboration with Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP). The event took place at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas and the Rizqun International Hotel in Gadong with the theme, 'Research and Application for a Better World'. This three-day event was from 23 to 25 October 2023.

Creating a Brighter Future Together

This biennial congress aspired to bring together luminaries from academia, science, research, engineering, industry, and stakeholders to discuss and exchange ideas to create a brighter future together in their respective fields.

UTB-STE Connect 2023 featured a diverse programme structured around five conferences and three special feature events, offering a broad spectrum of topics and discussions.

Conferences

- 1. 9th Brunei International Conference on Engineering and Technology (BICET 2023).** Organised by the Faculty of Engineering (FEng) UTB with the theme: 'Engineering and Technologies for a Cleaner and Greener World'.
- 2. 6th International Conference on Applied Computational Intelligence in Information Systems (ACIIS 2023).** Organised by the School of Computing and Informatics (SCI), UTB with the theme: 'Intelligent and Resilient Digital Innovations for Sustainable Living'.
- 3. 2nd International Conference on Business, Management, and Information Systems (ICBMIS 2023).** Organised by UTB School of Business (UTB SB) with the theme: 'Business Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals'.
- 4. 1st International Conference on Agrotechnology, Beverage, and Food (ICABF 2023).** Organised by the School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics (SASM), with the theme: 'Technology for Future Agriculture, Beverage and Food Manufacturing'.
- 5. ATU-Net 1st International Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Computing, Engineering, and Science Education (InvENT 2023).** Organised by the Centre for Innovative Engineering (CIE), UTB in collaboration with Asia Technological University Network (ATU-Net) and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) with the theme: 'Adoption of Digital Transformation: Social Resilience towards Sustainable Development'.

Feature Events

- 1. 11th Asia Technological University Network (ATU-Net) Board Meeting:** An annual assembly of the Board of Directors of ATU-Net members for the review of accomplishments and formulation of future visions.
- 2. 2nd UTB University Presidents' Forum:** A platform for university leaders to share insights and strategies. This year's theme was "Rethinking Education Amidst Global Uncertainties".
- 3. 1st UTB Women Leadership Forum:** Concentrated on themes such as women professionals, women leaders in STEM, and work-life balance, this forum aims to transcend the glass ceiling. The forum aspires to inspire future women to lead in various sectors and to move beyond women's empowerment.

Shaping the Future Together

UTB-STE Connect 2023 was a testament to UTB's commitment to fostering innovation, advancing knowledge dissemination, and promoting global collaboration. It provided an unparalleled opportunity for thought leaders and change-makers to come together and shape the future through the fields of Science, Technology, and Engineering.



UTB Hosts The 11th ATU-NET Board Meeting 2023

23 October 2023 - UTB hosted the 11th Asia Technological University Network (ATU-Net) Board Meeting 2023, which took place at the Rizqun International Hotel Brunei in Gadong. The meeting was part of UTB Science, Technology and Engineering Connect (UTB-STE Connect) 2023 as a featured event.

The ATU-Net Board Meeting was an annual gathering of the Board of Directors of the ATU-Net. This network consisted of Technological universities and institutions across Asia that worked together to promote collaboration, innovation, and academic excellence in the field of technology education and research.

The meeting commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by a welcoming remark delivered by Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, the Vice-Chancellor of UTB. This was followed by an opening remark by Yang Mulia Professor Datuk Ir. Ts. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi bin Ismail, the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) Vice-Chancellor & the Chair of ATU-Net.

The meeting included an overview of the University Presidents and Official Representatives, the approval of Minutes of Meeting (MoM), and

addressing matters arising. The progress and achievements of 2023 were also reported and discussed, as well as plans and future strategies for the upcoming year to further advance technological education and research within the network.

The highlight of the meeting was the ATU-Net Agreement signing ceremony, symbolising the commitment and dedication of the member institutions to collaboration and mutual support in advancing technological education and research.

The meeting concluded with closing remarks from the Chair of ATU-Net, marking the successful completion of the 11th ATU-Net Board Meeting 2023. The successful conclusion of the 11th ATU-Net Board Meeting 2023 marked an important milestone in the journey of ATU-Net and set the stage for future endeavors and collaborations.

UTB has been an active member of the ATU-Net and consistently demonstrated its commitment to excellence and its dedication to fostering meaningful collaborations in the field of technological education and research internationally. The event showcased the university's position as a prominent institution in the region and its unwavering dedication to shaping the future of technological education.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a signing



ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UTB and some of the esteemed members institutions of ATU-Net, including Universitas Sebelas Maret, Indonesia; Universiti Perlis Malaysia, Malaysia; Samar State University, Philippines; Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia; Mindanao State University – Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography, Philippines; and Eastern Visayas State University, Philippines, was held. These MoU formalised other specialised collaborative efforts and commitment to

mutual growth and development among these prestigious academic institutions.



11th ATU-NET Board Meeting 2023 Dinner

23 October 2023 - UTB hosted Dinner for the 11th ATU-Net Board Meeting 2023 Delegates. It was held at the Tarindak D'Polo Restaurant, Jerudong.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat. This was followed by Welcoming Remarks by Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah

Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

The event proceeded with the exchange of memento, performances from UTB students and dinner.





UTB Women Leadership Forum 2023

23 October 2023 - UTB Women's Leadership Forum 2023, a featured event of UTB-STE Connect 2023, commenced with an opening ceremony, marking the beginning of an empowering journey for women leaders, held at the Press Conference Room, International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas. This significant event highlights the commitment of the university to promote gender equality within the Science, Technology, and Engineering (STE) industries.

UTB Women's Leadership Forum 2023 set the stage for inspiring discussion, insightful panels and engaging sessions to empower women leaders and foster connections. This demonstrates UTB's commitment to providing a platform for women leaders to share their experiences, learn from experts and inspire future generations.

The opening ceremony of UTB Women's Leadership Forum

2023 commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat. This was followed by a welcoming remark by Yang Mulia Dr Syazana binti Abdullah Lim, the UTB Women's Leadership Forum 2023 Chairperson.

The highlight of the event was the keynote addresses by two distinguished speakers, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, UTB Vice-Chancellor entitled Accidental Leadership: A Personal Journey and Yang Mulia Professor Datuk Ir. Ts. Dr Siti Hamisah binti Tapsir, the Vice-Chancellor of UCSI University, Malaysia entitled Women Thought Leaders – Creating Impact and Increasing Influence. The session

was moderated by Yang Mulia Dr Fadzliwati binti Mohiddin, Dean of UTB School of Business.

The event consisted of three engaging panel discussions. The first one focused on 'The Women Professionals of Today' moderated by Yang Mulia Dr Awang Mohamad Saiful bin Haji Omar, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (External and Industry Relations), UTB. Three panelists were featured, including Yang Mulia Dr Joyce Teo Siew Yean, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Global Affairs), Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD); Yang Mulia Melissa Zainal Abidin, Acting Finance Manager of Brunei LNG Sendirian Berhad; and Yang Mulia Hjh Nurul Akmar binti Md Jaafar, Chief Marketing Officer and Chair of the Sustainability, Transformation Group, Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD).

The second session delved into the theme of 'Women Leaders in STEM – Addressing the Gap', featuring three panelists namely Yang Berhormat Hajah Rosmawatty binti Haji Abdul Mumin, the Legislative Council Members of Brunei Darussalam; Yang Mulia Professor Datin Dr Norizan binti Abdul Razak, a Professor in Digital Literacy and E-Learning, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia; and Yang Mulia Dr Nur Karnina binti Karim, Head of Seria Energy Lab, Brunei Darussalam. This session was moderated by Yang Mulia Dr Aida Maryam binti Haji Basri, Deputy Director of Planning and

Development Office, UTB.

The final session explored the 'Work-Life Balance', moderated by Yang Mulia Dr Wida Susanty binti Haji Suhaili, Director of Centre of Transport Research, UTB. The panelists were Yang Mulia Malai Surya Ayla binti Malai Abdullah, Head of External Relations, Brunei LNG Sdn Bhd; Yang Mulia Associate Professor Dr Siti Sara binti Haji Ahmad, Assistant Rector (Academic), Universiti Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Brunei Darussalam; and Yang Mulia Hjh Nurul Haniah binti Hj Md Jaafar, Chief Executive Officer of Progresif Sendirian Berhad.

The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session with the panelists. The panelists' presentation set the tone for the forum, emphasising the importance of gender equality, empowerment, and the need to break barriers that hinder women's progress in leadership roles.

The UTB Women's Leadership Forum workshop was held on 25 October 2023 at the Press Conference Room, ICC, Berakas.





UTB-STE Connect 2023 Appreciation Dinner

24 October 2023 - UTB held an appreciation dinner at Tarindak D'Seni, Bandar Seri Begawan to acknowledge the co-organisers, keynote speakers, sponsors, paper presenters, participants and organising committee members of UTB-STE Connect 2023, to acknowledge their valuable contribution to the success of the congress on Science, Technology, and Engineering.

Present as the Guest of Honour was Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, the Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

The event commenced with a recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by a welcoming speech from Yang Mulia Professor Dr. Mohamed Hasnain Isa, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) and Chairperson of STE-Conferences Committee.

During the dinner, co-organisers, keynote speakers and sponsors of UTB-STE Connect 2023 were presented with certificate of appreciation.

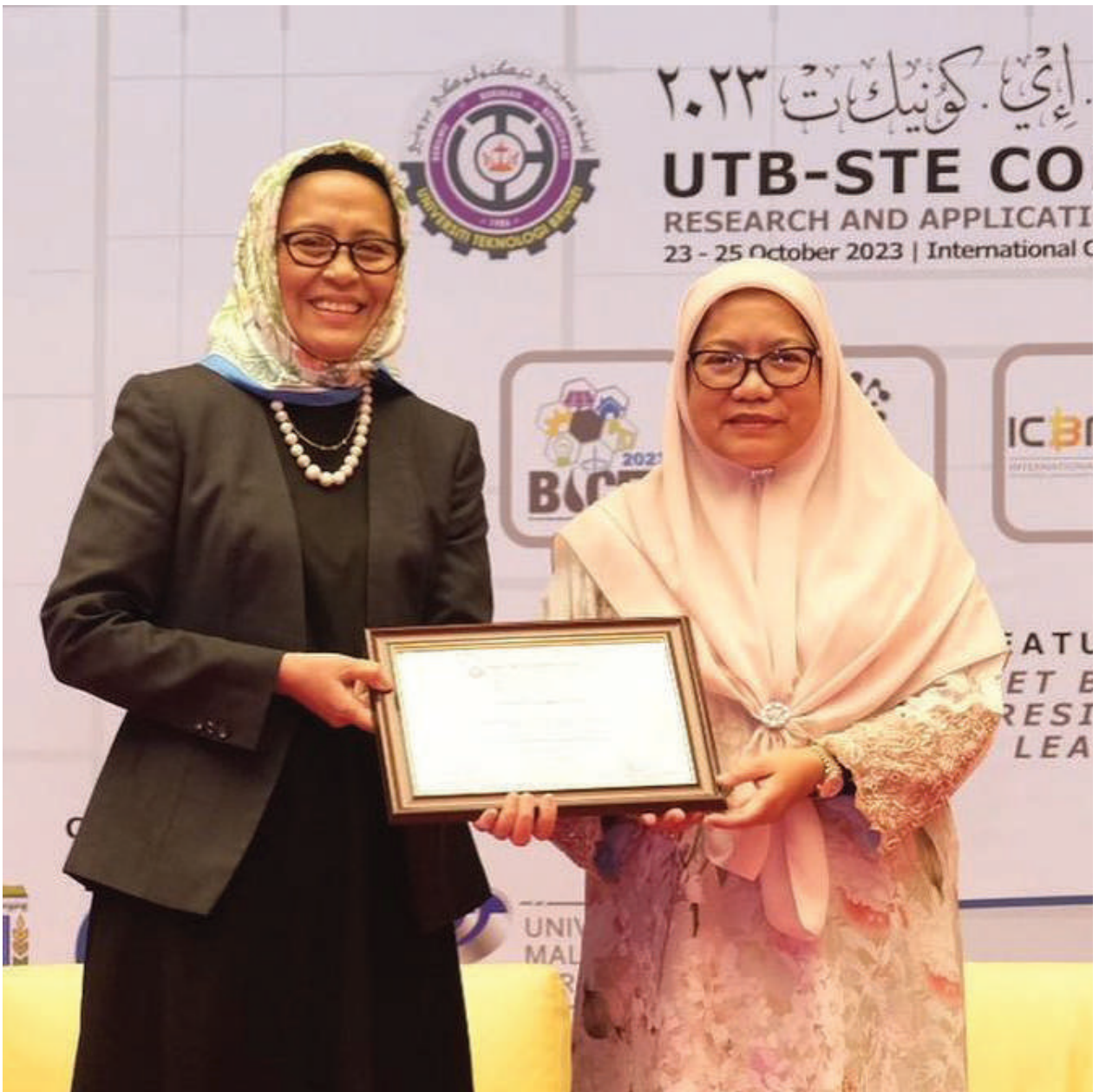
The co-organisers were Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), and Universiti Malaysia

Perlis (UniMAP).

The Platinum sponsors were Brunei Press Sendirian Berhad; Gold sponsors were Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD), while Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad (BSP), Brunei LNG Sendirian Berhad, and Authority for Info-Communications Technology Industry (AITI) of Brunei Darussalam were the Silver sponsors. The Bronze sponsors were Netcom Computer House Sendirian Berhad and Dell Technologies, Berakas Power Company Sendirian Berhad (BPC), ITPSS Sendirian Berhad, and Datastream Digital Sendirian Berhad (DST). Other sponsors included Progresif Sendirian Berhad, Artesian Fresh Sendirian Berhad, Rustique by Absolute, Flower Journal, Auto Haus, Eight tea, Healthy Food BSB, and Elpresso Coffee.

The event concluded with students' cultural performances, providing a delightful end to an unforgettable occasion.





UTB University President's Forum Returns For Its Second Edition

24 October 2023 - After the resounding success of its inaugural edition in 2021, UTB University Presidents' Forum (UPF) returns for its second edition this year. This forum was held at the Main Conference Hall, International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas and as a featured event of UTB Science, Technology and Engineering (UTB-STE) Connect 2023, that brought leaders from Higher Learning Institutions and industries together to engage in insightful discussions with the theme 'Rethinking Education Amidst Global Uncertainties'.

The event, comprising three sessions, commenced with a keynote address by Yang Mulia Dr Awang Haji Azman bin Ahmad, the Permanent Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education Brunei Darussalam, who spoke about the Higher Education Landscape of Brunei Darussalam.

This was followed by the first keynote session, delivered by Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, the Vice-Chancellor of UTB entitled 'Zero to hero: A Case for

UTB'. The second keynote speaker was presented by Yang Mulia Professor Datuk Ir. Ts Dr. Siti Hamisah binti Tapsir, the Vice-Chancellor of UCSI University, Malaysia on 'Higher Education Milestones: Redesigning Higher Education. The session was moderated by Yang Mulia Dr Mohamad Saiful bin Haji Omar, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (External and Industry Relations), UTB.

The second session delved into 'Rethinking Higher Education Initiatives' and was moderated by Yang Mulia Professor Dr. Mohamed Hasnain Isa, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation, UTB). This session featured two enlightening keynote speakers by Yang Mulia Professor Dr. Marilyn Cardoso, President of Samar State University, Philippines entitled 'Shaping Tomorrow's Academia: The Nexus of Higher Education in Industry 4.0, SDGs, and the VUCA World'; and Yang Mulia Professor Widodo, Rector of Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia on 'The Future of AI and Challenge for Higher Education'.

The event also included a panel session featuring distinguished speakers, including Yang Mulia Professor Dr. Akito Takasaki Vice-President, Shibaura Institute of Technology, Japan entitled 'Ten Years of Shibaura Institute of Technology'; Yang Mulia Dr. Awang Hazri bin Haji Kifle Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) on 'Futuring Together: UBD's Progressive Approach to Education and Technology Modalities'; and Yang Mulia Professor Atty. Alizedney M. Ditucalan Chancellor, Mindanao State University -

Iligan Institute of Technology, Philippines on 'Future-Proofing Universities: The Role of the University in the Age of Industry 5.0 and Society 5.0'.

The forum concluded with the final session titled 'Higher Education Way Forward / Future Directions', moderated by Yang Mulia Dr. Awang Au Thien Wan, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Student, Alumni and Services), UTB and Dr. Nena Padilla-Valdez, Senior Assistant Professor of Centre for Communication, Teaching and Learning (CCTL), UTB. This session showcased a UTB-UPF 2023 Roundtable, bringing together all keynote speakers and panelists. The forum culminated in a dynamic town hall session, allowing attendees to actively engage with the speakers and address the challenges posed by the evolving global landscape.

This forum provided attendees with a platform for interaction with the speakers to tackle the challenges of the new environmental, technological, societal, economic, and geopolitical global landscape described in World Economic Forum (WEF) 2023 which reports the major risks and challenges posing threats to the global future. It reflects on the milestones, examine the initiatives, and illuminates the way forward in Higher Education as advocates and key players envision advancing human interest, accomplishing societal goals, and making communities better places to live and work.





UTB-STE Connect 2023 Grand Finale

25 October 2023 - Today marked the final day of UTB-STE Connect 2023 conferences held at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Berakas. The day witnessed the successful completion of various parallel sessions and workshops, culminating in a closing ceremony hosted by each of the conferences.

The 9th Brunei International Conference on Engineering and Technology (BICET 2023) was held at the Muzakarah Hall, Sepakat Room 2 and 3 in ICC. The conference commenced with BICET Parallel sessions followed by a keynote lecture 3 by Professor Dr. Aniruddha Bhalchandra Pandir, Institute of Chemical Technology Environmental Management on 'Era of Sustainability'. The conference then continued with BICET Parallel

sessions. Keynote lecture 4 featured Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Shahrel Azmin Sundi @ Suandi, Universiti Sains Malaysia on 'Identity of Interest (IoI) Searching in Public via Multi-Modal Face Images', followed by another BICET Parallel sessions. In total, there were 98 of papers presented for the three days altogether.

Simultaneously, more papers were presented for the 6th International Conference on Applied Computational Intelligence in Information Systems (ACIIS 2023) and Professor Dr. Gyu Myoung Lee, School of Computing and Mathematical Science, from Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom, as a Keynote Speaker, entitled Towards AI powered Trustworthy and Decentralized Internet. AUN-SEED – JICA, sponsored two presenters, Japan ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Platform and ASEAN Engineering Journal, respectively, gave their introductions. Altogether, 39 of papers have been presented.

The International Conference on Business, Management, and Information Systems (ICBMIS) 2023 resumed with several

parallel session and workshop held in Sejati Room 3 and 4. Two parallel sessions, focused on Economics, was chaired by Dr Saiful Islam with three paper presentations and on Information Systems was chaired by Dr Elango Natarajan concurrently.

Additionally, there was a workshop, conducting open and reproducible metaanalyses using the 'metafor' R package, facilitated by Dr. Seyed M Buhari, which provided the attendees with practical insights. Meanwhile, another parallel session, centered on Management, was held and chaired by Professor Dr Kamariah Ismail, Professor of UTB School of Business. After the break, two more parallel sessions were conducted, with Dr Fahmi Ibrahim and Mr Mohamad Zawawi bin Bahari, chaired each session. There were 37 papers presented for the three days altogether.

The International Conference on Agrotechnology, Beverage, and Food (ICABF 2023) resumed with Dr

Aida Maryam Basri chairing a session, with the theme 'Food Labeling, Safety and Regulations'. While another session was moderated by Dr Syazana Abdullah Lim with the theme 'Functional Food Development and Analysis'. Two concurrent final session, moderated by Dr Hong Shyang Pei entitled 'Sustainable Agriculture and Farming Practices' and by Dr Masmunira Rambli with the theme 'Food Processing and Engineering' respectively. ICABF 2023 have presented a total of 33 papers for its first conference.

The closing ceremony marked the end of all the conferences and provided opportunity to acknowledge the achievements and contributions of the participants, speakers, and organising committees. These conferences have fostered a hub of intellectual exchange.



Closing Ceremony For UTB Interprogramme 2023

4 November 2023 - The UTB's Interprogramme 2023, which began last month, has ended with a closing ceremony held at the Multi-purpose Hall of the university.

Present, as the Guest of Honour, was Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by a speech from the chairperson of UTB Interprogramme 2023, Dayang Siti Mardhiah binti Abdul Rahman, Head of ExCo Sports, Student Representative Council session 2023/2024.

Following this, Yang Mulia Dr Au Thien Wan, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Student, Alumni and Services), presented his speech and a video compilation showcasing the highlights of the interprogramme.

The event proceeded with the Guest of Honour presenting awards to the athletes and announcing Ranger 4 from UTB School of Business as the overall winner of the Interprogramme 2023 by accumulating a total of eight medals, inclusive of six golds, one silver, and one bronze medal.





Intellectual Property Roadshow By UTB Enterprise Office

8 November 2023 – UTB Enterprise Office organised an Intellectual Property Roadshow held at the Lecture Theater 2 of the university.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah followed by a speech by Yang Mulia Professor Dr Mohamed Hasnain Isa, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation).

Yang Mulia Dr Sharina Yunus, Deputy Director of UTB's Enterprise Office, then presented on 'Explanation of UTB's Intellectual Property (IP) Roadshow'. The discussion encompassed the university-level innovation process, UTB's IP and commercialisation policy, and various aspects of IP protection. The discussion highlighted the role of IP in education, emphasising its significance in providing individuals with protection and incentives to convert their ideas into inventions, constituting a crucial part of the innovative process. The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session.



UTB SASM Successfully Concludes Five-Day Food Safety Training

11 November 2023 – The School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics (SASM), UTB, completed a five-day food safety training for Brunei Darussalam Food Authority (BDFA). The programme ended with certificate presentations to 21 BDFA participants by the Course Leader and Dean of School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics, Dr Namasivayam Navaranjan. Also present at the event was the Director of TriCED, Dr Roslyna Rosli.

The programme included sessions from SASM experts that covered various essential topics and activities including food safety management and legislation within the food industry, employing effective sampling techniques, assessing the quality of imported foods, and utilising statistical analysis for informed decision-making.

The programme also involved visits to Muara Port Company to observe the Royal Customs and Excise Department declaration procedure and cold storage facilities, including Wei Tat Enterprise in Jerudong and Ben Foods Sendirian Berhad in Lugu Industrial Park.

This training aimed to familiarise BDFA participants with essential practices and regulatory guidelines focused on inspecting and sampling raw imported meats. These practices adhere to ISO 22000 standards and ensure that products meet the highest food safety and quality levels throughout the food supply chain.



Workshop On Internal Audit and Risk Management



15 November 2023 – The Internal Audit Committee of UTB, organised a dynamic and insightful workshop on internal audit and risk management, featuring prominent sessions led by the Brunei LNG team in the morning and the Brunei Darussalam Central Bank (BCBD) in the afternoon.

The morning session commenced with a comprehensive Risk Management Presentation covering vital aspects such as risk identification, assessment, mitigation, monitoring, and reporting. Subsequent discussions revolved around understanding organizational assurance, encompassing assurance activities, the audit process, and monitoring, tracking, and reporting. The session concluded with the announcement of the workshop's top performer.

The afternoon session, facilitated by the BCBD, provided a deep dive into the general understanding of internal audit. Key topics included the role of internal audit, the three lines of defence model, the background of BCBD's internal audit, and the scope of internal audit work. The session also covered internal audit practices, emphasizing the annual audit universe exercise and the internal audit process.

The workshop attendees include from the Ministry of Education (MOE), Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), UTB, Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE)



UTB Year End Get Together 2023

14 December 2023 – UTB staff unite to wrap the year with a year-end get-together on a positive note, held at the concourse. This is to conclude the current year, paving the way for the commencement of the new semester in January 2024.



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UTB Excels At BICTA 2023: Wins Tertiary School Award And Research Merit



25 September 2023 – Participants from UTB achieved recognition at the Brunei Info-Communication Technology Awards (BICTA) 2023. UTB participants emerged as the winner of Tertiary School Award and were honored with a Merit in the Research and Development category. The event took place at the Jerudong International School Arts Centre and was jointly organized by the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications, the Authority for Info-Communications Technology Industry of Brunei Darussalam (AITI), and InfoCom Federation Brunei (IFB).

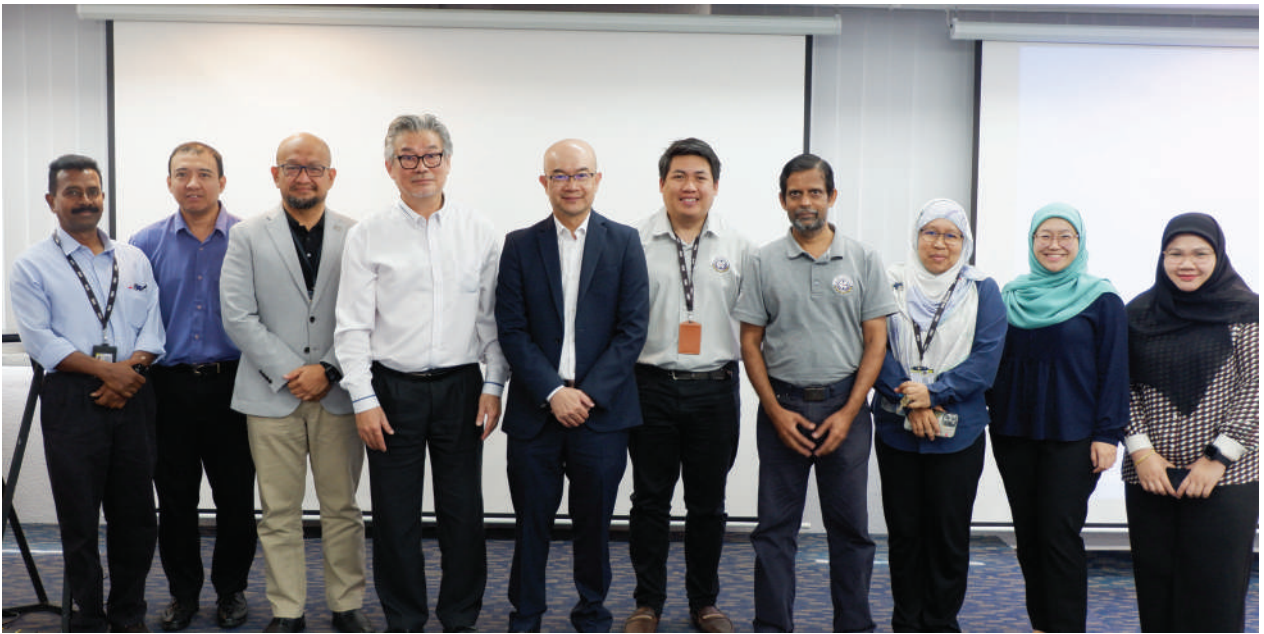
Present as the Guest of Honour was Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji

Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications. Also in attendance from UTB was Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

In the Tertiary School Award category, Dayang Siti Rasyidah Haji Ismail, an MSc student by Research from the School of Computing and Informatics (SCI) at UTB, secured first place with her project titled 'Real-Time Remote Water Quality Monitoring in Relation to Flood and Drought in Brunei Darussalam.'

Meanwhile, a collaborative submission between UTB and O.D.E. Aquaculture and Agriculture Company, led by UTB researchers, earned a Merit Award in the Research and Development category, which saw participation from a total of six companies. The UTB researchers involved in the project include Dr. Lim Tiong Hoo, Zuhairi Hj Azahari, Dk Dr. Nurun Najeebah Az-Zahra binti Pg DSP Hj Mohammad Tashim, and Muhammad Wafiq bin Haji Zafirul. This research is part of the CREATES and UK ASEAN grant initiatives.





Second Inaugural Professorial Lecture

7 October 2023 – Professor Somnuk Phon-Amnuaisuk, from the School of Computing and Informatics (SCI), presented the Second Inaugural Professorial Lecture this morning. The lecture took place at Lecture Theater 4, Phase 2 of the university.

Present as the Guest of Honour was Yang Mulia Dr. Mohammad Saiful bin Haji Omar, Acting Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by a welcoming remark by Yang Mulia Dr. Hj Sharul Tazrajiman bin Hj Tajuddin, the Dean of SCI.

Professor Somnuk then delivered his presentation on the 'Creative Computing and Generative Models'. The lecture thoroughly explored visual perception, the pertinent computational facets, and the endeavor to quantify aesthetics within visual creations.

The lecture provided a profound examination of the intersection of visual perception, computer science, and aesthetics. It scrutinized how the domains intricately intertwine to produce captivating visual works. It also delved deep into the complex processes of visual perception, explaining how the human mind interprets and extracts meaning from visual stimuli.



Furthermore, the lecture delved into the latest artificial intelligence (AI) developments and their impact on generative models.

Overall, the lecture provided a valuable opportunity for gaining valuable insights into cutting-edge research and engaging in thought-provoking discussions with the university's staff and students.

The lecture concluded with a question-and-answer session.



Dr Sharina Yunus Recognised For Outstanding Contributions To Innovations And Creativity

15 November 2023 - Dr Sharina Yunus, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and the Deputy Director of the Enterprise Office at Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB), has been honoured with a prestigious Recognition Award at the World Intellectual Property Day 2023 jointly organised by the Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO) and Datastream Digital Sendirian Berhad (DST). This recognition acknowledges her remarkable contributions to accelerating innovation and creativity within UTB and the broader community.

As the Deputy Director of the Enterprise Office since 2019, Dr Sharina has been a driving force in shaping intellectual property (IP) and commercialisation policies, thereby enriching UTB's Innovation Ecosystem. Her tenure is characterised by a steadfast commitment to creating an environment that nurtures groundbreaking ideas and transforms them into practical solutions.

Dr Sharina's inventive spirit and dedication to sustainable solutions have led to the initiation of transformative projects addressing critical environmental and agricultural challenges. Her notable inventions include a River Cleaning Robot equipped with AI for combating macroplastic pollution, an Automated Multicrop Vertical Farm incorporating smart monitoring for diversified and space-efficient crop production, and Solar Powered Desalination for sustainable irrigation.

Adding to her impressive portfolio, Dr Sharina's innovations also encompass a Floating Solar Panel with a Sun Tracker for enhanced energy efficiency and water conservation, Wireless Control of Soft Robotics Hands designed for delicate object handling, and an Autonomous Hospital Robot Delivery system acknowledged for its low-cost approach and vaccine refrigeration capabilities.

In October 2023, Dr Sharina further solidified her international presence by joining the prestigious AE4AI, a network of professionals in Asia and Europe, underscoring her commitment to the transformative intersection of artificial intelligence (AI). Beyond committee roles, she actively contributes to AI Innovation Labs, where she recently shared her insights as a speaker at the ASEF 4th AI Innovation Lab held at Fudan University in Shanghai. Her presentation shed light on "The Role of AI in Higher Education," exemplifying her dedication to advancing the understanding and application of AI in educational settings.

The projects and international participation collectively showcase her commitment to innovation, sustainability, and addressing real-world challenges through technological advancements. Her contributions exemplify her dedication to creating positive societal and environmental impacts.

Dean of UTB's School Of Computing & Informatics Explores Security And Cybersecurity In Big Data Analytics At FSDK International Webinar

28 November 2023 - Yang Mulia Dr Haji Sharul Tazrajiman bin Haji Tajuddin, Dean of School of Computing & Informatics, Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) shared his expertise as an external speaker at the Faculty of Data Science and Computing's (FSDK) International Webinar on 'Analytics Across Sectors: A Data-Driven Journey.' The event organised by the Faculty of Data Science and Computing, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK), Malaysia, brought together experts to explore the diverse aspects of data analytics.

Dr Haji Sharul, in his session, delved into the security concerns in Big Data Analytics. He addressed ethical considerations associated with data collection, privacy concerns, and emphasized the responsible use of analytics. His insightful discussion provided valuable perspectives on navigating the ethical landscape surrounding the vast realm of data.

One of the focal points of Dr Haji Sharul's presentation

was the intersection of Big Data analytics and cybersecurity. He elaborated on the significant role that Big Data Analytics plays in fortifying cybersecurity measures. In a rapidly evolving digital landscape, his insights shed light on the pivotal role data analytics can play in safeguarding information and systems.

The FSDK International webinar also featured speakers including Assoc Prof Dr Nooraini Yusoff, Associate Professor, UMK, Malaysia; Dr Mardhani Riasetiawan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia; and Ms Rebecca Schwabe, Chief Operating Officer/ Founder, Saigon A.I., Vietnam

The webinar served as a platform for participants to gain a comprehensive understanding of analytics across sectors and embark on a data-driven journey. The exchange of ideas and insights from the speakers contributed to the broader conversation on the challenges and opportunities in the field of data science.

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UTB Researchers Departed For Asia Pacific ICT Alliance Awards 2023

3 December 2023 - Participants from UTB representing Brunei Darussalam departed to Hong Kong for the Asia Pacific ICT Alliance (APICTA) Awards 2023 from 3 - 10 December 2023.

Dayang Siti Rasyidah Haji Ismail, an MSc Research student from the School of Computing and Informatics (SCI) at UTB, will be representing in the Tertiary School Award with the product title "River Vigilance."

Additionally, UTB researchers, in collaboration and led by O.D.E. Aquaculture and Agriculture Company, represent the Industry Category with a product titled "Alquatic Tech".

The UTB researchers involved in the project include Dr Lim Tong Hoo and Dk Dr Nurun Najeebah Az-Zahra binti Pg DSP Hj Mohammad Tashim.



UTB Students Embark on Canada-Asean Seed

4 September 2023 - Three UTB School of Business (UTBSB) students who were awarded the Canada-ASEAN Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development (SEED) scholarships departed to Canada. They will begin their four-month study abroad programme at the Memorial University of the Newfoundland in Canada.

Present to bid farewell were Her Excellency Ambra Dickie, High Commissioner of Canada in Brunei Darussalam; Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Hj Sulaiman, UTB Vice-Chancellor; Hajah Dayang Siti Asmahlati Bolkini Haji A. Ahmad, Director of Corporate Communications Office (CCO); and Dr Wendy Pei Qin Ng, Deputy Director of CCO.

The students include Nurin Aqilah binti Saidin, BSc in Accounting and Information System; Dk Noor Syafiqah Adibah binti Pg Noor Shamsi; BSc in Applied Economics

and Finance; and Khairunnisa binti Rosli, BSc in Marketing and Information System. Five other students who also received the scholarship will depart for Canada at a later date.





Architecture Students Embark on Educational Trip To Vietnam

9 September 2023 - 23 students from the year 3 Architecture programme at UTB, accompanied by 3 staff members, went on a trip to Viet nam as part of the Design Project Studio 5 Module. The educational trip was scheduled for 9 days, from 9 to the 17 of September 2023.

The main focus of this design module revolves around exploring the complexities of urban landscapes. To facilitate this, the students will be studying three major cities in Vietnam, namely Ho Chi Minh, Hanoi, and Da Nang, which will serve as significant case studies for their individual projects in Brunei.

During their visit to each city, the students

have the opportunity to explore the respective universities of Architecture: Ho Chi Minh University, Hanoi Architectural University, DuyTan University - Faculty of Architecture, and Applies Arts School of Engineering and Technologies. Exposure to regional and international architectural landscapes and buildings is crucial in fostering creativity and developing an understanding of Architecture. This exposure will greatly contribute to the students' educational experience as they aspire to become professional architects, as required by BAPEQS, MOD.

Product Design Students Embark On Educational Trip To Yogyakarta, Indonesia

10 September 2023 - 14 students from the Product Design Intake of 2020 and 2022 at UTB, accompanied by 2 staff members, departed to Yogyakarta, Indonesia as part of the UTB Mobility Programme. The educational visit was scheduled for eight days, from the 10 to the 17 of September 2023.

The objective of this programme is to provide the students with valuable experiences and knowledge

in relations to Product Design education programmes and industry practices in Indonesia. Through this visit, the students will have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and gain insights into different approaches and perspectives within their field of study. Additionally, the programme aims to stimulate and inspire the senior students in their final-year projects, while also facilitating the exploration of potential internship opportunities for the junior students.



Inaugural Ceremony of The FSTA Student Chapter

12 September 2023 - The Food Science and Technology and Agrotechnology (FSTA) Student Chapter Opening Ceremony marks the official establishment of the FSTA Student Chapter. The event took place at the Concourse Hall of the university.

Present as the Guest of Honours was Dr. Namasivayam Navaranjan, Dean of School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics, also present was Dr. Eng Tong Phuah, Programme Leader of Food Science and Technology

Programme Area.

The event commenced with opening speeches delivered by Awang Muhammad Atiq bin Juani @ Najrien bin Juani, Postgraduate Coordinator of FSTA Student Chapter and Dayang Nur Adila Puteri binti Irwan, newly elected Chairperson of FSTA Student Chapter).

The event concluded with the Guest of Honours presenting appointment letters to the newly appointed committees of the FSTA Student Chapter.





UTB's AI Innovation Showcase At Brunei Cybersecurity Conference 2023

14 September 2023 – UTB participated in showcasing some AI projects at the first Brunei CyberSecurity Conference, CYSec 2023. This event was co-hosted by the Brunei Cybersecurity Association (BCSA), Cyber Security Brunei (CSB), IT Protective Security Service Sdn Bhd (ITPSS) and Association of Information Security Professional (AiSP) Singapore, with the theme “Securing the Digital Frontier: Navigating Cyber Challenges”. The guest of honour was Yang Berhormat Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary bin Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications, Brunei Darussalam.

Students who participated in an AI Masterclass workshop held at the Shell .ai Lab in UTB, developed and presented two AI solutions entitled “Football Trivia Chatbot that works

in Amazon Alexa” and “Using Power Automate and other services to digitise the Admin/ Office forms at UTB” to the guest of honour at the conference. A group of UTB students also volunteered and attended the conference.



UTB Students Participated The Huawei's Seeds For The Future 2023 Programme

18 September 2023 – Ten UTB students from UTB School of Business, Faculty of Engineering, and School of Computing and Informatics participated in the 8-days online programme of Seeds for the Future 2023 organised by Huawei Technologies (B) Sdn. Bhd. in collaboration with the Faculty of Islamic Technology (FIT) Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA). The opening ceremony of the programme was held at the Auditorium Hall of the University.

The event was officiated by the Guest of Honour, Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md Salleh, Minister of Education. Also present from UTB were Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah

Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB and Yang Mulia Dr. Mohamad Saiful bin Haji Omar, Assistant Vice-Chancellor of External and Industry Relations.

Seeds for the Future 2023 is a testament to the commitment of both Huawei Technologies and the collaborating institutions in nurturing the next generation of tech leaders. The programme focuses on education and innovation, aligning with Brunei's Vision of 2035 and the incorporation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among participants. Participating students will obtain valuable cutting-edge ICT knowledge developed by Huawei's Headquarters and experience cross-cultural communication virtually.

UTB PHD Candidate Selected For Prestigious YSEALI Academic Fellowship In The USA

22 September 2023 - Congratulations to Siti Rafhanah Nor Hasrul, a PhD candidate in Accounting from UTB School of Business, for being selected to participate in the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowship for the Fall of 2023 in the United States of America.

She was chosen specifically for YSEALI Academic Fellowship on Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development and she will be attached to University of Connecticut throughout the fellowship programme.

Through this fellowship programme, Siti Rafhanah will focus on Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, which aligns perfectly with her academic background and expertise.

This opportunity will provide her with a platform to further enrich her professional and leadership skills, particularly in the domains of social entrepreneurship and economic development, which are areas of great significance in today's world.



UTB Student Represent The Sultanate At China-Asean Young Entrepreneurs Economic and Trade Cooperation Air

22 September 2023 - Yang Mulia Muhammad Syafiq Syukri bin Awang Arifin, BSc in Business (Hons) Major in Business Information Management, represented Brunei Darussalam at the China-ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Economic and Trade Cooperation Fair in Zhaoqing, Brunei (YEAB) Guangdong Province, China from 20 to 22 September 2023.

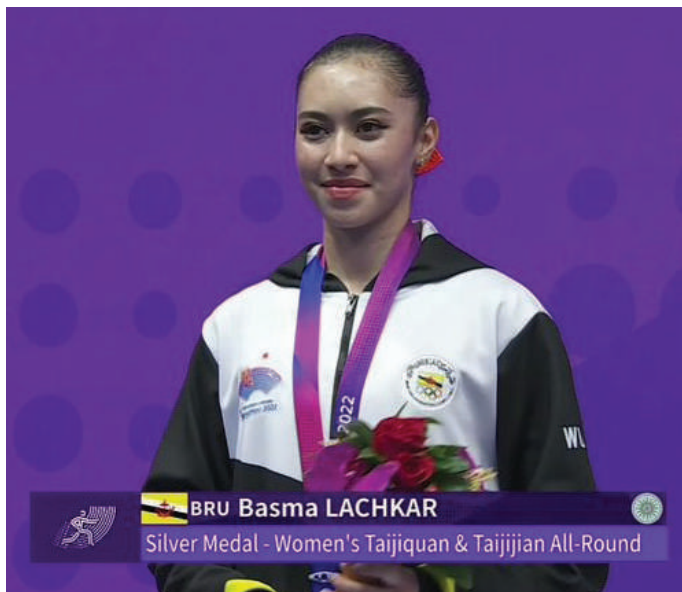
As a member of the Young Entrepreneurs Association of Brunei (YEAB), his participation aimed to strengthen the ties between the Sultanate of Brunei and China by fostering strong connections among young entrepreneurs from China and ASEAN member countries. As a participant, he had the opportunity to engage in insightful dialogues and explore new avenues of cooperation under the theme 'New Opportunities for China-ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Cooperation'.



UTB Student Makes History At 19th Asian Games

24 September 2023 - UTB is incredibly proud to congratulate Dayang Basma binti Lachkar, UTB student undertaking BSc (Hons) in Communication, for her historic accomplishment in securing a Silver medal at the 19th Asian Games in the Women's Taijiquan & Taijijian All-Round event held in Hangzhou, the People's Republic of China.

Basma's accomplishment goes beyond personal success as she has made history as the first Brunei athlete to win a silver medal at the Asian Games. Her remarkable feat serves as an inspiration to the entire UTB community, highlighting the extraordinary capabilities and achievements of our students.



SASM Student Embarks On Research Internship At Osaka University In Japan

29 September 2023 - A Master's student from the Food Science and Technology Programme Area, School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics (SASM) of UTB, Yang Mulia Dayang Siti Nur Asyifa Nazihah bte Andey Asmara left for Japan to engage in research activities at Osaka University (OU) for a year.

Through the support of Japan Student Service Organisation (JASSO), she will perform research on bio-based food packaging materials utilising state-of-the-art equipment at Department of Applied Chemistry, Graduate School of Engineering, hosted by Professor Dr Hiroshi Uyama.

Present to bid farewell was Yang Mulia Dr Syazana Abdullah Lim, Assistant Professor of Food Science and Technology Programme Area. This research internship is part of the collaboration between UTB and Osaka University ASEAN Campus SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) Co-Creation Programme, organised by the Centre for Global Initiatives (GLOCOL) of Osaka University. The objective of this activity is to enhance student's scientific insights and foster research collaboration between UTB and OU.



SASM Team Earns Second Place At Product Innovation Competition 2023

18 October 2023 - A team from the School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics (SASM) secured the second place at the Product Innovation Competition 2023, with their innovative creation, the 'Vegalicious Nugget served with fermented Black Garlic Sauce.' The event was held from 17 to 18 October 2023 at Balai Khazanah Islam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

The award was presented by Yang Mulia Dato' Raja Reza Bin Raja Zaib Shah, the Malaysian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

The competition was hosted by the Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) and Politeknik Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah (POLISAS), Malaysia, in conjunction with the International Agrotechnology Festival 2023. The competition goes beyond being a mere contest as it provides students and researchers with an opportunity to transform their innovative concepts into practical products that contribute to society, the local food industry, and agrotechnology.

Two standout teams were involved in this competition. The first team, guided by Dr.

Syazana Abdullah Lim and Dr. Phuah Eng Tong and led by Dayangku Nur Azeerah Binti Pengiran Mohd Norhamdani, showcased their 'Vegalicious Nuggets served with fermented Black Garlic Sauce.' Their project featured a plant-based nugget made from a blend of mushrooms and jackfruit seeds, complemented by a flavorful fermented black garlic sauce rich in antioxidants.

The second team, guided by Dr. Mas Munira Rambli, introduced their 'Plant-based protein energy bar.' This innovative creation boasts ingredients such as rice bran, banana stem, pineapple core, soya pulp (tofu), and aquafaba (liquid from chickpeas), which acts as an emulsifier. These achievements showcase the remarkable talent and dedication of SASM's students and faculty in pushing the boundaries of innovation.





UTB'S Little Einscience Team Showcases Exceptional Dedication At The Asean Data Science Explorers (DSE) National Finals 2023

8 November 2023 - UTB's Little Einscience team proudly represented Brunei Darussalam at the ASEAN Data Science Explorers (DSE) National Finals 2023, held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event, organised by SAP and the ASEAN Foundation in collaboration with ASEAN Indonesia 2023, brought together top-tier teams from the region to compete in this prestigious event.

The team, consisting of Muhamad Ilyas @ Muhamad Alli bin Haji Ismail, BSc (Hons) in Mathematical Finance, and Nur Adila Puteri binti Irwan, BSc (Hons) in Food Science & Technology, demonstrated remarkable skill and dedication throughout the intense competition. The team was supervised by Malai Didi Abdullah, Chief Executive Officer and Vice-President of SMARTER Brunei.

Competing alongside were the participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. UTB's Little Einscience engaged in various activities over the course of three consecutive days. These activities included

team presentations, a welcoming dinner, a study visit, and an insightful tour of Jakarta, providing a platform for knowledge sharing and valuable experiences.

The team displayed commendable teamwork and an unwavering commitment to innovation and collaboration. UTB's Little Einscience set a shining example of dedication, talent, and the competitive spirit of Brunei Darussalam within the realm of data science.

The experience gained from this event will undoubtedly contribute to the continuous growth and development of the team and their invaluable contributions to the field of data science.

UTB Students Excel At Asean Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting Plus Japan 2023

13 November 2023 - Four students from the UTB proudly represented Brunei Darussalam at the ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting (AFMAM) Plus Japan 2023 held at the ASEAN Secretariat Building in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 6 to 9 November 2023. This significant event celebrated the 50th-year anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation, revolving around the theme 'Golden Friendship, Golden Opportunities.'

Engaging in a three-day simulation of ASEAN meetings, covering the pillars of the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), UTB students actively participated in this enriching experience, simulating the roles of delegations from other ASEAN/Japan countries.

The students were namely Izzah Syazwani binti Muhammad Jusri, BSc in Chemical Engineering;

Siti Nur Zafira binti Shuhaimi, BSc in Communication; Izeyaan Idham Khalid, BSc in Computing Major in Data Analytics; and Muhammad Zahirul Aniq bin Supri, BSc in Electrical and Electronic ENGINEERING. They were also joined by students from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and Politeknik Brunei.

The Brunei participants showcased excellence during the event, securing several prestigious awards at the ceremony, which includes Group Social Media Challenge, Best Strategy Paper, and the Best Delegation Award.

The success of the UTB students at the ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting Plus Japan 2023 highlights the university's commitment to providing a holistic education that prepares students for active participation in regional and global affairs. The achievements also contribute to strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and ASEAN member countries, as well as Japan.



Osaka University International Certificate Programme (OUICP) 2022 Graduation And 2023 Welcoming Ceremony For Brunei Darussalam Students

13 November 2023 – Six students from UTB have completed the Osaka University International Certificate Programme: Halal Science, Technology, and Innovation (OUICP-HaSTI). This accomplishment includes three students graduating from the OUICP-HaSTI 2022 programme and three successfully concluding the OUICP-S 2023 programme. The joint graduation ceremony was celebrated virtually at the Osaka University Brunei Office through Zoom.

Hosted by Osaka University (OU), Japan and co-organised by Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), and UTB, the OUICP-HaSTI program spanned ten months, incorporating online lectures and a 2-month placement at Osaka University in Japan.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah, followed by a welcoming remark by OUICP-Halal Science Technology and Innovation (HaSTI) Programme Manager, Yang Mulia Prof. Dr. Quamrul Hasan, Centre for Global Initiative, ASEAN Campus, Osaka University.

Following that were the opening remarks by the Guest of Honour, Yang Mulia Dr Haji Azman bin Ahmad, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, followed by a speech from Prof. Yamamoto Beverley Anne, Executive Vice President of International Affairs (Education), Osaka University.

The event proceeded with a video presentation of OUICP 2022 and OUICP-S 2023 journey, followed by the certificate awarding ceremony for the graduates.

The UTB students who completed OUICP 2022 were Siti Nur Asyifa Nazihah bte Andey Asmara, Hasna Basirah binti Mazalan, and Jhoorhanah binti Abdul Halim from the School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics (SASM). Abdul Wafi bin Norfadilah, Mohammad Abdul Muiz Bin

Haji Sahminan from School of Computing and Informatics; and Nurzukrina Ameerah binti Awang Marzuki from SASM represented UTB as a graduate of OUICP-S 2023.

The students from their respective universities then presented their experience, followed by the presentation of appreciation of the OUICP-HaSTI invited lecturers from UBD, UNISSA and UTB. Token of appreciation was then presented to the Guest of Honour, followed by the welcoming of the new 2023 intake of OUICP.

The event ended with a closing remark by Professor Dr. Kyoshi Fuji ta, Regional Director, ASEAN Centre for Academic Initiatives, Osaka University.

The Osaka University International Certificate Programme: Halal Science, Technology and Innovation (OUICP-HaSTI) is an educational program initiated by Osaka University ASEAN Campus in collaboration with their counterparts in ASEAN countries.

Osaka University (OU) issues a certificate upon completing the program in a specific field with 6 to 8 credits.

OUICP-HaSTI is offered to graduate students of Joint Campus counterpart universities and working people (non-students) who have received at least a bachelor's degree.

The programme aims to contribute to the solution of issues in the ASEAN region while focusing on the individuality of each country's society and culture and developing infrastructure to benefit those societies through international, innovative approaches such as co-creation with industry, government, academia, and the community by nurturing advanced global human resources in the fields of bioengineering, applied physics, infectious disease, environmental engineering, halal science, biodiversity and bioresources, and Japanese language and culture.



UTB Applauds Exceptional Achievements of Dyg Basma Lachkar Clinches Bronze At 16th World Wushu Championships

20 November 2023 - UTB extends its congratulations to Dayang Basma binti Lachkar, a student pursuing a BSc (Hons) in Communication, for her outstanding achievement in securing a medal at the 16th World Wushu Championships in Fort Worth, Texas, USA.

In an inspiring display of skill and determination, Dayang Basma competed among the world's finest Wushu athletes, earning the historic bronze medal for Brunei Darussalam.

Her remarkable feat serves as an inspiration to the entire UTB community, highlighting the extraordinary capabilities and achievements of our students.



UTB SCI Students Compete In First ASEAN Cyber Shield Hacking Contest In Jakarta

20 November 2023 - Four UTB students from the School of Computing and Informatics (SCI) and Cyber Security Brunei departed for Jakarta this morning to participate in the First ASEAN Cyber Shield (ACS) Hacking Contest. The competition was held over four consecutive

days, from 21 to 24 November 2023, at the Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The students participating in the contest are Abdul Muqsit bin Haji Jafari, Aalex Daniel bin Selavisi, Abdul Mujib bin Irfan, and Mohamad Danial Akmal bin Haji Mohamad Junaidi.



School of Design's Prototype Evaluation Day

22 November 2023 - The School of Design organised an Evaluation of Prototype Day, showcasing the work of 17 second-year students from the Product Design program, debuting a total of 8 group projects entitled, "The Tale of The Unfilial Son: Nakhoda Manis," "Alunan Lagu-Lagu Kitani," "Elagitarian," "Brunei's Sea Turtle," "Project Kampong Ayer," "Wheel of Simpur," "Tarian Alai Bubu Jewelry Box," and "Perjuangan Pendekar Melayu."

In addition to presenting their projects, the students displayed the products they created as part of their modules: DP2102 Model Making and Rendering and EE1511 Electrical Laboratory Skills with 8 and 9 designs, respectively. These modules required the students to design a new concept of business using a truck and a product utilising Arduino and a sensor, respectively.

The event's main objective was to gather responses and feedback from academics and industry professionals on the students' design concepts. It also aimed to allow the students to present their work to the public and gain valuable experience in doing so.

A panel of judges, consisting of industry and faculty members, evaluated each project based on creativity, functionality, market potential, and design aesthetics criteria. The students impressed the audience with their presentations, showcasing their passion and dedication to their craft.

The "Alunan Lagu-Lagu Kitani" project by Nuradilah Binti Haji Mohd. Hamdilah and Siti Nur Aisyah Binti Haji Mohd Suhaimi won the favourite design by the visitors' vote. "Project Kampong Ayer" by Aiman Roslan and Abdul Muizz Safiuddin Bin Sherin received the best presentation. "Elagitarian" by Dayangku Amanina Farzana Binti Pengiran Matsah and Nor Azreena Binti Mohamed Azlan received the inspirational MIB design.

The event also facilitated networking and collaboration between the students and industry professionals, thus allowing the students to engage in meaningful discussions with potential employers, seeking guidance and advice on further refining their designs for commercial production.

The evaluation process is crucial in the student's design education, encouraging them to think critically, push boundaries, and continuously improve their skills. The feedback received during this event will contribute to their growth as designers and equip them with the necessary tools to succeed in the competitive design industry.



Wastefyx From UTB Secures First Place At The 16th Edition Business Award

30 November 2023 - Wastefyx team, students from UTB, developed a groundbreaking initiative and have emerged victorious, claiming first place at the 16th Edition of the Shell LiveWIRE Brunei Business Awards for Higher Institutions Category. The event was held at the Serambi Suloh Hall, Tarindak D'Seni.

The Guest of Honour, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II, presented the award.

The students of Wastefyx include Muhammad Ilyas @ Muhammad Ali bin Haji Ismail, BSc (Hons) in Mathematical Finance, and Nur Adila Puteri binti Irwan, BSc (Hons) in Food Science & Technology.



UTB Students Embark On Cultural Exchange Under JENESYS 2023 Programme

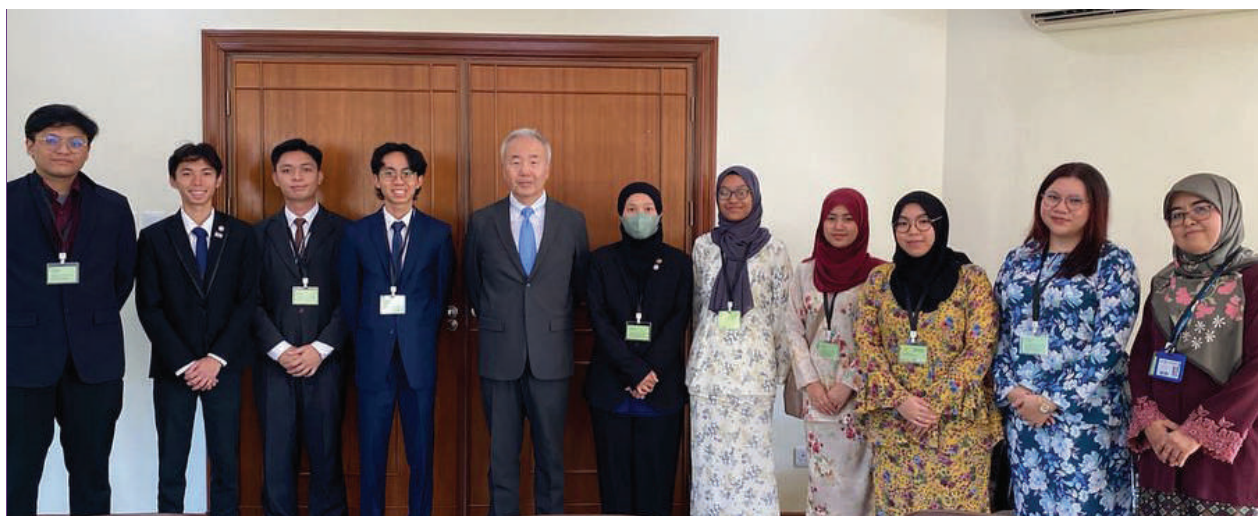
8 December 2023 - Four UTB students departed the Sultanate for the ASEAN-Japan Students Conference under the JENESYS 2023 Programme until 19 December 2023.

Prior to their departure, the students had the honour of meeting His Excellency Maeda Toru, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam.

The students include Nabil Ridhwan bin Suhili@ Suhaili, Master of Science (MSc) in Management

and Technology; Nurul Amalina Ashikin binti Ali, Master of Science (By Research) in Civil Engineering; Ak Md Rafiuddin Pg Saharuddin, BEng (Hons) in Chemical Engineering; Mohammad Rosyiq Daniel Bin Haji Roslani, Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing (Major in Data Analytics).

Present to bid farewell were Yang Mulia Dr Haji Rajul Adli Haji Asli, Dean of Student Affairs Office; Yang Mulia Siti Nuratika Sri Mu'minnah Binti Mohamad Hadi Muslim, Student Welfare Officer; and Yang Mulia Pg Raden Tutimuliawati binti Pg Hj Mahmud, Counselor UTB.



The 12th Student Leadership And Development Programme



26 December 2023 – The 12th Student Leadership and Development Programme concluded today with a certificate presentation ceremony. This annual programme, organised by the Student Representative Council 2023/2024 (MPPUTB) ExCo Leadership, Development and Mentor (LDM), took place from 21 to 25 December 2023, at UTB and Pusat Belia Bandar Seri Begawan

The Guest of Honour, Yang Mulia Dr Au Thein Wan, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Student, Alumni and Services), presented certificates to the 14 participants from UTB, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Maktab Sains Paduka Seri Begawan, and Sekolah Menengah Sultan Muhammad Jamalul Alam (SMJA). The inclusion of students from various backgrounds enriched the learning experience, promoting a holistic approach to leadership development.

The theme for the year, “Youth: Catalysts of Innovation, Growth & Future Proof,” highlighted the significant

role young individuals play as future leaders. With a dedicated focus on fostering soft skills, the programme aimed to equip the youth from various institutes to become catalysts of innovation, growth, and future-proofing.

Recognising the significance of nurturing the potential of the younger generation, the programme emphasised the importance of developing essential skills. It aspired to contribute to the creation of competent leaders who would shape a bright future for the country.

The Student Leadership and Development Programme also held in conjunction with the Days of Action, providing a unique platform for participants to engage in hands-on activities and collaborative learning experiences. Through activities like community services, Kenali Negara Kitani and Bandarku Ceria, the programme aimed to instill leadership qualities, teamwork, and problem-solving skills in the participants.

UTB Scholars of Canada-ASEAN SEED Commence Academic Endeavour At Canadian Universities

29 December 2023 – Recipients of Canada-ASEAN SEED Scholarships from UTB have departed for Canada to embark on a four-month study abroad programme at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Brock University.

The students are Nur Adila Puteri binti Irwan, Muhamad Ilyas @ Muhamad Alli bin Haji Ismail from School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics (SASM); and Alifya Kayla Shafa Susanto, from School of Computing and Informatics (SCI).

Present to bid farewell were the Director of Corporate Communications Office (CCO) UTB, Yang Mulia Serina Hj Mohd Ali; Student Welfare Officer, Yang Mulia Siti Nuratika Sri Mu'minnah binti Mohammad Hadi Muslim; Lecturer from SASM, Yang Mulia Siti Mazulianawati binti Haji Majid; Acting Assistant Registrar SASM, Yang Mulia Dk Nur Fathiyah binti Pg Hj Abu Bakar; and the students' parents.

The Canada-ASEAN SEED programme provides short-term exchange opportunities for students from ASEAN member countries to study or conduct research in Canadian post-secondary institutions, contributing to the reduction of poverty in ASEAN and the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





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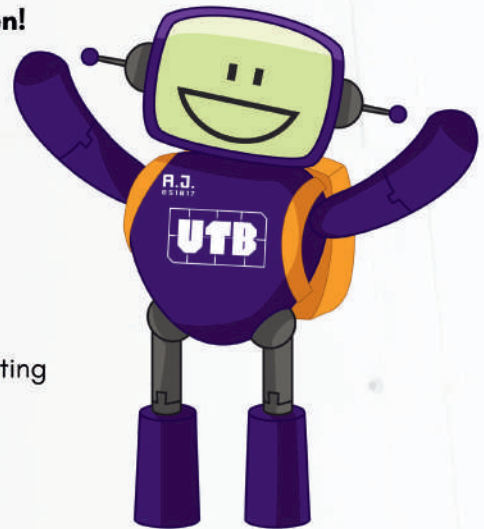
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UTB And MPC Signs Memorandum of Understanding To Strengthen Collaboration And Foster Innovation

2 November 2023 - UTB and Muara Port Company Sendirian Berhad (MPC) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking a significant milestone in their journey towards innovation and Industry transformation. The MoU signing ceremony took place at the Pearl of UTB.

Yang Mulia Dr. Mohammad Saiful bin Haji Omar, the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (External and Industry Relations) of UTB, signed on behalf of the University, while Yang Mulia Mr. Lyu Guoli, Chief Finance Officer of MPC, represented the company. Serving as witnesses were Yang Mulia Mr. Lim Chui Hua, Registrar and Secretary for UTB, and Yang Mulia Hajah Azian binti Haji Mohammad, Manager of the Human Resource Department for MPC.

The Guest of Honour at the event was Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB. The ceremony commenced with welcoming remarks from Yang Mulia Dr. Fadziwati binti Mohiddin, Acting Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) and Dean of UTB School

of Business, in which she highlighted the significance and potential of the collaboration.

The Memorandum of Understanding establishes a collaborative partnership between UTB, particularly UTB School of Business, and MPC, focusing on several areas of shared interest. These areas include human capacity development particularly in logistic and port industry for Bruneians. The MoU also aims to advance academic, research, and technological endeavours while fostering innovation, development, and mutual growth research. This can be supported by industrial internship, working-research visits, training, as well as industrial engagement.

Apart from promoting innovation and knowledge exchange, the collaboration also symbolises a joint dedication to build leadership qualities, cutting-edge skill sets and industry connection. Thus, it has the potential to bring about positive impacts not only on both institutions but also on their respective communities.



UTB And SynergenOG (B) Sdn Bhd Ink A Memorandum of Understanding



20 November 2023 – UTB and SynergenOG (B) Sendirian Berhad signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking the commencement of a strategic collaboration between the university and industry. The event was held virtually through the Zoom platform.

The event commenced with the recitation of Sural Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by a welcoming remark by Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB and remarks by Yang Mulia Puvan Balasubramaniam, Co-Founder and Principal of SynergenOG Sdn Bhd.

The event proceeded with the signing of Memorandum of Understanding, with the UTB Vice-Chancellor representing the university and the Co-Founder and

Principal of SynergenOG (B) Sdn Bhd signing on behalf of the industry. The MoU solidifies the mutual commitment to collaborate in the spheres of academic excellence, research, and training programmes.

This partnership marks a significant step in working together for a better education and collaboration between academics and industries in Brunei. UTB and SynergenOG (B) Sdn Bhd are committed to using their combined strengths to improve education, research, and training. The anticipated outcomes aim to contribute not only to the growth of Brunei but also to the broader landscape of global knowledge and innovation.



Memorandum Of Understanding Between UTB And HARQ Enterprise

22 November 2023 – The Centre for Research on AgriFood and Science and Technology (CrAFT) of UTB and HARQ Enterprise have officially commenced a collaboration, marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), held at the Pearl building of UTB. This strategic alliance aims to propel advancements in smart farming and artificial intelligence technologies, explicitly targeting the optimisation of chilli production.

Present as the Guest of Honour at the signing ceremony was Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB.

Also present were Yang Mulia Awang Abuzar bin Haji Mohd Tahir, Acting Director Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT); UTB Principal Officers, Officers from MPRT and HARQ Enterprise.

The event commenced with an opening remark by Yang Mulia Dr Syazana Abdullah Lim, Director of CrAFT, followed by remarks from Yang Mulia Haji Awang Abdul Qayyum bin Haji Mohammad Hanafi, Manager of HARQ Enterprise.

A project briefing on the 'Smart Greenhouse for Chilli Plant' was presented through a comprehensive project

overview by the project leader, Yang Mulia Awang Hj Ismit bin Haji Mohamad, providing a detailed roadmap for the research and development initiatives.

The event proceeded with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. The Director of CrAFT, UTB signed on behalf of the university, while the Manager of HARQ Enterprise represented the corporate entity.

The MoU reflects the commitment of both UTB and HARQ Enterprise to fostering scientific knowledge and discoveries through collaborative research activities. Recognising the transformative potential of smart farming and artificial intelligence technologies, the partnership establishes a structured framework for joint research initiatives to bring practical advancements to the field.

The collaboration between UTB and HARQ Enterprise represents a significant milestone in bridging the gap between academia and industry, fostering innovation and technological solutions for the future of sustainable agriculture.

Memorandum of Cooperation Between UTB And E-Government National Centre, Ministry Of Transport And Infocommunications

30 September 2023 - A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed between UTB and E-Government National Centre (EGNC), Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications. The event was held at EGNC Headquarters.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by welcoming remarks by the Chief Corporate Officer of EGNC. The event then proceeded with the signing of MoC.

The signatories were Yang Mulia Pengiran Zainathul Shema binti Pengiran Haji Metassan, Acting Registrar and Secretary of UTB and Yang Mulia Mazriyani binti Haji

Abdul Ghani, Director of EGNC. Representing as witness for UTB was Yang Mulia Dr. Haji Sharul Tazrajiman bin Haji Tajuddin, Dean of School of Computing and Informatics, UTB and EGNC was Yang Mulia Hajah Ilyasuriani binti DP Haji Hamdani, Chief Corporate Officer.

The MoC signed encompassing areas of cooperations such as student internship placements and project opportunities; training and capacity building exchange; collaboration in the organization of seminars, conferences, and hackathons; joint research in technology fields and others.



Signing Of The Declaration Of Understanding For Establishment Of KUUB

8 November 2023 - Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor signed the Declaration of Understanding (Deklarasi Persefahaman) for the establishment of Konsortium Universiti Universitas Borneo (KUUB) – An Alliance of Bornean Universities for Improvement of Education, Innovation and Talent Development in Borneo.

The initiative to establish KUUB is to increase commitment and strategic partnership between public

and government-owned universities in Borneo to support excellence, capability and internationalisation in teaching and learning, research and innovation, student mobility, and graduate employability.

This combination of Borneo’s universities is an effort of a network of cooperation that can strengthen the standard of education in the Borneo archipelago and at the same time make these three countries the leading higher education destinations in the Asian region.



Book Donation And Launching Of Turkiye Corner



4 October 2023 - His Excellency Prof. Dr. Hamit Ersoy, The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkiye, Embassy of the Republic of Turkiye in Brunei Darussalam, donated 47 books covering a wide range of subjects, including Literature, History, Arts, and Sciences to Universiti Teknologi Brunei in collaboration with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), a government department subordinate to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Turkiye. This exchange will establish cooperation in education, training, arts, linguistics and culture between UTB and Turkish Universities.

The handover was held this afternoon at the UTB Library, Library Complex. The event commenced with a recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat followed by a Welcoming Remark by Yang Mulia Dr. Mohamad Saiful bin Haji Omar, Acting Vice-Chancellor of UTB and a speech from His Excellency Prof. Dr. Hamit Ersoy, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkiye then proceeded with the book donation and the launching of 'Turkiye Corner' in UTB library.

The establishment of the Book Corner of Turkiye provides UTB students, faculty, and researchers with a dedicated space to delve into the intellectual heritage of Turkiye.

In his speech, the Acting Vice Chancellor of UTB expressed his gratitude to the Embassy of the Republic of Turkiye and TIKa for their generosity and support in enhancing UTB's academic resources. He emphasised the Book Corner's role in fostering cross-cultural dialogue and global perspectives within the UTB community.

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Hamit Ersoy mentioned in his speech "I would like to highlight that this is only the beginning of a long-term cooperation. Turkiye, with its 209 universities (129 state, 80 private), EU compatible education system and with numerous programmes that teaches in English has become an important centre of attraction for international students and efforts to increase global collaborations through travel, employment, education and internship opportunities." His Excellency also donated an extra book titled 'Growing Friendship: The Republic of Turkiye and Brunei Darussalam' as part of the collection.

The Turkiye Book Corner also reflects the university's commitment to providing diverse educational resources, promoting cultural exchange, and advancing academic excellence. Moreover, it symbolises unity between Brunei and Turkiye, further promoting mutual understanding and strengthening the bonds between the two nations.



The Embassy Of Lao People's Democratic Republic Presents Book Donation To UTB

16 November 2023 - In a gesture of cultural enrichment and academic collaboration, the Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Brunei Darussalam generously donated a collection of books to UTB. The official handover ceremony occurred this afternoon at the UTB library, marking a significant milestone in cultural exchange and bilateral relations between the two nations.

The event commenced with a recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah followed by a welcoming speech by Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB. She expressed UTB's deep commitment to education and cultural understanding. She highlighted the pivotal role of such initiatives in fostering stronger ties between Brunei Darussalam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, followed by remarks by Her Excellency Sengdavanh Vongsay, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of

Lao PDR to Brunei Darussalam. Which she also highlighted the importance of education and people-to-people exchange in bilateral relations between the two nations.

The Lao PDR Book Corner is one of the activities organised in commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Lao PDR and Brunei Darussalam (1993 - 2023).

Also, in attendance were the invited Foreign Dignitaries, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yang Mulia Hajah Mardiana binti Haji Omar, UTB Principal Officers, and representatives from both nations.

The event proceeded with the official launch of the 'Lao PDR Corner' at the UTB library, followed by the handover of about 55 books covering a diverse subject and some tourism forms of media by Her Excellency Sengdavanh Vongsay. This dedicated space aims to provide students and researchers with a comprehensive resource for exploring Lao culture and heritage.

The event marked the official inauguration of the Lao PDR Corner, symbolising a lasting commitment to fostering cultural exchange and academic collaboration between the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Brunei Darussalam.

Visit From The Department Of Schools And Sixth Form Centres MoE

7 September 2023 - UTB hosted a visit from the Department of Schools and Sixth Form Centres, Ministry of Education (MoE) at the Main Conference Room, UTB this morning.

The delegation was led by Yang Mulia Cikgu Hamidah binti Haji Daud, Assistant Director of the Department of Schools, MoE.

Representing UTB was Yang Mulia Dr. Ena Kartina binti Haji Abdul Rahman, the Assistant Vice-Chancellor

Academic (AVCA); Mr Lim Chui Hua, Registrar & Secretary; Deans; Director and other relevant staff of the University.

During the visit, both parties had fruitful discussions where UTB shared its academic and bridging programmes, entry requirements, and other information that was beneficial to the discussions. These discussions were aimed at fostering closer relations and collaboration to contribute to the educational landscape of the country.



Brunei Cybersecurity Association Visit UTB for Learning Journey to Brunei

11 September 2023 - UTB welcomed a delegation from the Brunei Cybersecurity Association, including the President, Mohamad Azad Zaki Haji Mohd Tahir and two other association members, Mr Samson Yeow and Mr Boris Choo. Additionally, members of the AiSP secretariat from Singapore and students from three Polytechnics in Singapore also visited UTB as part of their Learning Journey to Brunei

The delegation were greeted by Dr Mohamad Saiful bin Haji Omar, Assistant Vice Chancellor (Industry and

Services), Dr Haji Sharul Tazrajiman bin Haji Tajuddin, Dean of School of Computing and Informatics, Serina binti Haji Mohd Ali, Programme Leader, and Dr S.H Shah Newaz, Deputy Dean Graduate Studies Research Office.

During their visit, the students had the opportunity to attend a workshop called "VR Metaverse," which was organised and hosted by a group of UTB students led by Muhammad Wazef Mubarak Bin Mohamad Fauzy and facilitated by Mohammad Abdul Muiz bin Haji Sahminan.



Courtesy Visit From Politeknik Sultan Azlan Shah

20 September 2023 - Politeknik Sultan Azlan Shah (PSAS), Perak Malaysia paid a courtesy visit to UTB. The delegation was led by Ts. Mohd Zulkefli bin Ibrahim, Director of PSAS and took place at the Main Conference Room of UTB.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by Yang Mulia Dr. Mohamad Saiful bin Haji Omar, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (External and Industry Relations). Together with him were Yang Mulia Professor Dr. Mohamed Hasnain Isa, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation); Yang Mulia Dr. Hj Sharul Tazrajiman bin Hj Tajuddin,

Acting Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs); Dr. Ang Swee Peng, Senior Assistant Principal of Faculty of Engineering; Dr. Kenneth Siok Kiam Yeo, Senior Assistant Professor of Faculty of Engineering; and Dr Wendy Pei Qin Ng, Acting Director of Corporate Communications Office.

The visit included the with the signing of Agreed Minutes of Meeting (AMM) between the Director of PSAS and Assistant Vice-Chancellor (External and Industry Relations) of UTB. Which was followed by the meeting between the two institutions of future collaborations plan.



Courtesy Visit From The Lincoln University

27 September 2023 – Professor Dr. Hugh Bigsby, Dean of the Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce of Lincoln University, Christchurch, New Zealand paid a courtesy visit to Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB)

Professor Dr. Hugh Bigsby was welcomed by Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB; Dr. Saiful bin Haji Omar, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (External and Industry Relations); Dr. Sharul Tazrajiman bin Haji Tajuddin, Acting Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs); and Dr Namasivayam Navaranjan, Dean of School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics.

During the meeting, discussion centered around the potential collaborative initiatives in the field of Agrotechnology between the two universities. The discussions aimed to explore the possibilities of cooperation, academic and students exchange programmes, and research partnerships that could contribute to the advancement of knowledge of Agrotechnology.



Visit From POLISAS, Department Of Polytechnic And College Education Community Malaysia

17 October 2023 – UTB received a delegation from Politeknik Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah (POLISAS) and the Department of Polytechnic and College Education Community, Malaysia in conjunction with the International Festival Agro-Technology 2023. The delegation, led by Yang Mulia Hajah Norehan binti Silek, Director of POLISAS. The visit took place at UTB's Main Conference Room.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah, the introduction of delegates, and a welcoming remark by Acting Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Yang Mulia Dr Fadzliwati binti Mohiddin.

Dr. Namasivayam Navarajan, the Dean of the School of Applied Sciences (SASM) at UTB, then provided an insightful overview of the UTB SASM, which included an introduction to the state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and the latest developments in the form of new construction buildings.

Dr. Phuah Eng Tong then took the floor to present a detailed overview of the Food Science and Technology Programme at UTB, highlighting its significance in food science and technology.

Continuing the presentations, Dr. Grace Hong Shyang Pei

explained the Agrotechnology Programme, shedding light on the institution's initiatives and progress in agrotechnology.

Whereas Ir. Dr. Nor Asiah binti Muhamad introduced the Centre for Research on Agri-Food Science and Technology (CrAFT) Research activities at UTB, showcasing the innovative research endeavours undertaken by the institution.

The visit proceeded with a tour of the Food Science and Technology Laboratory, allowing the delegation to witness cutting-edge research and practical applications.

The visit concluded with a gallery tour that offered insights into the creative and academic achievements of UTB, further demonstrating the institution's dedication to fostering innovation and excellence.



Courtesy Visit From Association Of Chartered Certified Accountants

2 November 2023 - Jane Chiong, Education Relationship Lead of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Maritime South-East Asia paid a courtesy visit to UTB School of Business (UTB SB) this morning. The purpose of the visit was to discuss potential collaborations and partnerships between ACCA and UTB SB, with a specific focus on the fields of Accounting and Information Systems. Welcoming Jane Chiong were Dr Fadziwati binti Mohiddin, Dean of UTBSB; Dr Ulanganathan Subramanian, Programme Leader of Accounting UTBSB; and other lecturers of UTBSB.



Visit From Centre For Technology Excellence Sarawak

14 November 2023 - UTB received a visit from the Centre for Technology Excellence Sarawak (CENTEXS) this morning at the Main Conference Room of UTB.

The delegation, led by Puan Ruhazlina Syam binti Abdol Hazis, Deputy Director of General Administration (Lundu) & Head of Partnership Management & Business Development, CENTEXS, was welcomed by the Corporate Communications Office, UTB and chaired by Serina Hj Mohd Ali, Director of Corporate Communications Office, UTB.

The visit commenced with UTB introducing the programmes and achievements by Puan Elizah Radin Mas Ismail, Deputy Registrar (Academic) from the Registrar's Office, and Puan Ruhazlina Syam from CENTEXS presenting their programmes. The delegates had an engaging discussion about potential collaborative initiatives between the two institutions.

Present during the visit were Dr Norihan Abu Hassan, Dean of the Centre for Communication, Teaching and Learning (CCTL); Dr Navaranjan, Dean of the School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics; Dr Hj Sharul Tazrajiman bin Hj Tajuddin, Dean of the School of Computing and Informatics; Pg Dr Seri Rahayu binti Pg Ya'akub - Deputy Dean (Academic) Faculty of Engineering; Dr Malai Zeiti binti Sheikh Abdul Hamid, Deputy Dean of CCTL; and Dr Stephen Pragasam James Singaraju, Programme Leader of Accounting Programme Area of UTB School of Business.



Courtesy Visit From The Embassy Of Japan In Brunei Darussalam

16 November 2023 – His Excellency Maeda Toru, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Brunei Darussalam, paid a courtesy visit to UTB. Together with him was Ms Ito Yuka, the Third Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam.

Her Excellency was welcomed by UTB Vice-Chancellor, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Assistant Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Professor Dr Mohamed Hasnain Isa; Acting Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Dr Fadzliwati Mohiddin; and Director of Corporate and Communications Office, Serina Hj Mohd Ali.

During the visit, the delegation engaged in discussions focusing on the potential for collaboration in the field of academia. The meeting provided an opportunity to explore avenues for strengthening ties between UTB and the Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam.



Universitas Serambi Mekkah Delegation Visits UTB

20 November 2023 – Universitas Serambi Mekkah from Aceh paid a visit to UTB today. The delegation was led by Yang Mulia Dr Syaifuddin Yana, S.T, M.M., M.SI, Dean of the Economic Faculty of Universitas Serambi Mekkah.

Warmly welcomed by the delegation was Yang Mulia Dr Fadzliwati Mohiddin, Dean of UTB School of Business; Dr Hj Sharul Tazrajiman bin Hj Tajuddin, Dean of School of Computing and Informatics; Yang Mulia Professor Yulfian Aminanda, Dean of School of Design; Yang Mulia Dr Heru Susanto, Director of Centre for Innovative Engineering; and Yang Mulia Dr Wendy Pei Qin Ng, Deputy Director of Corporate Communications Office.



UTB Joins Prophet Muhammad's Birth Anniversary Parade

28 September 2023 - UTB Principal Officers, staff and students joined the mass gathering and parade to honour the birth anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

The event took place at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien.



PSAS And UTB Collaborate In Solar Lamp Donation At Masjid Pehin Khatib Abdullah

19 September 2023 - A delegation from Politeknik Sultan Azlan Shah (PSAS) in Perak, Malaysia, led by PSAS's Director Yang Mulia Ts. Mohd Zulkefli bin Ibrahim, along with representatives from UTB, Dr. Swee Ping Ang and Dr. Kenneth Siok Kiam Yeo, visited Masjid Pehin Khatib Abdullah in Kampong Kulapis to conduct social responsibility activity involving the donation of solar lamps.

This generous gesture aims to provide sustainable lighting solutions to the community, demonstrating their commitment to social responsibility and the betterment of the community.



UTB Participates In The Changemakers Of Tomorrow Summit In Bangalore

9 October 2023 – Yang Mulia Dr Mohamad Saiful bin Haji Omar, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (External and Industry and Relations); along with Dr. Muhammad Norfauzi bin POKDPDP Hj Dani, Head of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Laboratory UTB; and Yang Mulia Mohammad Abdul Muiz bin Hj Sahminan, BSc (Hons) in Digital Media, have departed for the Changemakers of Tomorrow Summit (CoT) in Bangalore for three consecutive days from 10 to 12 October 2023.

The event, organized by Shell at the Shell Technology Center Bangalore (STCB), serves as a platform for idea exchange, experience sharing, and collaborative efforts to address pressing issues and shape a better future.



PJSC Breast Cancer Campaign At UTB

17 October 2023 - Pantai Jerudong Specialist Centre conducted an awareness campaign for UTB staff and students this morning, in conjunction with the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, held at the Student Service Centre in Common Engineering Building (CEB), Phase 3, UTB.

The event commenced with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by an introduction to PJSC, and a talk on Breast Cancer delivered by Yang Mulia Datin Dr Hjh Noraslinah Hj Ramlee, Consultant and Head of Early Detection and Cancer Prevention Services from The Brunei Cancer Centre, PJSC.

The informative session provided valuable information on breast cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment options. Attendees actively participated in a question-and-answer session, where they had the opportunity to clarify their doubts or concerns about the disease.

The event concluded with viewing an exhibition featuring a breast self-examination demonstration. This interactive display aimed to educate participants on the importance of regular self-examinations and promote early detection.



UTB Vice-Chancellor Shares Leadership Insights At KUUB Convention In Kalimantan

8 November 2023 - Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB participated in the Convention Konsortium Universiti Universitas Borneo (KUUB) that was held in Emerald Room, Fugo Hotel, Banjarmasin, Kalimantan, Indonesia.

The Vice-Chancellor delivered a presentation on Leadership, Management, and Internalisation during the event. She shared her profound leadership journey at UTB; emphasising the importance of creating the climate for change that enabled the organisation to move towards sustainable and impactful changes.

The Vice-Chancellor was joined by Yang Mulia Dr. Mohamad Saiful bin Omar, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (External and Industry Relations) and Yang Mulia Dk Ariana binti Pg Haji Yusof, Assistant Registrar (Chancellery Office).



Future Leader Academy Programme At UTB

14 November 2023 - The Future Leader Academy (FLY) Programme, conducted by Curious Mind and supported by BLNG, is implemented across all higher institutions in Brunei, including UTB.

The primary objective of the FLY Programme is to equip students with essential leadership skills and connect them with industry leaders, ultimately enhancing their employability. The programme, consisting of a 3-hour weekly commitment throughout October 2023, witnessed active participation from 45 out of 50 UTB students who attended and completed all four sessions, earning well-deserved certificates.

These engaging sessions, held every Friday, encompassed a variety of leadership modules aimed at developing well-rounded individuals. Notably, 11 outstanding students were given the Outstanding Students Award for their exceptional commitment and contributions.

The programme structure encouraged collaborative learning, as students were organised into groups, taking turns presenting topics to their peers. Each week, a group had the opportunity to interview distinguished industry guests, enhancing their exposure to real-world insights.

UTB FLY featured four prominent speakers. The first session was by Fatin Arifin, Senior Manager at Ghanim International Corporation and Co-Founder of Young Professional Network Brunei. For the second week, it was Hanis Jefri, Interim CEO at Brunei Engineering Logistics & Training Solutions (BELTS). Week three



featured Dk A'idah (Aida) Pengiran Haji Bakar, Head of Human Resource & Office Services at Muara Maritime Services. The final week featured Malai Ayla Surya Malai Abdullah, Head of External Relations at BLNG.

The FLY Programme identifies promising talents and serves as a platform to introduce them to sponsors and networks, creating future employment opportunities. Under the supervision of both the Counselling Unit and the Career and Guidance Unit, UTB is committed to nurturing the next generation of leaders who will positively impact the global stage.

The FLY Programme concluded with an appreciation dinner on 10 November 2023, celebrating the achievements and commitment of the participating students.

UTB Joined The Indian Technical And Economical Cooperation Day

17 November 2023 - UTB was invited to celebrate the Indian Technical and Economical Cooperation Day held at the India House, Jalan Kota Batu, Bandar Seri Begawan.

The event was officiated by His Excellency Alok A. Dimri, The High Commissioner of India to Brunei Darussalam. UTB Vice-Chancellor, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman also attended the event.

Accompanying the Vice-Chancellor were Professor Dr Mohamed Hasnain Isa, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation); Dr Malai Zeiti binti Sheikh Abdul Hamid, Deputy Dean of Centre for Communication, Teaching and Learning (CCTL) and UTB students.

The event served as a platform for fostering international partnerships and highlighting the shared commitment to technical and economical cooperation between India and Brunei.



UTB FSTA SC Members Join BDFA Training On National Food Standards And Packaging Guidelines

21 November 2023 - Yang Mulia Dr Syazana Abdullah Lim, members of UTB Food Science Technology and Agrotechnology Student Chapter (FSTA SC), and School of Applied Sciences and Mathematics students participated in the training session on introducing the national standard, which was Chili Sauce Standard PDB 37:2023 and Food Packaging Material Guidelines PDB 44:2023 to the food industry sector, government agencies and stakeholders. The Brunei Darussalam Food Authority (BDFA) organised the training on behalf of the Technical Committee on Food Packaging (TCFP) held at Al-Afiah Hall, Ministry of Health.

The training comprised two sessions; the first session was on PDB 37:2023 to provide guidance for making chilli sauce and ensuring the cleanliness and safety of chilli sauce products.

The second session was on PDB 44:2023, which provides guidance for food packaging materials, i.e. ensuring food packaging materials are clean and safe to use. Both sessions aimed to inform the public about the importance of food standards or guidelines as a benchmark to ensure food safety in the food trade.



UTB Participated In The Sekolah Menengah Arab Laki-Laki Hassanal Bolkiah Open Day

23 November 2023 - UTB participated in the Sekolah Menengah Arab Laki-Laki Hassanal Bolkiah Open Day for two consecutive days from 22 until 23 November 2023.

Representatives from UTB's Corporate Communications Office and Registrar's Office actively assist students, providing detailed information on admission requirements, available programmes and potential career options.



UTB Vice-Chancellor Participated In The Canada-Asean Partnership Forum

26 November 2023 - Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor of UTB participated in the Canada-ASEAN Partnership Forum as part of the Canadian Bureau of International Education 2023 Conference that was held in Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The Canada-ASEAN Partnership Forum brought together key stakeholders in education from Canada and Southeast Asia. Intending to deepen people-to-people and institutional ties between Canada and the ASEAN community, and within the framework of Canada's new Indo-Pacific Strategy, the Forum convened key stakeholder organisations from the ASEAN region to share country-specific sector insights and priorities to identify and catalyse meaningful

opportunities for collaboration and engagement with Canada.

During the forum, the Vice-Chancellor delivered a presentation focused on Global Citizenship and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She shared UTB's strategy in including sustainability education as part of its commitment to ensuring that students are exposed to real-world challenges by giving them the tools to evaluate the broader impacts of their decisions, including those affecting the community, environment, and even the globe. It provides a foundational understanding of the moral implications and social responsibilities of being a part of any professional, social, or communal environment, which requires developing a global citizenship for sustainability education.



UTB Vice-Chancellor Engages In International Collaboration At CBIE2023 Conference In Vancouver

28 November 2023 - Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, the Vice-Chancellor of UTB attended the Canadian Bureau of International Education 2023 Conference (CBIE2023), held at the Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

On the second day, the Vice-Chancellor and delegates participated in the International Relations Professional Learning Community (IR-PLC) session aimed to share experiences, exchange and access information, opportunities and best practices linked to the broader international relations community and work together to champion international collaboration with the Canadian institutions.

The session proceeded with back-to-back meetings involving 17 universities and colleges in Canada: Niagara College Canada (NCC), Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), Saskatchewan Polytechnic, UGuelph, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), Dalhousie University (DAL), Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), Canadore College, University of Saskatchewan (USask), UMAP, University of Alberta (UoA), University of Regina (UoR), IBT College, Royal Road University (RRU), TVO ILC and Fleming College.




UTB's Vice-Chancellor Visit Vancouver Universities


30 November 2023 - UTB is actively cultivating new horizons of academic partnership, as its Vice-Chancellor, Yang Mulia Datin Paduka Professor Dr Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, embarked on a visit to the 4 universities located in Vancouver: Simon Fraser University, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Kwantlen Polytechnic University and University of British Columbia. The visit holds promise for fostering cross-border academic exchange and synergistic collaboration between the two prestigious institutions.

Together with the Vice-Chancellor were Ms Eva Ng, the Trade Commissioner from the High Commissioner of Canada in Brunei Darussalam, and Dk Siti Ariana binti Pg Haji Yusof, the Assistant Registrar, Chancellery Officer.





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