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voice of the editor

From the Chief Editor's Desk

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this special issue of Serdang Sun, Royal Edition 2018, the official alumni magazine of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). The publication highlighted the roles played by His Royal Highness (HRH), the Sultan of Selangor as the Royal Chancellor, towards the development of the University since its inception in 1971. HRH Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj who succeeded his father, Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj, emphasised his aspirations to see the University and its alumni enhancing their culture of bonding and their tradition of giving are featured in this special Royal issue.

Besides the special write-ups on Tuanku, the magazine contains feature articles on related issues and the report of interviews with relevant individuals so as to keep the alumni informed of the various programmes being carried out by the University in 2018. This is to reflect not only the dynamic engagement of the alumni with their *alma mater*, but also the spirit of philanthropy among them, spearheaded in tandem with those undertaken by the Alumni Centre (ACUPM) and the Alumni Association (PAUPM).

There is no doubt that UPM growth to date has been tremendous when the University emerged as one of the leading institutions of higher learning in the country, attaining a major milestone in academe after being ranked 202nd by QS World University Rankings for 2018/2019 year

of evaluation. The continued success of the University relies very much upon the full support from the alumni. With the enhanced educational experiences gained at UPM, we are seeing young graduates are returning home as active alumni members together with the dedicated seniors to contribute in one way or another towards further growth and development of the University. We for one, believe that UPM can count on the continued support of the alumni to reach greater heights.

It is hoped that you will enjoy reading the story of UPM becoming the hub of agricultural research and education in Malaysia. This article chronicles the University's dream and commitment to be a university of world reputation, contributing to the needs of the country in agricultural education, and providing experts and specialists in the agriculture sector. It has been acknowledged that agriculture education provides impetus for the thriving and pulsating life of citizens in a fast developing Malaysia.

Serdang Sun is a special magazine, published as a fitting tribute to the distinguished alumni of UPM and acts a bridge between the University and her past students. UPM is hoping that the alumni will continue to treasure and cherish each moment they spent together with fellow students at the University. As the saying goes, lifetime connection is priceless.

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“Saya Mahukan Alumni sebagai Satu Keluarga yang Kuat” – Tuanku Canselor

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“I Want the Alumni to be a Strong-Bonded Family” –
His Highness Tuanku Chancellor

Tradisi dan budaya memberi serta amalan wakaf sangat sinonim dengan keluarga Istana Selangor. Ini boleh dilihat antaranya melalui usaha Duli Yang Maha Mulia (DYMM) Almarhum Sultan Hishamuddin Alam Shah Al-Haj mewakafkan sebuah istana dan tanah untuk menubuhkan Kolej Islam Malaya pada 1955 (yang kini dikenali sebagai Kolej Islam Sultan Alam Shah atau KISAS). Dalam konteks Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) pula, batu asas Sekolah Pertanian Malaya telah disempurnakan oleh DYMM Almarhum Sultan Ala'idin Sulaiman Shah (Raja Sulaiman) pada Mac 1930. Kini DYMM Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Al-Haj pula menggalas amanah sebagai Canselor Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Sempena penerbitan Edisi Khas DiRaja majalah *Serdang Sun*, wakil editorial yang juga pensyarah di Fakulti Ekologi Manusia (FEM) UPM, Profesor Madya Dr. Mohd Izani Mohd Zain menemu bual DYMM Tuanku Canselor pada 18 April 2018 bagi mendapatkan pandangan dan amanat Tuanku mengenai alumni dan kepentingan budaya memberi dan membalas budi kepada *alma mater* mereka. Sesi temubual ini turut dihadiri bersama Timbalan Naib Canselor Hal Ehwal Pelajar dan Alumni (HEPA), Prof. Dr. Mohd Roslan Sulaiman, Pengarah Pusat Alumni, Prof. Dr. Hazandy Abdul Hamid dan staf Pusat Alumni, Pejabat TNC (HEPA), Pusat Strategi Korporat dan Komunikasi (CoSComm) serta Penerbit UPM.

KANDUNGAN

“Saya mahukan alumni menjadi sebuah keluarga yang kuat. Tolong-menolong antara satu sama lain. Susah senang bersama. Saya juga mahu alumni berbangga dengan Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), tempat mereka belajar dan memperoleh ilmu.” Begitulah titah dan tingginya harapan Canselor kepada alumni UPM.

Dalam pertemuan hampir 90 minit ini, banyak amanat yang telah dikongsi oleh Tuanku Canselor. Mesej Tuanku sangat jelas betapa pentingnya alumni menyumbang kembali kepada *alma mater* mereka. Apatah lagi, tanggungjawab ini berkait rapat dengan nilai tinggi dalam budaya orang Melayu, iaitu membalas budi selepas mendapat nikmat pendidikan yang diberikan oleh kerajaan. Ujar Tuanku, “Kerajaan telah banyak tolong alumni mendapatkan pendidikan terbaik, kini tibalah masanya untuk mereka membalas budi dan menyumbang kembali kepada universiti (UPM).”

Translation

Tradition and culture of giving together with bequeathment are synonymous with the Selangor royal household. This was apparent when His Royal Highness Sultan Hishamuddin Alam Shah Al-Haj bequeaths a palace and land to build the Muslim College Malaya in 1955 (now known as Sultan Alam Shah Islamic College or KISAS). As for UPM, the foundation stone of the School of Agriculture Malaya (SAM) was laid by His Royal Highness Almarhum Sultan Ala'idin Sulaiman Shah (Raja Sulaiman) in March 1930. This royal link continues until today where SAM progressed to be known now as Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and the present ruler, His Royal Highness Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Al-Haj, is the sitting Chancellor.

In conjunction with the special royal edition of *Serdang Sun*, a representative of its editorial board, Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Izani Mohd Zain was granted an audience with the Tuanku Chancellor on 18 April 2018 to seek his opinion and hope regarding the importance of the culture of *giving back* to the *alma mater*. This session was also attended by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students Affairs and Alumni), Prof. Dr. Mohd Roslan Sulaiman, Director of Alumni Centre (ACUPM), Prof.

"Saya Mahukan Alumni sebagai Satu Keluarga yang Kuat" - Tuanku Canselor



Dr. Hazandy Abdul Hamid and its management staff, the DPVC (HEPA) office, the Corporate Strategy and Communications Office (CoSComm) and UPM Press.

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"I want the alumni to be a strong family, helping each other, together through thick and thin. I also want the alumni to be proud of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), a place of learning and gaining knowledge." Stated Tuanku Chancellor with high expectations to UPM alumni.

In the 90-minute discussion, Tuanku Chancellor laid out his many inspirations including that is close to his heart - the culture of giving back to the alma mater. He added, "The government has spent a lot of money assisting the alumni to receive good education, and now it is time for alumni to return the gesture."



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DANA YANG MENCUKUPI

Cabaran paling utama adalah bagaimana untuk mengumpul dana sebanyak mungkin untuk membiayai aktiviti alumni berbentuk kebajikan selain membantu penjaan pendapatan universiti. Tidak dinafikan, kewangan yang kukuh adalah cabaran utama untuk menggerakkan alumni. Tanpa kewangan yang mantap, kita tidak boleh bergerak dan ini termasuk membantu alumni yang berada dalam kesusahan dan menyediakan biasiswa kepada pelajar yang kurang bemasib baik.

TuanKu percaya bahawa sekiranya semua alumni dapat memainkan peranan, alumni dan UPM akan mendapat manfaatnya. **"Saya pernah mencadangkan agar setiap alumni boleh menyumbang RM10 sebulan. Saya dimaklumkan kita mempunyai 108,390 orang alumni yang berjaya melalui pangkalan data alumni sehingga 31 Disember 2017. Ini bermakna, dengan jumlah tersebut, kita boleh mengumpul dana lebih RM10 juta."** Walau bagaimanapun, TuanKu menyedari kemungkinan ada kumpulan alumni yang belum mampu menyumbang terutama mereka yang bergraduasi kurang daripada tiga tahun. **"Kita boleh bagi pengecualian kepada mereka ini. Bagilah mereka ruang untuk bernafas dan saya percaya, selepas bergraduasi tiga tahun, pastinya mereka telah mendapat pekerjaan dan boleh menyumbang."**

Dana yang dikutip ini juga dapat membantu Pusat Alumni UPM membiayai aktiviti dan program mereka. Justeru, mereka tidak perlu lagi memohon derma untuk mengadakan aktiviti dan program, tetapi memadai dengan menggunakan dana yang dikumpulkan melalui yuran dan sumbangan. Kemandirian alumni ini perlu disokong dan diterjemahkan melalui usaha berterusan dan berstrategik. Paling penting, bagaimana untuk merapatkan hubungan sesama alumni dan memastikan mereka boleh kekal bersama. **"Hubungan alumni sewaktu belajar mesti diteruskan sehingga mereka bekerja dan menjalani kehidupan."** Pesan TuanKu lagi.

Bercerita tentang masa hadapan, TuanKu mahu melihat Persatuan Alumni UPM boleh menubuhkan sebuah Yayasan yang dapat bertanggungjawab membantu kebajikan dan hal ehwal alumni. Yayasan ini juga boleh membantu alumni yang dalam kesusahan seperti ditimpa penyakit dan kesempitan hidup. Bukan itu

SUFFICIENT FUNDS

The main challenge is to collect enough funds for alumni welfare activities such as aiding alumni that are in needs and providing scholarship and at the same time generating income for the university. Without good financial standing, activities beneficial to the alumni are limited.

His Highness believes that if all alumni play his or her roles, alumni and UPM would benefit. "I have suggested that every alumnus donates RM10 per month. I was informed that we have 108,390 successful alumni in UPM database as of 31 December 2017. This translates to RM10 million." In an audience held on 18 April 2018, His Highness realised that there are groups of alumni that are not able to contribute particularly those graduated less than three years. "We can exempt them. Give them a breather and I believe they can contribute when they have a stable income."

The alumni fees and donation collected help the UPM Alumni Centre to carry out all activities that are in the planning. These efforts by the alumni must be supported and translated into deeds continuously and strategically. Most importantly, the camaraderie among alumni must be

sahaja, yayasan ini boleh memberikan biasiswa kepada pelajar UPM yang kurang bemasib baik. Sebelum ini, Tuanku mengakui pernah memaklumkan kepada Naib Canselor agar Persatuan Alumni diberikan sebidang tanah untuk membuat bangunan dan menjalankan aktiviti mereka. Apabila kewangan telah kukuh, Persatuan Alumni boleh mencari bangunan di luar dan menjayakan agenda mereka dengan lebih berkesan dan bermakna.

Kecanggihan teknologi masa kini boleh membantu usaha ke arah memperkukuh solidariti dalam kalangan alumni dengan lebih baik. Tuanku berharap alumni dapat memanfaatkan teknologi untuk menghubungkan antara satu sama lain. **“Alumni boleh berkomunikasi melalui media sosial yang berkongsi apa jua berita berkaitan alumni. Ini lebih baik daripada membuat fake news atau berita palsu. Saya mahu alumni menjadi satu keluarga yang rapat.”** Tegass Tuanku.

BANGGA DENGAN PENCAPAIAN UPM

Tuanku meminta agar semua alumni berbangga dengan UPM. Hal ini kerana kebanggaan itu akan merangsang mereka untuk menyumbang kembali kepada universiti. Sejak dilantik sebagai Canselor UPM pada 1 April 2002, Tuanku menzahirkan rasa bangga terhadap semua pencapaian UPM. Bagi pandangan Tuanku, UPM kini berada pada landasan yang tepat menjadi sebuah universiti yang mempunyai jenama yang baik. **“UPM pun tidak ada kontroversi.”** Tambah Tuanku lagi.

Apa yang penting, UPM perlu meneruskan usaha penjenamaan universiti yang terbaik di peringkat global. Penjenamaan ini sangat penting kerana ia akan menjadikan UPM sebuah universiti yang dihormati dan disegani. Meskipun UPM telah bertukar nama daripada Universiti Pertanian Malaysia kepada Universiti Putra Malaysia, nic pertanian mesti diangkat dan dijayakan lagi. **Kedudukan UPM sebagai universiti pertanian terbaik di rantau ini mesti dipertahankan. Justeru, Tuanku yakin bahawa belum ada keperluan negara untuk mempunyai universiti pertanian kedua kerana UPM telah membuktikan mereka boleh membawa agenda pertanian dengan cemerlang untuk manfaat semua.**

nurtured. “Networking and relationship among alumni must continue forever.” He advised.

Looking into the future, His Highness wished to see that the UPM Alumni Association (PAUPM) establishes a foundation responsible for the welfare and well-being of its alumni. This foundation can offer assistance to alumni that are sick and poor. It can also disburse financial help or scholarship to needy students. His Highness had also urged the Vice-Chancellor to allocate a piece of land for a purpose-build alumni building or with a strong financial standing, PAUPM can also rent a place or building for their activities. His Highness also hopes that the current advancement in technology can help strengthen the networking of alumni throughout the world. “Alumni can communicate through the social media, share alumni news and refrain from spreading fake or false news. I want alumni to be a close-knit family group.” He reiterated.

TAKE PRIDE IN UPM ACHIEVEMENT

His Highness urged all alumni to be proud of UPM achievement. This feeling will deepen the sense of belonging thus the willingness to give back to the university. Since his installation as a Chancellor of UPM on 1 April 2002, His Highness has never failed to make known his pride of all UPM achievement. In his opinion, UPM is on the right track to be a renowned university, “UPM has no controversial issues.” He quipped.

What is important now for UPM is to continue to strive in branding it to be the best university globally, as good branding will make UPM a world player that is highly respected. Though UPM changed its name from *Universiti Pertanian Malaysia* to *Universiti Putra Malaysia*, its niche in agriculture remained and must be improved and up-graded. UPM as an excellent agriculture university should be sustainable to weather the ever changing requirement of the world. Thus His Highness believes that there is no necessity for a second agriculture university as UPM has proven its capability and capacity to carry the national agriculture agenda.



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Pertanian dan makanan sangat penting kepada keselamatan negara. Premis ini sebenarnya telah membuka sejarah hubungan istimewa UPM dengan Istana Selangor sejak sekian lama. Tuanku berkongsi cerita bagaimana pertanian adalah aktiviti utama negeri Selangor yang bermula di Jugra, iaitu kota bersejarah dan kawasan istana lama Selangor. **“Di Jugra, kita ada banyak kawasan perkebunan dan pertanian yang dijayakan oleh masyarakat ketika itu. Ini semua membantu sektor pemakanan dan memastikan mereka (rakyat) tidak kebuluran”.** Jelas Tuanku.

Pemakanan sangat penting dalam kehidupan manusia. Menurut perspektif Tuanku, jika rakyat tidak cukup makanan, mereka akan memberontak. Kajian juga mendapati apabila rakyat tidak mendapat bekalan makanan yang mencukupi dalam tempoh empat hari, akan berlaku kejadian huru-hara. Pada masa yang sama, kita tidak boleh bergantung pada makanan yang diimport kerana ia mahal dan akan membebankan kewangan kerajaan. Jelas Tuanku lagi, Malaysia seharusnya mengambil contoh Thailand bagaimana mereka memastikan bekalan makanan sentiasa terjamin. **“Saya pernah ke Thailand untuk melihat keseluruhan negara itu dengan menaiki kereta yang mengambil masa lebih dua minggu, saya dapati mereka betul-betul memberi fokus mengenai bekalan makanan. Tidak ada rakyat mereka yang kelaparan. Bahkan, mereka mempunyai beratus-ratus jenis beras yang berkualiti tinggi.”**

Maka di sinilah letaknya peranan UPM untuk terus menerajui usaha memperkasa sektor pertanian dan keselamatan makanan negara melalui aktiviti pembelajaran dan pengajaran, penyelidikan dan inovasi dan jaringan industri dan komuniti. UPM mesti ke hadapan sehingga menjadi pusat rujukan yang dihormati dalam isu berkaitan pertanian dan makanan sama ada dalam dan luar negara.

FAKTOR ISTANA, MASJID DAN SEKOLAH DALAM AMALAN WAKAF

Berbalik kepada tradisi dan budaya memberi serta amalan wakaf yang cukup sinonim dengan keluarga Istana Selangor, Tuanku yang sangat meminati sejarah membuka cerita bagaimana faktor kewujudan istana, masjid dan sekolah di Selangor telah menyuburkan tradisi, budaya dan amalan tersebut. **“Dahulu, jika ada istana, mesti ada masjid dan sekolah. Oleh kerana itu, berdekatan Istana Alam Shah, Klang, kita ada Masjid DiRaja Sultan Suleiman dan Kolej Islam Sultan Alam Shah (KISAS).”** Jelas Tuanku.

Agriculture and food safety combine is an essential basis for national security. This has, since 1931 fostered a special relationship between UPM and the palace. His Highness shared stories about agriculture being the major activity for Selangor. It started in Jugra, a historical site where an old Selangor palace was built. “In Jugra, we have a lot of land for orchard and agriculture activities that was managed by the locals. This help improved the food sector of that area and thus guaranteed no famine.” Explained His Highness.

Food is important in life. According to the perspective of His Highness, if people have insufficient food, they will rebel. Researches too have shown that when we do not get enough food for four days, chaos prevails. At the same time, we should not depend on imported food as it is more expensive and a burden to the national treasury, he continued. Malaysia should emulate Thailand as to how they make sure that food supply is sufficient at all time. “I have been to Thailand by car and it took me two weeks to see the whole country. I found that the people were really focused to save and store sufficient food supply. No one goes hungry. In fact it has hundreds of high quality types of rice in stock stores.”

This is where UPM can play its role to champion and strengthen national agriculture and food safety sector through teaching and learning, research and innovation, and industrial linkages and community. UPM must forge ahead to become a respected referral centre in issues regarding food safety and agriculture, locally and globally.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PALACE, MOSQUE AND SCHOOL IN THE TRADITION OF GIVING BACK

Back to the tradition and culture of giving and donating which are synonyms with the Royal family of Selangor, His Highness who is a keen historian, related how the establishment of palaces, mosques and schools enhanced this tradition and culture. “In those days where there is a palace, there is a mosque and a school.





Jika diungkap kembali sejarah, Duli Yang Maha Mulia (DYMM) Almarhum Sultan Hishamuddin Alam Shah Al-Haj telah mewakafkan sebuah istana dan tanah seluas 5.78 hektar untuk menubuhkan Kolej Islam Malaya yang pernah dikenali sebagai Kolej Islam Klang (KIK) dan kini Kolej Islam Sultan Alam Shah atau KISAS. KISAS yang juga dikenali sebagai Bumi Wakafan natijah kemuliaan baginda untuk mewakafkan istana dan tanah itu yang diharapkan oleh baginda pada masa itu dapat melahirkan para ulama yang bertakwa.

Apa yang lebih menarik, Tuanku dilahirkan di Istana Jemaah, yang kini adalah tapak yang diwakafkan sebagai Kolej Islam Sultan Alam Shah. Justeru, kita boleh membayangkan betapa ‘darah wakafan’ ini mengalir deras dalam tubuh badan Tuanku. Darah ini jugalah yang mengangkat Istana Selangor secara turun-temurun sebagai faktor terpenting dalam usaha mengarusperdanakan tradisi dan budaya memberi serta amalan wakaf khususnya di Selangor.

Banyak telah kami pelajari sepanjang temu bual ini berlangsung. Sikap Tuanku yang tidak lokek berkongsi cerita dan sejarah mengenai peranan Istana Selangor amat membahagiakan kami. Ternyata raja dan rakyat, berpisah tiada. Secara tuntasnya, Tuanku dan Istana Selangor telah memperlihatkan satu contoh terbaik dan menjadi suri teladan untuk kita ikuti bersama. **Mengakhiri temu bual, Tuanku sempat berpesan berkali-kali, berbanggalah dengan UPM dan berilah sumbangan kepadanya.** Inilah sahaja cara kita membalas budi atas segala kebaikan kerajaan dan universiti kepada kita semua sehingga menjadi manusia yang berguna.

That was why near the Alam Shah Palace, Klang, there is a Royal Sultan Suleiman Mosque and Sultan Alam Shah Islamic College (KISAS);” he explained.

As history had it, His Royal Highness Almarhum Sultan Hishamuddin Alam Shah Al-Haj had bequeathed a palace and a piece of land about 5.78 hectares to build a Muslim College Malaya known as *Kolej Islam Klang* (KIK), presently called Sultan Alam Shah Islamic College (KISAS). KISAS is also known as *Bumi Wakafan* or Donated Land. This college was built with the hope of producing prominent Islamic scholars.

Interestingly, His Highness was born in *Istana Jemaah* and it is the same palace that housed the Sultan Alam Shah Islamic College (KISAS). Thus the *wakafan* culture has been practised in the Selangor Royal family for generations, and understandably it has become a second nature to His Highness to continue this noble deed.

His Highness was ever willing to share history of the roles of Selangor palaces, then and now, reflecting close relationship of royalties and common people of Selangor. His Highness again reiterated that we should be proud of UPM and to continue contributing to the *alma mater*, in cash or kind. This ‘Giving back’ culture reflects our gratitude to this institution that makes us what we are today.

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Sejarah Penting untuk Kehidupan dan Masa Depan

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History: The Well-being of the Future



"Untuk mara ke hadapan, kita mesti tahu sejarah. Apabila kita tahu sejarah, kita boleh merencana masa depan dengan lebih baik". Pesan Tuanku Canselor masih segar dalam ingatan kami bahawa pentingnya sejarah dalam kehidupan manusia.

Dalam temu bual bersama Tuanku, Baginda sangat teruja bercakap soal sejarah dan kepentingannya. Baginda yang cukup meminati sejarah, mengakui gemar ke muzium dan mempelajari sejarah sejak kecil lagi. Apabila tiba cuti sekolah, Baginda akan memenuhi masa lapang dengan mengembara ke tempat bersejarah dan memahami peristiwa di sebaliknya.

Minat terhadap sejarah sehati dalam sanubari Baginda hingga kini. "Jika saya ke mana-mana, saya akan *engage* dengan profesor untuk mengetahui dan mendalami sejarah. Saya ingin mengetahui latar belakang tempat bersejarah, iaitu bagaimana ia berkembang, pengalaman peperangan dan sebagainya."

Antara hobi Baginda adalah mengumpul setem. Apabila ditanya mengapa memilih hobi ini, Baginda menjawab setem merakam satu-satu peristiwa. Setem adalah sebahagian daripada sejarah. "Saya tidak buang barang, sebaliknya saya akan simpan sama ada setem, buku, gambar, kereta dan senjata tradisi orang Melayu seperti keris. Saya masih ada menyimpan foto lama seperti gambar Kuala Lumpur pada 1909. Ketika itu, masih belum ada motokar (kereta)". Cerita Baginda lagi.

Baginda yang mewarisi beribu-ribu bilah keris daripada Almarhum datuknya, Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah Al-Haj, mempunyai cita-cita untuk membukukan koleksi tersebut. "Banyak ilmu dan kearifan tempatan kita mati begitu sahaja kerana ia tidak ditulis dan dibukukan". Tegus Baginda dengan penuh semangat.

Menyentuh tentang sejarah penubuhan Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Baginda berharap UPM akan terus memperkasa pertanian sebagai bidang tujuhnya. Meskipun UPM telah bertukar nama daripada Universiti Pertanian Malaysia sejak 1997, bidang pertanian mesti sentiasa diperkukuhkan demi kepentingan negara dan keselamatan insan di Malaysia.

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"We have to know history, if we want to move forward. We can plan the future more effectively with our knowledge of history." This reminder by His Royal Highness (HRH) was fresh in our mind in recognising the importance of history in everyday life.

During our interview, HRH Tuanku acknowledged his keen interest in history and its significant importance. He loved to go to the museums and studied history since he was young. His school holidays were spent visiting historical sites so as to understand the historical events associated with them.

Until today HRH Tuanku's interest had not waned an iota. "If I visited places, I would always engage with professor to have a deeper understanding of the subject of relevance. I want to know the historical background of the sites, how they developed, their wartime experience and efforts in restoration and preservation".

One of HRH Tuanku's hobbies is stamp collecting. "Stamps are part of history" in replying to the inquisitive mind.

"I never throw-out old things indiscriminately. Instead, I keep stamps, books, pictures, cars and Malay traditional weapons, such as "keris" (Malay dagger).

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Hobi Baginda adalah membaca, belayar, fotografi, mengumpul setem serta sampul surat Hari Pertama, mengumpul "vintage cars" dan mengumpul senjata tradisi orang-orang Melayu. Pada 9 November 1998, Baginda telah berjaya melancarkan buku pertama Baginda iaitu *Peking to Paris*.

Pada 1976, Baginda telah dilantik sebagai "Honorary Member of The Philatelic Society" di Malaysia. Yayasan Antarabangsa Rotary telah menganugerahkan "Paul Harris Fellow" kepada Baginda. Pada 1998, Baginda menerima anugerah tertinggi daripada Persatuan Pengakap Malaysia iaitu "Pingat Semangat Padi".

Pada 1989, Baginda telah dilantik sebagai "Honorary Life Commodore" oleh Pelayaran Diraja Selangor "Royal Selangor Yacht Club". Baginda berminat dalam bidang seni dan telah mengumpul banyak lukisan tempatan. Baginda telah dilantik sebagai Pengerusi Galeri Shah Alam pada tahun 1991. Pada tahun yang sama juga Baginda dilantik sebagai Pengerusi Lembaga Amanah Yayasan Seni Selangor Darul Ehsan.

Pada 11 Mei 2000, Baginda telah dilantik sebagai "Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Transport". Pada 25 Mei 2000, Baginda telah dilantik sebagai "Pro Canselor" UiTM dan pada 31 Mac 2001, Baginda dianugerahkan Darjah Kehormat Doktor Pentadbiran Awam. Pada 1 April 2002 Baginda telah dilantik sebagai Canselor Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

Sumber: <http://www.selangor.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/77>

I still have an old photograph of Kuala Lumpur of 1909. There were no cars at the time", in elaborating further to the even more curious faces of the subjects in attendance.

HRH Tuanku inherited thousands of pieces of *keris* from his grandfather, Almarhum Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah Al-Haj. He envisaged the idea of documenting this collection in a book. "A lot of knowledge and local wisdom will be lost if it is not written and documented," said HRH Tuanku in emphasising the seriousness of the matter.

Relating on the current issues of concern to Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), HRH Tuanku still believes that it should go on striving and expanding on its agriculture-related subjects. Although it has changed its name and diversified its functions since 1997, it should never lost track in its original key objective of attaining agricultural excellence for the sake of the nation and the livelihood of the people.

BOX ARTICLE

His Royal Highness (HRH) Tuanku's hobbies are reading, sailing, photography, first day cover and stamp collecting, vintage cars and Malay traditional weapons.

Some of the landmark dates of HRH Tuanku are as follows:

1976	nominated the "Honorary Member of The Philatelic Society" of Malaysia conferred "Paul Harris Fellow" by the International Rotary Foundation
1989	made the "Honorary Life Commodore" by the "Royal Selangor Yacht Club"
1991	nominated as the Chairman of Shah Alam Gallery nominated as the Chairman of the Board of Trustee of Selangor Darul Ehsan Arts Foundation
1998	bestowed the society highest award of "Bintang Semangat Padi" by the Malaysia Boys Scout Society
9 Nov 1998	launched the first book, entitled <i>Peking to Paris</i> .
11 May 2000	named as the "Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Transport"
25 May 2000	appointed UiTM Pro-Chancellor
31 May 2001	conferred Honorary Doctorate in Public Administration by UiTM
1 Apr 2002	appointed UPM Royal Chancellor

Translated by: Masitah Arsad (Alumni Class 1975)

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A UNIVERSITY BUILT FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

University is the apex in educational system and human capital development programme. It is where those in the academia would leave their footprint in terms of contribution for the good of mankind, H-index and others. In the universities, academics come and go, and those who had left their indelible mark would have been recognised by receiving awards, either institutionally, nationally (National Academic Award, Top Research Scientists Malaysia, Fellowship of the Academy) or internationally (Noble Prize, the ultimate aim of every academic in the world). It is in the best interest of established universities worldwide that their students gain intellectual attributes (as discipline, synthesising and creative) and personal character (as respectful and ethical). Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) is aiming to make her present felt in the educational arena by her own doing, being able to produce trained human capital having such positive attributes. It is no doubt that UPM is currently the hub of agricultural education in Malaysia.

UPM which is steeped in history is a university in Malaysia with reputation like no other. Based on solid evidence from her R&D and the perception among the public at large as an institution of higher learning in Malaysia, it is a force to reckon with in academia. The University, as we know it, was originally known as Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (translated as University of Agriculture Malaysia), which was established in 1971 by an act of parliament. The change in name from Universiti Pertanian Malaysia to that of Universiti Putra Malaysia on April 3, 1997, was done in good faith and officially graced by no less than the then Prime Minister of Malaysia himself, Dr Mahathir Mohamad. He is the current Prime Minister of the country, after a lapse of 15 years.

UPM as the Hub of Agricultural Research and Education

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As of now, the University has emerged as one of the leading institutions of higher learning in the country or even Southeast Asia. In 2016, it attained a major milestone in academe on being recognised as a Research University. For all intents and purposes, the University now aspires or aims to become a university of international repute, standing proudly among the world's best. Be that as it may, the achievements, milestones and meaningful positive changes in UPM were attributed by several factors – including well thought strategic plans by the members of the management with the support of professors and other stakeholders.

With ample land area of more than 1000 hectares (ha), UPM main campus is synonymous with Serdang, which is a small town located some 30 km south or 20-minute drive from the vibrant Kuala Lumpur city centre. Serdang, in turn, is considered as the original home for agricultural education in the country. UPM-Serdang image/reputation is immortalised by a special palm tree, the so-called "Pokok Serdang". The esteemed palm was



UPM is a university to watch in the future

planted near the University's library on February 23, 1974 by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Alam Shah, who was the first Chancellor of the University.

UPM main campus in Serdang is located within the so-called Multimedia Super Corridor, strategically sitting next to the vibrant Putrajaya, the up and coming administrative capital of the fast developing Malaysia. This premier location is expected to attract scholars and private sector alike to come to UPM, either for academic collaboration or looking for business opportunities with the well-trained academics in the University.



An artist impression of the historical building built in early 1930s that housed the first Chancellery of UPM

Within a short distance away from UPM campus in Serdang are many other agriculture-related institutions, among them are the likes of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) Peninsular Malaysia Complex, which is otherwise known as Federal Experimental Station (FES), Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI), which is the research wing of DOA and Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB). With the presence of these agriculture-based institutions as close neighbours, Universiti Putra Malaysia is no doubt strategically positioned to be a well-known university built for education in agricultural sciences.

The beauty and splendour of UPM campus at Serdang are further glorified by the presence of two private universities (IUKL and UNITEN) and the state-of-the-art IOI City Mall, which boasts to have the biggest floor area of shopping. The two private education institutions and the shopping mall are situated within easy reach to the campus. These can be the selling

points for Universiti Putra Malaysia that can be used to her advantage in the long run.

Serdang agricultural complex and its surrounding areas were first surveyed and mapped in 1950s by the British colonial administrators. A soil type with special physico-chemical properties had been identified and fully described the first time ever in the Malay Peninsula, and subsequently named Serdang Series, in honour of the place where a soil of that type was originally sited. The exact location of the soil pit was in the then Serdang Estate, where the present Serdang Hospital and the soon to be completed UPM Teaching Hospital are. In order to ensure that the nostalgic soil series is not lost into oblivion, a strategic spot near UPM Teaching Hospital should be fenced up, and a soil pit subsequently be dug and labelled. This is in view of the fact that future students of agriculture in the



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Soil scientists at work in the UPM farm in Serdang campus

country, taking soil courses or even other scholars, can spend time studying and conducting research on the suitability of the soil in Serdang for crop production. Soil scientists from the Department of Land Management, Faculty of Agriculture, UPM at work to study soil in the university farm given above have shown it all.

With all the vision, mission and goals clearly defined and put in place, Universiti Putra Malaysia has a clear direction on its path to greater heights with the intention of being a great institution of higher learning not only in Malaysia, but also throughout the world. Based on the enrolment of more than 27,000 in 2016, about 50% of them were post-graduate students. Slightly more than 4,000 were foreigners coming from 60 countries. As such, it has already achieved the respective ratio of 50:50 for post-graduate and undergraduate students, usually required for a research university throughout the world. Therefore, Universiti Putra Malaysia has lived up to its reputation as a university of high standing.

Under the patronage of the 3rd Chancellor, His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Ibni al-Marhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, supported by the skilled and dedicated administrative officials with experiences led by the current Vice Chancellor, Professor Datin Paduka Dato Dr Aini Ideris, the University is expected to expand even further in the near future, academically or otherwise. That it is so is evidenced by the information and data presented in this article.

In Malaysia nowadays, agriculture is being promoted as a business. Therefore, there is a lot of money to be made from agricultural activities and/or enterprises. This is where UPM can come in to play her role in attaining the monetary objective. Agriculture enterprise is by no means a simple game; hence, the players have to work hard to make money. Come what may, a large section of the rural population in the country still owe much of their livelihood to agriculture. For sure, this cannot be denied by anyone in the country at least in the short-term. UPM academics have been carrying out research and development, and will continue to do their good deeds in future in the best interest of the people in rural areas of the country. They are carrying out projects aiming for sustainable cultivation of rubber, oil palm, cocoa and other crops. Their efforts have been known to be recognised by the agricultural fraternity worldwide.

The results of the research activities in agriculture have been published in the world-class journals overseas and subsequently disseminated to the relevant

stakeholders, which in the end would contribute significantly to the economic growth and development of the country. Therefore, millions of people not only in Malaysia, but also abroad, have benefitted greatly from this research endeavour. This is by no means research in other fields of knowledge is being neglected by the University. Far from that, UPM has also been recognised or acknowledged worldwide for her excellence in the field of forestry, engineering, education, basic sciences, medicine, food science, veterinary medicine, information technology or even sport sciences.

UPM is aiming to be one of the top ranked universities in the world, academically or otherwise, come the year 2020 via Putra Global 200 initiative, which has been put in place of late. With all the available infrastructures for training of human resource, complete with relevant amenities required for the development of the countries in the world, UPM campus can now be portrayed as a garden of knowledge and thought in Southeast Asia or even the tropics. The niche area of research would mainly be the ones related to the problems prevailing in tropical regions of the globe, be it in agriculture, engineering, medicine or others. Along the way, it would help improve the economy of the countries and subsequently enhances the quality of life of the people.

Let it be known that no academic challenge is too great for UPM academics and/or its support staff to handle. This pledge has been made clear to the powers-that-be so that sufficient fund should be allocated and/or channeled to the University as and when money is needed to make her dream and aspiration realised to the satisfaction of all the stakeholders, sooner rather than later.

If what have been said in this article are anything to go by, Universiti Putra Malaysia is a university to watch in the future. As for now, it roars like a lion in R&D and dedicated to the core in

her services to nation building. UPM to Malaysia is what Wageningen University is to The Netherlands, in terms of vision in agriculture for the benefits of mankind worldwide. Thus, for whatever it is worth, the University can be considered as the flag-bearer or crown jewel of agriculture education in Malaysia.

UPM IS BUILT TO LAST

As the write-up of this article would have it, UPM is a university built to last. For its beauty and splendour, we have to salute the movers and shakers of the University for putting up the physical

do not. As been often proclaimed to the public, UPM's vision is to be a university of international repute. If the aspiration is achieved in due course, it will then become a great university that we all can be proud of. What it means to be one of the best universities in the world? When visitors enter Gate 1 of UPM, they will feel that their degree of intelligence is up by 5% and on meeting the professors in the laboratories of the various faculties and seeing their research papers, books and the like, the degree of their intelligence is up by another 5%. Hence, the status means a lot to those who studied and obtained their

and to 202nd (in 2018/2019). We are all happy to see that it keeps on improving by the years. The quantum leap occurred in 2016 when the ranking of the University was up by 61 basis points from that of the previous year. This is a real achievement for an educational institution that was only established as a full-fledged university in 1971. We should really be proud of this extraordinary achievement of the University, which was on the onset built to cater to the needs of agricultural education in the country.

UPM is originally an agriculture-based university, which in the beginning



Gate 1 of UPM main campus at Serdang, Selangor

and academic infrastructures well in place to make UPM what it is today. The University is being ranked among the best of its kind in the world. In 2017, UPM was ranked among the top 1% of the universities in the world; more than 20,000 universities worldwide involved in the QS survey. Congratulation UPM for the extraordinary achievement in the world academic ranking.

Early morning hours watching the sun rising on the horizon at the University farm in Serdang campus is something to experience with for the students and visitors alike. A lone tree in the University shown many times in the printed or electronic media symbolises the serenity of the campus- the tree is the new icon of UPM, becoming the pride of everyone who works and studies in the University. We have never seen such a scenic beauty at any other university campus in the country. This is what UPM has, which others

degree from the University. Note that UPM keeps expanding by the years, with some faculties having to move to other locations within Serdang Campus because of the needs to keep pace with the new development. The Faculty of Agriculture is a case in point. If the afore-mentioned achievements of the University are anything to go by, we can rest assured that Universiti Putra Malaysia will be a great university in a matter of time. Let us all pray that it will happen sooner rather than later. People say let success makes all the noises. It goes without saying that we all should be proud to be part of UPM's success story.

The following figure shows how UPM soars upwards in the world academic ranking. Within a period of 6 years, the University academic ranking (based on QS World Ranking) had gone up from 411th (in 2013/2014) to 270th (in 2016/2017) to 229th (in 2017/2018)

offered degrees in agricultural sciences, veterinary medicine and forestry. Many years later, after being promoted/upgraded to a research university, it offered a wide range of degrees, professional or otherwise, from agriculture and its allied fields to sciences to engineering to medicine and others. As far as the field of agriculture is concerned, UPM was ranked 45th in the world for the 2016 year of evaluation. In the same year, it was ranked number 1 in ASEAN region and number 7 in Asia. With so many new academic infrastructures put in place at its Serdang main campus, UPM is aiming for a higher ranking in the near future. As academic staff of the University, we really feel honoured to be part of the statistics in the ranking exercises. UPM research culture is slowly being established and nurtured, and research findings that eventually translated into saleable products are

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impressive, to say the least. From time to time, the University takes pride to launch its innovative products at public forums for the stakeholders to see and appreciate.

A ship cannot sail on yesterday's wind. What does it really mean to us at UPM? Sometimes high achievers in the industry feel that they have nothing to prove anymore, and so stop being innovative in the manufacturing of their new product lines. In the end, the companies they own lose competitive edge. Soon thereafter others would take over the lead in the sale of the products of similar category. The case in points are Nokia and Blackberry, which were the pioneers in smartphone business. The take home message is never stop being creative and innovative, no matter what, lest we want to be out of business, sooner rather than later. Come what may, the academic staff of Universiti Putra Malaysia has to continuously work hard so as to maintain their lead in agriculture education in this region. This is to ensure that we keep up with the new development in R&D in order to continue to be in business in the long run.

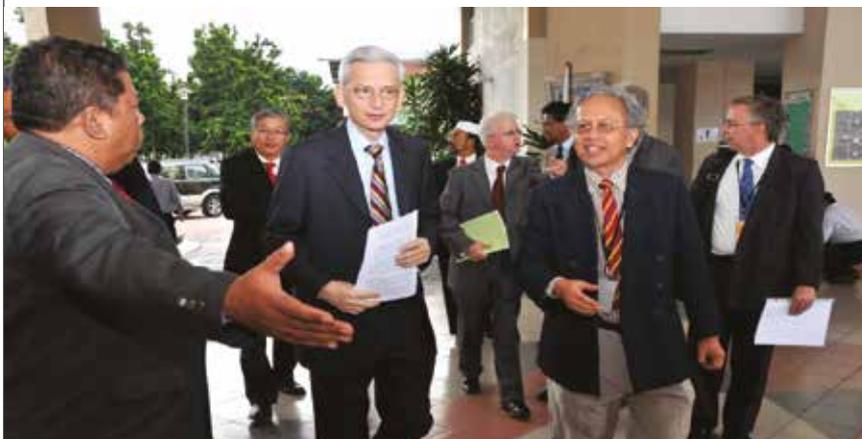
There may be areas in the management that need special attention by the powers-that-be in order for UPM to reach greater heights in its academic standing. As it is, UPM is aiming to be the champion among the universities in the ASEAN region. Good intention indeed, but it requires hard work by the professors and students alike. However, remember this, we can't be a great university if our mentality is not at par with the world's best.

The specific job for those in academia are talking and writing, which means speaking graciously at seminar, conference, symposium and public forum, worthy of being in the position of esteemed academics in the University. Thus, UPM academics have to express their views professionally based on their research findings without fear or favour. To be a complete academic, one has to write and publish research papers and



Launching of a new Tilapia breed by the Minister of Agriculture and Agro-industry (2nd from left) during a conference at UPM in the presence of the Vice Chancellor (2nd from right) and the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture (in the middle)

books on his or her field of expertise. A world-class university once in a while has to organise meeting to provide a platform to present papers by national and international participants. There is a lot to be learnt from listening to the new information presented by the speakers. A photo in this article shows the arrival of His Excellency the Ambassador of France in Malaysia coming to officially open a conference on food security at UPM, funded by his country.



The arrival of the French Ambassador to Malaysia at the conference venue in the Faculty of Engineering, UPM

All academics in the University are expected to present the results of their research at conferences or symposiums, either in the country or abroad. Usually, the authors presenting the papers would get fund to pay the registration fees and the cost of travelling from UPM, from other funding agencies in the country or abroad. Some prominent scholars get special invitation from the organisers and all cost are fully paid for or covered by them - e.g. keynote papers or the papers presented at plenary session. Some UPM academics were fortunate enough to present such papers - it is an honour to be invited as the esteemed speaker. One of the conferences UPM academics attended took place in 2016. In this particular conference, many of the UPM academics from the Faculty of Agriculture were in Hanoi, Vietnam for the conference.

"If we can, do; if we can't, teach". This well-known saying from George Barnard Shaw, a famous British playwright, is presented here to make a point. If we are not inclined towards research work and paper writing, the option left would be lecturing or tutoring work only. But if we are working in a research university like UPM, we cannot escape from doing the former. If we just teach, how best we do, the university we are working with can only be just a good university even though it produces hundreds of students with 1st class honours. A university of that stature will never be a great one because a great university transforms people! For a great university, when we enter its main gate, our degree of intelligence is somewhat enhanced.

How great is a great university? A good question being asked, but difficult to give a definite answer. The right approach to get there is to ensure that the professors and students understand each other in terms of their duties and responsibilities. For sure, they have to work together to the best of their ability. The job of the administrative staff at all levels is to expedite the processes and thus removing potential hindrances to others at work.

UPGRADING R&D FACILITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY

R&D at great universities throughout the world runs smoothly without disruption from problematic equipment. Most of us have seen this happening in UK, Belgium, US, Japan, Korea and Australia. Their scientific facilities are always in proper order and can be used on demand, always at the tip-top conditions. The students and researchers get data for their theses and able to write their papers on time. That is why they can write many good papers worthy of publishing in high impact journals in the world. However, this is not always the case at some of the Malaysian academic institutions. We understand about wear and tear of the equipment; hence, they break down occasionally. Once happens, they should be immediately



Key Malaysian delegates at the 2016 ISSAAS Congress in Hanoi, Vietnam

repaired because the students are waiting to get their samples analysed. Sometimes, it takes months for the equipment to be working again. The reason being there is not enough money. Here comes the problem. Who is supposed to provide the money? Some say part of it should come from research budget. For all intents and purposes, is this right? We all should think hard how to sort out this problem.

GREENING THE CAMPUS

In UI Green Matric World Ranking exercise, UPM was ranked first in Malaysia for the 2014 and 2015 years of evaluation. In Asia, the University was also ranked first in 2015 and in the same year it was ranked 17th in the world. What does it mean to the University? In 2017, UPM was number 1 in Malaysia, number 3 in Southeast Asia, and of course was among the top in Asia (4th in Asia and 27th in the world). This is amazing, to say the least, and congratulation to all for its excellent achievement. That means we care a lot about the environment and the protection of the earth! That is what it means to those who love UPM and the effort should be recognised by the academic fraternity. We all should be proud of UPM's achievement in the area of environmental services. That is the least we could say about the contribution of UPM towards the well-being of the planet earth.

Members of the public tend to think that UPM is a university in the park. The campus is green throughout the year, except for some good reasons the management decide to remove some trees in the campus. The campus area is big and we are proud to say that UPM campus is bigger than any other in the country right now. To keep it green, UPM organised planting of trees from time to time. During the exercise, both staff and students, including foreign ones, were roped in. It is fun to get involved in the exercise, which is one-of-a-kind in the country. If this is continuously being carried out throughout the 1,000 ha odd campus, we can rest assured that UPM will retain its status as the greenest campus not only in Malaysia, but also in Southeast Asia. That is an achievement to be proud of, by everyone involved.

A logged-over forest in UPM campus, Bintulu Branch has been upgraded to a camping site for students to carry out extracurricular activities during university holidays. This location can also be used for teaching/learning activities, studying soils or forest biodiversity. The potential benefit of breathing unpolluted air in this area should not be underestimated. This can also be a selling point to bring in many scholars and students interested in soil science and/or forestry to UPM Bintulu campus.

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A serene camping site within the confine of the Bintulu Campus in Sarawak



The University should make full use of this extraordinary facility/amenity to its advantage to get research grants and scholars to its branch campus in Sarawak.

HEALTHY LIVING IN THE CAMPUS

Consistent with its green status, UPM encourages healthy living via appropriate exercises. The best among which is the initiative to own bicycles which students can use as a mode of transport to attend classes in the lecture halls or to go for field work in the evening. Students and academic staff alike are encouraged to use bicycle to their classes and offices, respectively. They can do so at will anytime of the day. The only problem cycling is a bit too hot during the afternoon, especially during sunny days. The best time to cycle is in the cool morning hours of non-working days, such as Saturdays and Sundays or even during public holidays.

UPM is among the first university in Malaysia to have a golf course within its confine fitting for a national tournament. That being the case, UPM golf course is far ahead of others in as far as golf education is concerned.



A group of UPM academics cycling in the campus

It offers special credit for students in the University as one of the co-curricular subjects. Golf is taught by professional coaches. Starting with 9 holes, it was upgraded to an 18-hole state-of-the-art course with a decent club house having restaurants.

If not interested in playing golf, staff and students in UPM can go for horse ride. UPM has an equine unit managed by the experts from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine who keep horses in the campus up and running, either for research activities or joy ride. For a small fee of a few ringtones, kids can enjoy horse riding under the watchful eyes of trainers provided by the equine unit. Having equine unit like this in UPM is unique in itself though a bit expensive to maintain. For a country aiming for developed status come the year 2020, Malaysia has to jump on the equine research bandwagon. There is money



The well-maintained 18-hole golf course in UPM campus at Serdang



The UPM Equine Unit located beside the new Faculty of Agriculture campus

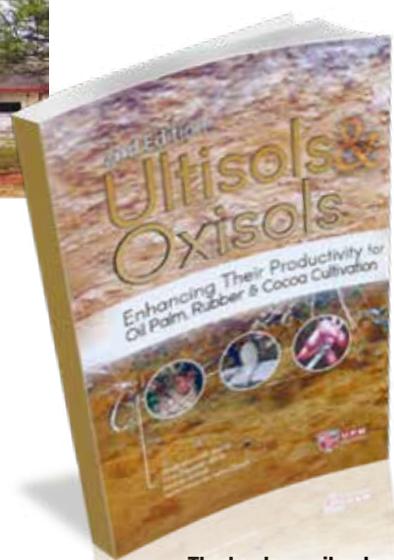
to be made in horse-trading business too. Horse riding is a good business though, due to good support from the well to do people in the country, among the like of royalties, politicians or businessmen.

To put UPM in the world academic hub of knowledge, once a while it needs to organise a conference or symposium of world standing, bringing in renowned scholars to the University. Many UPM academics in the Faculty of Agriculture have been following the world-class symposium on Plant-Soil Interaction at Low pH (PSILPH), being held throughout the world once in three years. UPM took the opportunity to bid for the 10th Symposium to be held in Malaysia in 2018. Thus, the 10th PSILPH was held at the Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort, Putrajaya on June 25-28, 2018.

Since many of the well-known soil scientists, agronomists, plant physiologists and others related to agricultural production on acid soils in the world attended this symposium, it was appropriate to give a book on plantation crops in Malaysia to take home as a souvenir. In the end, the organising committee decided to select a book on oil palm, rubber and cocoa sustainably grown on Ultisols and Oxisols in Malaysia published by UPM Press in 2018.

A UNIVERSITY CLOSE TO THE HEART

In the course of producing high quality graduates needed for nation building, there is no doubt that UPM will face many challenges. However, with highly qualified academics and strong work culture, the University will not only prevail in its endeavours, but will also overcome most challenges; hence, coming out stronger than ever before to serve humanity. Come what may, agriculture together with its allied fields of study would certainly be one of the main focus of its research and development activities in recent times and hopefully remains to be so in the future. All said and done, most of the right thinking Malaysians believe that UPM would live up to its reputation



The book on oil palm, rubber and cocoa cultivation published by UPM Press in 2018



as one of the leading institutions of higher learning not only in Southeast Asia, but also throughout the world. The University is built to last, with its fundamental as solid as granite rock that occupies about 50% of the country land's surface. The solid foundation of the University will not be simply shaken by mere tropical rainstorms that often come every year to create havoc in the country. Hence, we all love UPM.

In the end, Universiti Putra Malaysia has to devise a scientific enterprise that will change not only the lives of Malaysians for the better, but also those of the entire world. Let us all say this from the heart. Anyone passing through the main gate of UPM would have left their hearts in the campus. The knowledge and/or experiences gained during their days in the campus would leave indelible mark in the annals of their lives to be cherished forever. As much as UPM strives for achievement and splendour, the interest of the country should be of paramount importance. In the future, when students/scholars say they are on their way to Serdang, it should actually mean that they are going

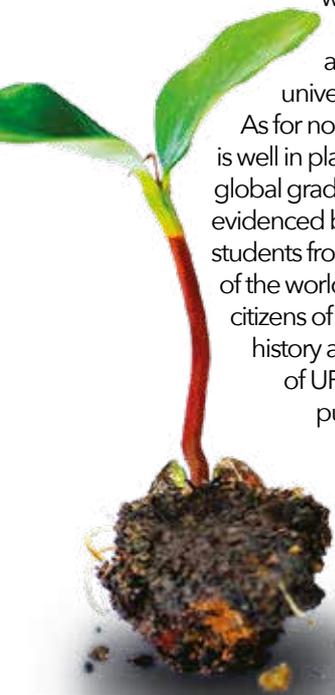
to UPM, just like it does for Cambridge, Oxford or Stamford. The day that happens, the University can celebrate as an institution of higher learning in Malaysia to be reckoned with; thus, it is worth the money spent for its establishment. That is the true spirit or characteristics of a reputable or great university that academics and students of UPM have aspired to attain.

UPM is the place where one can laze on lush green beautifully landscaped gardens with matured tropical plant species, marvel at nature, play golf to ease pressure of work, swim in an Olympic-size pool during weekend, enjoy horse riding with the rich and famous and take part in all sorts of tournaments or sports competitions organised by the University from time to time. Furthermore, UPM is a place where one can get education in sciences and arts recognised all over the world for their quality and sophistication. Based on her global outlook, infrastructural development and academic programmes, the University has what it takes to be number one in agriculture, not only in Malaysia, but also Southeast Asia. This is not to forget about the other fields of study, which are equally important for national development. For the afore-mentioned notions to happen, the University has to be part of the regional network for scientific research and cultural development.



UPM senior officials (standing in the front row were the VC, DVC and Registrar) in 2017

Under such circumstances, UPM should open her gate to all students from all over the world regardless of race, colour, creed or nationality. However, the enrolment of students to any programme at UPM should be based on merit. Then and only then it will be regarded at par with the reputable and/or great universities in the world. As for now, the University is well in place to help train global graduates of the future, evidenced by the presence of students from the four corners of the world. To show to the citizens of the world about the history and achievement of UPM, a book was published in 2017 by UPM Press.



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The book on the history and achievement of UPM

“His Royal Highness The Chancellor and UPM is Inseparable”

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*“Akar keladi melilit selasih
Selasih tumbuh di hujung taman
Kalungan budi junjungan kasih
Mesra kenangan sepanjang zaman”*

*“Selasih bukan sebarang selasih
Selasih merimbun bawah purnama
Tuanku Canselor dijunjung kasih
Menjulung UPM ke seantero dunia”*

(The above poetic notation expresses an appreciation of His Royal Highness (HRH) everlasting contribution towards the success of UPM as an outstanding well-known world class higher institution).

The personality and accredited leadership capabilities of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Royal Chancellors, namely, HRH Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah Alhaj (Royal Chancellor

from 4th November 1971 to 30th July 1993) and HRH Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj Ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj (Royal Chancellor from 1st April 2002 – present) are highly revered by all former and present Vice Chancellors. The Royal Chancellors' viewpoints and ideas propelled UPM to become one of the leading educational and research institutions nationally and internationally.

The opinions expressed by the Vice Chancellors during interviews revealed comprehensive portrayal of the aspiration and earnestness of the Chancellors in carrying-out their tasks in developing UPM, a 40-year old institution, which was upgrade from the then, College of Agriculture Malaya, to the present highest level of excellence. The Royal Chancellors always and consistently insisted that UPM should be the benchmark of agricultural and industrial excellence at national and international levels. At the same time, the Royal Highnesses also emphasised on the importance of having strong relationship and networking between *alma mater* and its alumni.

Hope, Initiative and Achievement

The Honourable Emeritus Prof. Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Mohd Rashdan Baba

**1st Vice Chancellor
(4th November 1971 to 28th February 1982)**

A. Hope

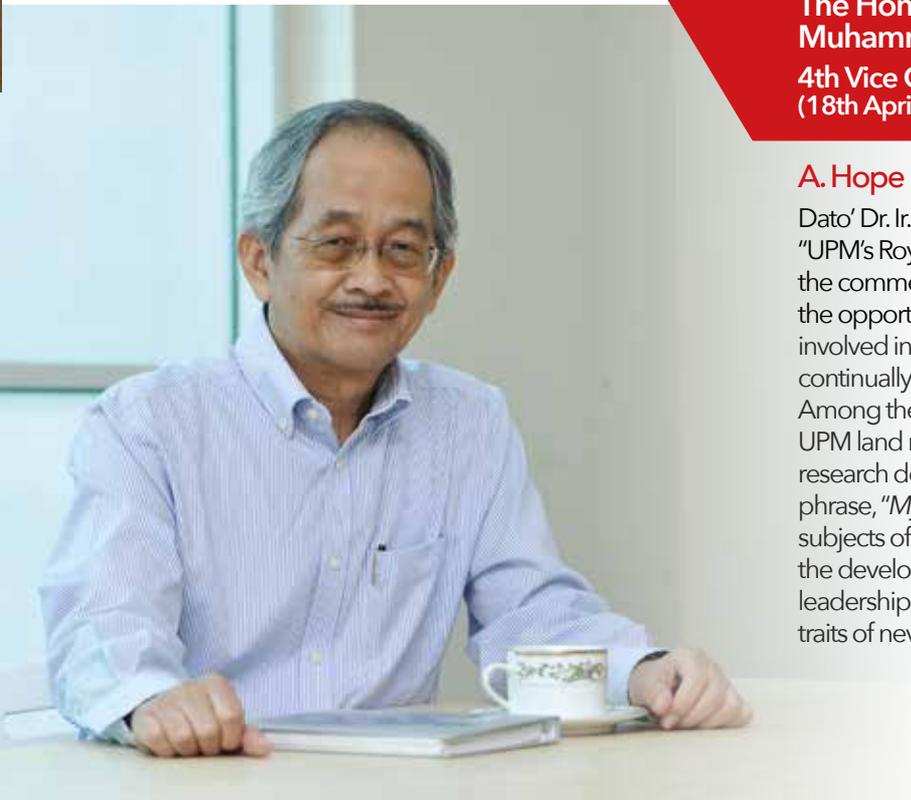
According to this distinguished iconic educator and corporate figure, the secret ingredient that drove UPM staff to produce high quality and responsible graduates, was the Royal Chancellor's constant and positive encouragement. He reminisced, HRH had regularly and tirelessly expressed his expectation that UPM should be a leading research institution in agriculture, taking extra care in the environment-related issues as well as instilling environmental awareness among the local community. HRH had great interest in agriculture and as such often advised UPM to conduct courses, exhibitions or even road-shows in order to impart the know-how to the interested public.

B. Initiative and Achievement

In its effort to keep UPM ahead academically, several initiatives were implemented, for example, increasing the number of administrative entities by establishing nine faculties and two academic centres to cater for 19 bachelor and nine diploma programmes and introducing new institutes to conduct training courses of relevance.



Correspondingly, more academic staff were recruited and sent for further training locally and abroad. More infrastructural facilities were also constructed e.g. the Main Hall (Dewan Besar) and new faculty buildings. Prof. Tan Sri Datuk also pointed out that UPM had produced many corporate leaders in the agricultural sectors such as FELDA, FELCRA, KADA, KESEDAR, MADA and research agencies like MARDI, MRB (previously, RRIM) and MPOB (previously, PORIM).



The Honourable Emeritus Prof. Dato' Dr. Ir. Muhammad Zohadie Bardaie

**4th Vice Chancellor
(18th April 2001 to 31st December 2005)**

A. Hope

Dato' Dr. Ir. Muhammad Zohadie regarded HRH as the "UPM's Royal Ambassador", in view of his roles in echoing all the commendations received by the *alma mater* whenever the opportunity presented itself. Although his HRH was not involved in the day-to-day administration of the university, he continually kept track on the current achievements of UPM. Among the agenda that came under HRH's scrutiny were UPM land matters, issues on graduate studies and agricultural research developments updates. He always expressed the phrase, "My opinion", in voicing out his ideas about various subjects of interests. The special royal attention given to the developments within UPM signified HRH's excellent leadership mettle. Additionally, HRH possessed a Japanese traits of never giving up on a person he did not fully know.

Features

The Honourable Prof. Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Nik Mustapha Raja Abdullah
5th Vice Chancellor
(1st January 2006 to 31st December 2010)

B. Initiative and Achievement

Various initiatives were undertaken by Dato' Dr. Ir. Muhammad Zohadie in remodeling UPM into a world-class university. Among them were the formation of UPM Strategic Plan (2001-2010), the implementation of a quality University Administration and Service System and introducing the "Vice Chancellor Awards" to UPM staff who had achieved excellence in teaching, research and professional service. His interest in the aspect of healthy lifestyle living led him to promote a "Healthy Movement" programme and "Cycling Culture" campaign. He mooted the idea of UPM official theme song, "Putra Gemilang". During his term, he directed that all UPM lands, areas and assets should only for UPM purposes only. He also launched an "Occupational Safety and Health" policy. The Vice Chancellor's efforts bore fruits, such as, developing UPM niche specialty in "Agro-bio" (one of the UPM Graduate School programmes) was acclaimed as "*Top Masters of Business Administration Programme in Malaysia*" and UPM was placed in the 7th place of leading universities in South East Asia. Last but not least, ten administrative entities in UPM received the MS ISO 9001:2000 certification.

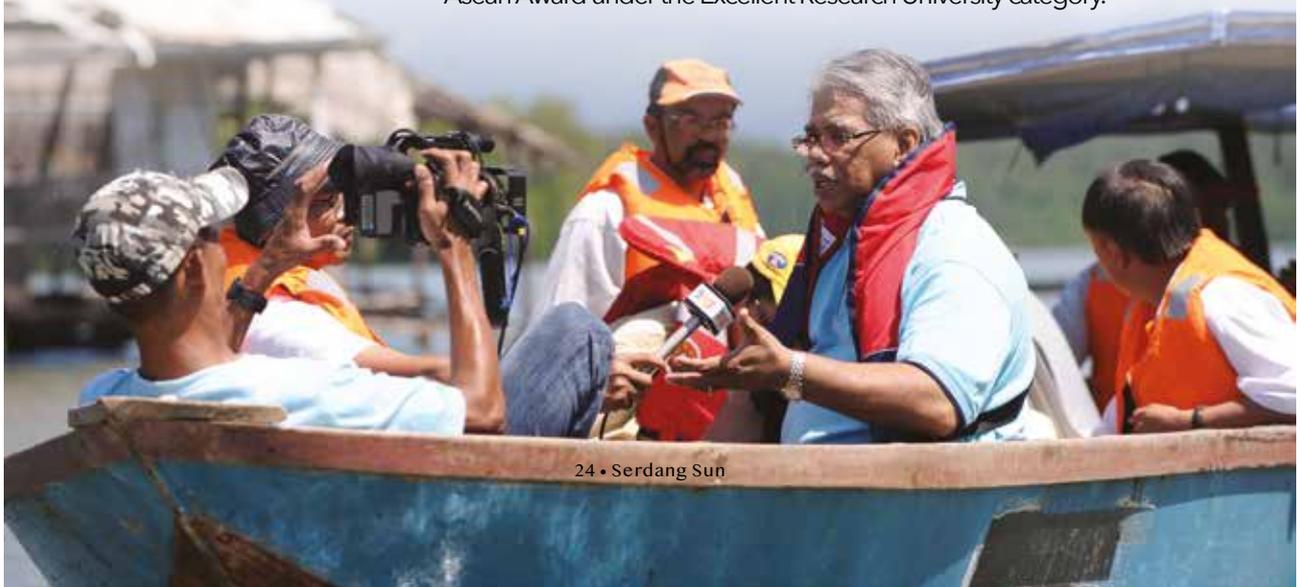


A. Hope

Tan Sri Dr. Nik Mustapha also shared similar sentiments as the other Vice Chancellors' that HRH had never faltered in his assertion that UPM should be in the forefront as an agriculture top performance global university. His love for UPM was for everyone to see as he kept a collection of all newspaper cuttings highlighting the developments and success stories of UPM. HRH also had a collection of books about herbal agriculture. He had a great interest in the Malay Language and the writing of *Jawi*. He felt that UPM lands were the sacred land of our ancestors and should be upheld and protected at all times.

B. Initiative and Achievement

Tan Sri Dr. Nik Mustapha focused on the sustainable development of UPM as the Centre of Excellence in terms of Agricultural Education in the country. He instituted six categories of research, namely, Food, Health, Science, Technology and Engineering, Forestry and the Environment, and Social Science. He also restructured faculties and institutions, giving emphasis on agriculture so as to maintain UPM's position as the leading leader in the national agro-bio industry. He introduced the Cockpit Management protocol that was meant to integrate together all the usage of ICT in UPM. A Putra Scorecard system to measure the UPM Achievement Index was also one of his brainchild. Among the notable achievements of UPM were listed as follows: member of *The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)* 2007 Financial Management Quality Award (Statutory Board Category) and 2007 Technology Business Review Asean Award under the Excellent Research University category.





The Honourable Prof Dato' Dr Mohd Fauzi Haji Ramlan
7th Vice Chancellor
(1st January 2013 - 31st December 2015)

interests. Among them were the Malay Heritage Museum, University Happiness Index, Putra Leadership Programme, Green Campus Initiative, University Centre Transformation Centre (UCTC), Strategic Development Plan (2014-2020) and Putra Global 200 (PG200). All these were part of the efforts to put UPM among the top 200 universities globally by 2020. UPM kept moving forward by gaining more recognitions at national and international levels. UPM acquired Environmental Management System (EMS)MS ISO 14001:2004 and Information Management System (SMS) (MSIISO/IEC27001:2007) certification, a first in the Asian region and declared 16th placing at Green Metric World University Ranking (2013), 50-100 world best in the field of Agriculture, Forestry and Education (QS World University Ranking 2013/2014), 54th world best in the field of Agriculture Science in 2014 and 376th placing as the world best university according to the valuation by QS World University Ranking 2014.

A. Hope

Dato' Dr. Mohd. Fauzi, indicated that HRH had always articulated his desire for UPM to be the central generator in the spreading of knowledge to the whole community and simultaneously boosted the country's economy. HRH gave his full blessings when the idea of enhancing the UPM green campus was mooted by the Vice Chancellor knowing that a healthy lifestyle would greatly benefit the general community living and working in and around the area. HRH also consistently urged the UPM community not to damage but instead safeguard the environment and ecosystem at the Ayer Hitam Forest Reserve and *Sultan Idris Shah Forestry Education Center (SISFEC)* in Puchong. It should be developed into an agro-tourism spot. Another point of contention was that HRH frequently reminded that noble alumni are integral part of high quality UPM brand.

B. Initiative and Achievement

The forward-looking ideas from HRH motivated Dato' Dr. Mohd Fauzi to pursue indefatigably in ensuring UPM made significance contributions to society through various undertakings such as Urban Agriculture and Putra Development Clinic. As such, he also set in motion several inspiring projects in line with HRH's



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The Honourable Prof Datin Paduka Dato' Dr Aini Ideris
8th Vice Chancellor
(1st January 2016 until present)

A. Hope

Prof Datin Paduka Dato' Dr. Aini Ideris is the first woman Vice Chancellor of UPM. She has great admiration of HRH for his regular reminders that as an excellent and top public institution of higher learning, UPM should always be cognisant on challenges ahead. As such the UPM staff should always enhance their academic ability and commitment to research and good management. HRH implored that UPM should be more creative and

innovative in reinforcing its industrial network, particularly with those UPM alumni from the corporate sector. They are there for UPM to tap benefits in terms of finance, grants, scholarship for students and various other forms of contributions. This also meant that the Alumni Centre is the crucial platform for this networking to take place between the interested alumni and the *alma mater*. HRH would not only share happiness when UPM met new milestones set by Datin Paduka and her team but also kept record of these as a means of acknowledging success and as guidance for future directions.

B. Initiative and Achievement

Datin Paduka put forward the concept of, "Good Deeds as Pillar of Excellence" encompassing - four main values such as excellence, variability, sustainability and integrity, which fulfilled UPM philosophy as "Garden of Knowledge and Thought". She also wanted more visibility for UPM efforts. Consequently, she encouraged the use of social media, such as, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter in informing and promoting activities related to UPM. The use of social media also encouraged a close bonding between UPM and its alumni, which subsequently can result in a fruitful venture, such as in the construction of



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UPM sculpture, "#WeLoveUPM", located adjacent to the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Culture and Arts Centre. She also gave greater focus on UPM as a branded item. Among the notable successes of UPM were: the 270th placing as the best university in the world (a jump of 61 ranks), 49th placing as the best university in Asia, 17th world best for QS Top 50 under 50, Ranking 100 World Best in Agriculture and Forestry subjects for four years in a row, 42nd global ranking for Agricultural Science field, 1st Ranking in Malaysia and third in South East Asia and 73rd placing in Asia as the most innovative university and 1st ranking in Malaysia and Asia and global best as Green Campus

university. At the same time UPM was the first university selected by Air Asia for its livery brand university display on Air Asia 320 plane.

My experience with the Vice Chancellors evidently indicated that UPM had undergone tremendous transformations since its establishment. It is now a renowned university globally, particularly in the field of agriculture. It is to its credit, that it receives constant feedback and advice from HRH the Royal Chancellor, as a source of inspiration to make UPM more distinguish and relevant in this era of 4.0 Industrial Revolution and 5.0 Community.

The interview session with the following former Vice Chancellors could not take place due to unforeseen circumstantial factors:

The Honourable Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Setia Dr. Nayan Ariffin, 2nd Vice Chancellor (1st March 1982 - 4th June 1994)

The Honourable Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim, 3rd Vice Chancellor (5th June 1994 - 17th April 2001)

A memorial tribute:
The Honourable Dato' Ir. Dr. Radin Umar Radin Sohadi, 6th Vice Chancellor (1st Jan 2011 - 31st Dec 2012)

Features

Bonding and Networking through Alumni Association and Alumni Centre

Writer: Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed (Alumni Class 1975);
Masitah Arsad (Alumni Class 1975) and Marzieana Ab
Rahman (Alumni Class 2010)



Ever since *Sekolah Pertanian Malaya* (Malayan School of Agriculture) was formed almost nine decades ago in 1931, it was a dream that the small beginning of a remote “school” would grow eventually into an institution that we could be proud of, some day.

That proud day happened in 1973. University of Agriculture Malaysia (*Universiti Pertanian Malaysia* or UPM) came into existence, upon the merger of the College of Agriculture Malaya (formally upgraded from the School of Agriculture in 1947) with the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Malaya, when the first intakes of three main agriculture disciplines, namely Agriculture Science, Veterinary Medicine and Forestry Science came to report as full-pledged undergraduates. The rest, they say, is history.

Not many knew that behind the scene and amidst chorus of celebrations, were the people calling themselves Alumni of the then College of Agriculture Malaya who put their hearts and souls to get the dream come into reality.

UPM has produced a total of 177,394 alumni since its first batch of graduates from Malayan School of Agriculture in 1932 until the University Convocation in 2017. Additionally, the postgraduate programmes which started in 1981 had produced 18,664 local and 5,819 international graduates.

Alumni Association of UPM (Persatuan Alumni UPM aka PAUPM)

The first Alumni Association of the College of Agriculture/UPM was formed in 1932 as the Old Boys Society (from Othman Yaacob: The Serdang Story). The Spirit of Serdang has not diminished since then. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr Mohd Noor Ismail (the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development and Student Affairs) always recalled that whenever the “old boys” had their meetings in the campus, they were advised to bring their own bed-sheet, pillows and blankets and to stay at the college hostel and not anywhere else.

The current alumni association, PAUPM, was officially registered with the Registrar of Societies in 1971 as “*Persatuan Bekas Siswa Kolej Pertanian Malaya*” and changed accordingly in 1973 and 1998 to reflect the name change of the *alma mater*.

The Association’s mission is to bring about an effective bonding among Alumni and between Alumni and the campus community that will result in the generation of various impactful programmes of value to the nation, *alma mater*, members and students. It will also champion the cause of the agriculture industry and the related activities as its primary area of focus. Currently, it has about 90,000 members.

The Association also recognises that its activities should focus around the five major stakeholders, namely, the Government, *Alma mater*, Industry, Students and Members. Thus, the objectives of PAUPM are drawn up as follows:

- To promote strong bonding and networking among alumni with the main aims of enhancing intellectual ability, professional growth and increasing the core values.
- To maintain a good relationship between alumni and the *alma mater* for mutual benefit.
- To assist UPM in achieving its objectives; towards excellence and global recognition in Education, Research and Services.
- With broad areas of knowledge and expertise, the alumni are able to contribute effectively towards social and community development.
- To carry out sports and recreational activities as well as looking into welfare of its members.

Stakeholders	Examples of Activities Carried Out
Government <i>Alma Mater</i> Industry	The National Coconut Workshop (Aug 2016) Coconut Industry Consultative Forum and Expo (May 2017) <i>Bengkel Memperkasakan Mangga Harumanis</i> Perlis (Nov 2017) Seminar and Workshop on Agriculture and Food Security (Jan 2018) Plantation Colloquium Series (throughout the year)
Students	Alumni Foundation Talks Inter-Residential College Football Tournament Alumni Gold Medal Award and Pingat Razlan Putra
Members	Corporate Visit Inter-Alumni Golf Tournament Formation of State Chapters

The Exco Members of the Alumni Association of UPM (2017-2019)

With the Association looking into organising more activities, sources of funding have to be given due consideration, too. Hence, it has registered a subsidiary company called *Bestari Serdang Sdn Bhd* with *Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM)* to generate incomes that will enable the Association to plan and organise them on a more regular basis.

During the courtesy visit by the Exco members to the Royal Palace on 15 March 2018, HRH Tuanku Chancellor

expressed his happiness on the various successes achieved by the Association to-date and now would like to see PAUPM playing its roles even beyond the national boundary into the Asean Region. HRH Tuanku also supported the idea of an Association building within the campus compound. This would provide facilities for members to have more interactions and networking activities. Eventually, the indirect beneficiary would be the *alma mater*.

The Exco Members of the Alumni Association of UPM (2017-2019)



Tn. Haji Ghazali Salamat
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Syed Razlan Jamalullail
(President)

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(Vice President)

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(Treasurer)

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The Exco Members of the Alumni Association of UPM (2017-2019)



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2. Abdul Razak Abdul Latiff (Exco)
3. Y. Bhg Dato' Hajah Mariam Mas Yacob (Exco)
4. Y. Bhg. Prof Dato' Dr. Mohd Azmi Mohd Lila (Exco)
5. Amos Ng Kheng Hooi (Exco)
6. Mohd Norashedy Ab. Rashid (Asst. Secretary-General)
7. Dr. Zaitun Yasin (Exco)
8. Tn. Haji Zainal Abidin Yahya (Exco)
9. Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed (Exco)
10. Norfadliza Minhat (Exco)

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2. Husalshah Rizal Hussian (Deputy Director)
3. Nik Hafzaini Nik Hassan (Assistant Registrar)
4. Nur Sabrina Marzuki (Executive Officer PE5)
5. Sarah Rahim (Secretary)
6. Muhammad Alfiq Azli (Assistant Administrative Officer)
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9. Alaina Shofni Kasim (Administrative Asst.)
10. Asmizan Hakimi Ashari (Administrative Asst.)
11. Ahmad Shukri Ismail (Administrative Asst.)
12. Mohd Sufian Ismail (Administrative Asst.)
13. Muhammad Adirul Kamal (Administrative Asst.)
14. Muhammad Nazrin Kamarol Baharin (Administrative Asst.)
15. Mislani Markusin (Driver)
16. Syamila Zakaria (Administrative Asst.)
17. Siti Hajar Rozaidi (Administrative Asst.)

Alumni Centre (ACUPM)

On 1st January 1999 Alumni Unit under UPM was established and subsequently upgraded to Alumni Centre in January 2002. In August 2003, it was given the responsibility of executing any activities that is related to career aspect of UPM's students and was later changed its name to the Career Services and Alumni Centre. As of the 1st of July 2006, the fifth Vice-Chancellor and the Management Team of UPM agreed upon allowing the Alumni Office to be responsible to conduct programmes to empower UPM through its Alumni and given the current name of UPM Alumni Centre or ACUPM, such as:

- Constantly strengthen and intensify the relationship between UPM local and international alumni.
- Coordinate and manage income generation and help increase funding for scholarship and students' financial assistance.
- Disseminate alumni information through ACUPM's website, social media and the publication of UPM Alumni Magazine "Serdang Sun" and UPM Alumni e-newsletter.
- Constantly update UPM alumni database.
- Act as the liaison office to UPM Alumni Association.

a) Alumni Networking and Engagement

ACUPM is committed to planning and implementing various activities and programmes that engage and maintain a lifelong relationship amongst fellow alumni consistent with the *alma mater's* core functions of teaching, conducting research and carrying out professional services. The scheduled activities are:

- **UPM Alumni Day 21 May**
 - Homecoming
 - *Tautan Mahabbah*
 - Serdang Heritage
 - Sport Events
- Distinguished UPM Alumni Lecture Series: Living the Serdang Story
- Tracing Alumni for Collaboration & Engagement (TRACE)
- Fitness Vibes Alumni (FiVA)
- Townhall Session Alumni Industry
- *Temu Mesra Alumni Industri*

b) Student Development and Community

- Chapter Student Ambassador (CSA)
- UPM Ambassador
- Alumni Mentorship Programme
- Showcase *Jalinan Alumni*

c) Fundraising and Philanthropy

Scholarships managed and offered through ACUPM:

- Yayasan Pak Rashid Scholarship
- Soh Kim Mee Scholarship
- Yayasan Said Scholarship
- Amco *Niaga* Scholarship
- Chapter Cyperus'90 Scholarship
- 1 Alumni 1 *Sumbangan* Ringgit Campaign

d) Management

- **Alumni On-line Registration**
A web portal developed by the ACUPM to collect and update data and profile of UPM alumni.
- **Publication of Serdang Sun**
UPM Alumni Magazine with two issues published in a year jointly by ACUPM and PAUPM.
- **The Formation of Alumni Chapters**
The current trend to form Alumni Chapters is inevitable when the numbers become too big for one association or organisation to handle the high expectations of the general membership. Hence, the Association views such development positively as long

as *alma mater* remains their target beneficiary. In fact, the Association has already formed five State Chapters, namely, Terengganu, Perlis, Johor, Perak and Negeri Sembilan with the hope that they will organise and conduct activities to cater the needs of the local membership.

At another level, some of the chapters took additional step in registering their entity with the Registrar of Societies. Among the registered entities are *Kelab Alumni Senibina Landskap* (KASEL), *Alumni UPM Kelas '75*, *Persatuan Alumni Kolej Ketiga* (FORTIGA), *Persatuan Alumni Palapes U-Putra* (AlPutra), *Persatuan Alumni MedikPutra* and *Pertubuhan Kebajikan Chapter Alumni Inspirasi Anak Tani 1990* (PK INTAN'90). There are also Chapters formed based on the course batches such as KPM'70, Class of '72, UPM BioTech Alumni and Alumni Forestry 1999 or even at residential college grouping such as *Kelab Alumni Kolej Kedua*. With the admittance of foreign students into UPM, International Chapters have also come into existence in Indonesia, Iran and Mauritius. It is hoped that all the Chapters will continue to remain active and at all the times being guided by the motto "A Tradition of Giving and A Culture of Bonding".



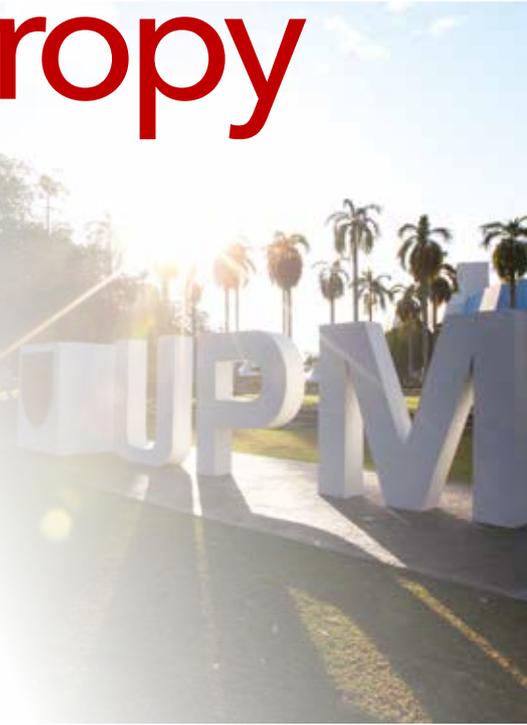
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Alumni Engagement & Philanthropy

Writer: Noor Mohamad Shakil Hameed
(Alumni Class 2001, 2010)

THE existing everlasting close relationship between alumni and its *alma mater* has been part of a continuous strategic network cooperation and collaboration practised in developing Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), as a progressive higher learning institution as a whole. Both sides benefit in this win-win association. UPM believes the opinions, feedbacks and experiences from numerous members of the alumni can contribute in the shaping-up for better future of UPM in particular and Malaysia in general.

There are many prominent UPM alumni in the public and private sectors. They came forward and contributed towards the betterment of UPM through monetary aids, ideas, efforts and/or other forms of commitment. Similarly, there are also graduates who became successful entrepreneurs and striking big in their ventures. They, however, being a highly responsible alumni have assisted the *alma mater* by offering job opportunities to other UPM graduates. In conjunction of this Royal Edition Issue we are proud to highlight five alumni entrepreneur icons from various backgrounds who have contributed considerably to UPM's development.



Dr. Salwa Abu Bakar (Alumni Class 1983, 1988)

Dr. Salwa Abu Bakar graduated from UPM with a Diploma in 1983 and a Bachelor Degree in 1988. She started her career as a teacher from 1985 to 1995 and later on as a lecturer from 1995 until 2014. She eventually saw herself immersed in the challenging world of business and has since become a tenacious woman entrepreneur after resigning from Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Temenggong Ibrahim, Johor (IPTI).

With hardwork, patience and fighting spirit, she managed to secure the position of General Manager in Syarikat Faiza Sdn. Bhd., which is well known for its health rice products such as Taj Mahal and Moghul basmathi rice.

She owed her success to UPM and has not forgotten her roots. Hence, she is happy to repay her beloved *alma mater* in various ways when the call came. In one occasion, she donated sacks of rice for the UPM's Network Bonding Programme called *Tautan Mahabbah*. She also supports and contributes regularly to the monthly UPM "1Alumni-1Sumbangan Ringgit" campaign. On record she never fails to support numerous Alumni Centre and UPM activities. It is our wish that her commitments to UPM will be perpetual and set examples for all other alumni to follow.



**Mat Amin Jafar
(Alumni Class 1994)**

Mat Amin Jafar, graduated with a Bachelor of Agriculture Science in 1994. He is a Business Director of AMCO Niaga Sdn. Bhd., a company dealing primarily in consultancy work and service provider to the plantation owners and farmers in the country.

He recalled that his learning time curve in UPM had given him the necessary impetus in acquiring knowledge and skills which drove him into the world of business. So far his company, in collaboration with UPM, has formulated and produced five new biotechnological products. He hopes with the expertise and skills provided by his firm, he foresees himself to be the main player in the field of service provider, product creation and technology innovation in the agro-based industry.

In appreciation to the vast knowledge and experience he reaped from UPM, he had given numerous monetary and non-monetary contributions to UPM. On record his firm had provided scholarship of RM15,000.00 to a Diploma student. He also welcomed UPM students to do their industrial training at his firm. Thus, we hope the tradition of giving and the culture of bonding will continue to flourish between him and the *alma mater*.

Ir. Kumar Subramaniam (Alumni Class 1992)

While studying in UPM, Ir. Kumar Subramaniam was a dedicated football player for four years for UPM Bees and 3rd College. He eventually excelled during the Inter Varsity Sports Competition (MASUM) and was subsequently awarded the prestigious Blue Medal for excellent achievement in sports. This however, did not hamper him from attaining his Bachelor of Agricultural Engineering degree with honours in 1992. Since then, there was no turning back for him and he moved on to greater heights.

Ir. Kumar gave credits to the priceless experience of his time spent in UPM where he obtained valuable knowledge and made many friends. All these became his prime movers and lured him into the world of business. He established SGT Konsult Sdn. Bhd, a firm dealing in consultancy and advisory

services for the development and maintenance of palm oil mills and down stream activities. Among the SGT Konsult notable achievements, was the construction of a floating factory at Riau Sumatera island for Sime Darby, as the soil there was not suitable for a landed palm oil factory.

A former resident of Kolej Tun Dr Ismail (KTDI), Ir. Kumar displayed great and undivided love for his *alma mater* and therefore always in the forefront when come to giving back to UPM. He was an "Adjunct Lecturer" of the Faculty of Engineering in 2013. As a diehard football fan he donated RM5000.00 to the UPM Charity Football game "ALUMNI4ASNAF" on 28 July 2018. He is also a consistent supporter of 1Alumni-1Sumbangan Ringgit campaign. Thus, he always hits the ground running to support UPM numerous alumni programmes.



Contributions

Manminder Kaur a/p Harcharan Singh (Alumni Class 2008)

Manminder Kaur a/p Harcharan Singh took on a new life as an excellent Astro Awani broadcast journalist soon after she obtained her Master of Corporate Communication degree from UPM. She later established herself as an expert in crisis communication in the field of public relations.

Her wealth of knowledge from her student days in UPM coupled with wide working experience enabled her to become a CEO/Founder of Intellectasia Consultancy (Supernewsroom). Her firm received various excellent commendations locally and in the Asian region in the public relations industry. The most significant was that when her firm was awarded the renowned 'Gold Award Excellence in Public Relations 2013' after only three years in the business, thus putting themselves above the more experienced and established public relations agencies. Her firm again made the news in 2018, when her first innovation Public Relations Digital Platform, namely SUPERNEWSROOM, won the 'Best Media Startup 2018'.

Her firm's rapid rise as a top ranking agency in the public relations industry created an avenue for her to give back to her *alma mater*. She is also a keen monthly supporter of 1Alumni-1Sumbangan Ringgit campaign. She also allows UPM students to undergo practical training project in her firm.



Dr. Lim Ban Keong (Alumni Class 1997)

Dr. Lim Ban Keong, a Veterinarian Doctor by training, graduated from UPM in 1997. He is the Group Managing Director of Rhone Ma Holdings Bhd (RMH), an investment holding company, which is listed on the Main Board of Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange. The group has six subsidiary companies dealing in the services and solutions for animal healthcare, food ingredients and human healthcare. It also includes consultancy service, diagnostic service, laboratory analysis, research and development projects and undertakes distribution of high quality animal feed additive products.

He reminisced lovingly of his five-year intellectual time in UPM where he spent the best of his formative years and developed his character into a better person today. He attributed his successes to the efforts made by the staff and lecturers there. As a result, he felt obligated that he should give something back to the *alma mater*. For starter, his company sponsored high achievers and provided practical training programmes in his company for them to hone their skills. He also gave them invaluable advice in his annual career lecture there. He would also like to see activities organised by UPM achieved their objectives successfully. For example, he accepted to be a panel member of "Alumni Townhall Session" programme to share his experience and achievements to motivate others. He was also a leading patron for some UPM big projects, such as Showcase Jalanan Alumni @ Zoo Taiping 2017 and Fitness Vibes Alumni 2018 (FiVA). Dr Lim Ban Keon is indeed an exemplary alumnus that we can be proud of and for others to emulate.

Conclusion

Without any doubt, UPM Alumni play a stellar role in promoting the development of their *alma mater*, thus benefitting the students, the university and the society. Each alumnus with boundless experiences and ideas can help in overcoming the challenges in realising the mission and vision of the university. In principle, the alumni are assets to the *alma mater* where their active participation enhances the reputation of the university in the eyes of national and international communities.

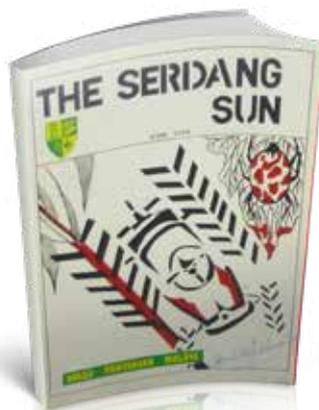
“From Serdang Sun to Akhbar Mahasiswa”

(extract from “the Serdang Story” by Othman Yaacob)
(Universiti Putra Malaysia Press 2005, page: 225)

“The Serdang Sun”, was a record of the activities and functions of the Student Union for the year. Records of 20 volumes, the first post-war volume being produced in 1952/53 and the last in 1972/73 are still maintained. The first five volumes had a common cover, giving its traditional outlook at first glance – a legacy of the colonial character, as the honorary adviser was always a British officer. Later volumes however, changed from year to year. Finally when it “died” off, it had no identity at all. The only tradition that has been kept on the magazine is the gallery of graduating diploma and certificate students, 17 in the 1951/54 graduating class and 142 in the 1968/71 class. *The Serdang Sun* was not published when the college became a university with the first batch of degree students in 1973. The Faculty of Agriculture’s first batch of Serdang trained graduates, who passed out at the first graduation ceremony in 1977, however, produced their own souvenir book, carrying among other things, the traditional photo gallery of the 1973/1977 graduating class – a good record of the graduating year.”



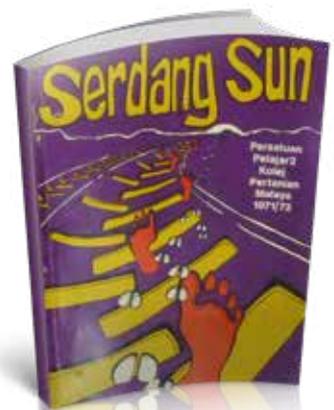
Volume 14 (1966-67)



Volume 15 (1967-68)



Volume 17 (1967-70)



Volume 19 (1971-72)

Contributor: Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed (Alumni Class 1975);
Masitah Arsad (Alumni Class 1975)

Contributions

Class of '75

"The Last Serdang Sons" to Check-in

Writer: Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed
(Alumni Class 1975); Masitah
Arsad (Alumni Class 1975)

Finally it happened. A unique convocation ceremony dubbed "*Majlis Apresiasi Mentari Serdang*" held on 16 October 2012. It was organised specially for the "graduating" Diploma of Agriculture students, Classes of '74, '75 and '76. The event was 37 years too late but the joyous occasion went beyond expectation, especially for the 500 attendees and their families. It was a day to remember and something historic to Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

In its original version back in the '70s the event was meant for parents to witness their sons and daughters in their best attire lined up to receive the scrolls and to be proclaimed that they



From left: Zakaria Mat, Mohd Nor Kailany, Ramli Shahdan (A'yarham), Rahmat Mohd Juraimi, Mohd Dan Jantan, Nik Mohd Nabil, Zainol Che Mat (A'yarham), Hashim Saari, Mat Noh Ismail, Md Yasin Ab Hamid



From left: Asmah Ahmad, ?, Nik Azizah Abd Rahman, Maznah Mahmood, Dr Nyamah Md Ali, Normah Ibrahim, Chen Yew Moi, How Bee Choo, Dr Norsiah Mohd Noor, Rokiah Osman, Misnah Samin, Che Rahani Zakaria

have successfully completed their course. Instead, for this special occasion, members of the families who came were their children and even grandchildren, too, for some. Everyone present could not hide their happiness, there were laughters, huggings and handshakings and even

tears of having able to see their old friends, the campus and everything else to be savoured. Credit was due to the late Prof Dato' Ir Dr Radin Omar Radin Sohadi (the then Vice-Chancellor), UPM's Organising Committee chaired by Prof Datin Paduka Dato' Dr Aini Ideris (the then

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and International), Hj Anas Ahmad Nasaruddin (the then President of UPM Alumni Association (PAUPM) and Hj Ghazali Salamah (the current Secretary-General of PAUPM). Not forgetting our fellow alumni in Sabah, too, who initiated and proposed to PAUPM about having the special convocation at an ad hoc meeting in 2011.

The WIP of the occasion was our beloved Prof Tan Sri Dr Mohd Rashdan

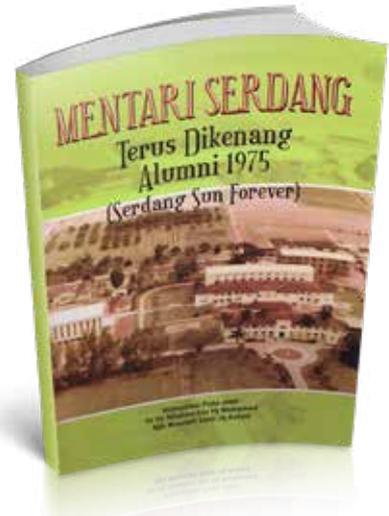
Baba who despite his medical conditions, agreed to grace the event and presented the scrolls. He even gave a lengthy "graduation speech" which was not too dissimilar had it been given way back during those respective years. A number of senior lecturers who taught the "graduates" were also present.

Although some 1,300 "graduates" from Classes '74, '75 and '76 were affected by the delayed event, the focus of this narrative is on the

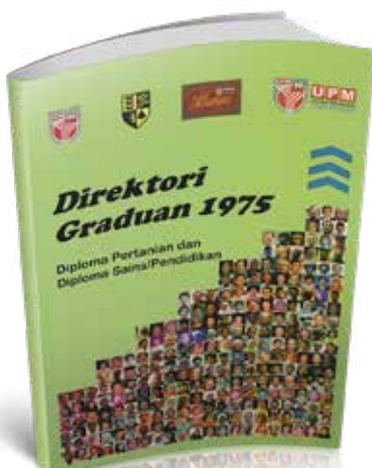
Diploma of Agriculture Class of '75. In conjunction with the special convocation two books namely, "Direktori Graduan 1975" and "Mentari Serdang Terus Dikenang Alumni 1975" were published. These publications containing old and current photographs together with their updated addresses and contact numbers helped to further enhance the spirit of bonding and camaraderie.



From left: Abd Halim Noordin, Shaffie Mohd, Awiskarni Zulkarnaini, Osman Abu Bakar, Azis Mamat, Ang Awang, Mohd Damanhuri Mohd Jamil, Mohd Yusof Abas, Che Man Bakar, Miskan Sukir, Wan Zainus Wan Ismail



From left: Nik Abd Halim, Hamilah Hairan, Dato' Haron Abdullah, Ahmad Fuaad Yatim, Abd Rahim Muhamad, Dr Ibrahim Mohamed, Ahmad Abdullah, Rosni Hanafi, Azizan Ahmad, Kamarudin Ab Rahman, Hanipah Jambi, Md Aris Abd Rahman, Julie Lim Kheow Suan



The Initiation of Class of '75 - Upholding the Serdang Tradition

Going back in time to 1972, 400 of selected candidates joined the Diploma of Agriculture course. It was the second intake with such a large number of students. Unbeknown to them, they were going to be the last batch recruited under the *Kolej Pertanian Malaya* system.

They were from all walks of life with the majority coming from the lower income groups. Many were from *Semenanjung* and a small percentage came from Sabah and Sarawak with a few from Brunei, too. All students lived in campus with food served at the dining hall. Hunger was never on the menu of the day as food were plentiful and provided on the basis of "eat first and pay later" - thanks to the College administration who extended the privileges.

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The first day on campus was all about registration. On that fateful day, after completing the mandatory formalities, the new students bade farewell to their family members. Not long after that, the “first whistle” by the Orientation Committee sounded. The screeching sound blaring through the ears marked the beginning of orientation programme which lasted for three weeks. By then, nothing could hold back the Senior Students from participating and playing their roles accordingly. They were all aware of the rituals such as the “Serdang



Oh, our beloved “Serdang Sun”, without you, we have no *makan...*



From left: Azizah Yaacob, Lucy Ong, Leo Jeok Kwi, Allahyarhamah Mahani Mohd Noor, Datin Khodziah Hj. Mokhtar, Che Rahani Zakaria

At the end of it all, the untold damages to personal egos and the emotional disruptions were soon forgotten as the campus life came back to normal. They became full-pledged College students and started the academic pursuit in earnest whilst for some, starting a new life away from home for the very first time in their life. On the sporting field, students were encouraged to play games and took part in tournaments. There were football, basketball, tennis, hockey, rugby and netball teams. Amongst these, rugby was the most popular and nine members of Class of '75 were inducted into the Serdang rugby first team, the precursor to the famed Serdang Angels which was “rebranded” when Universiti Pertanian Malaysia came into existence.

The Upgrading of the College, the Transition Years and the American Way

When they came back from their long holidays in June 1973 as Second Year Students, it was all Universiti Pertanian Malaysia and no more *Kolej Pertanian Malaya*. To make matters worse, the Serdang orientation tradition was no longer in practice. The “*Akta Universiti dan Kolej Universiti (AUKU) 1971*” had come into effect. Hence, the “Freshies” were spared the Serdang baptisms and rituals. At the other end of the spectrum, some of the infrastructures were not ready in time. The completion of the Third Residential College was delayed, hence, all rooms in the First College had three occupants. Fortunately, the situation lasted only for one semester.



Serdang Rugby ‘A’ Team (1972/73)

Baptism”, “Max Factor”, “Royal Bath”, Special Exercises and Games, “Chantings” and “the Orientation Examination”. These were all part of the “Serdang Traditions”. Additionally, “Freshies” had to write down and memorise names and personal information of the “Senior Gentlemen” and “Senior Ladies”. The so-called “Record Book” would be used as the “Pass” to enter the “Orientation Examination” Hall. The climax was the Orientation Ball Night. There were performances by the selected Freshies groups and the “proclamation” of the “Orientation Week King and Queen”.

The following observation was made by Dr Othman Yaacob in his book entitled "The Serdang Story" (page 114):

"UPM encountered a host of teething problems when it decided to review the grading system in 1974. They were:

- Most of the examiners were deeply entranced in the British system of grading underestimating the American system by some 20 points.
- The new grading system was launched before it had been tested.
- Students blame the poor grades on the heavy course loads and found it difficult to adjust to the pace of continuous assessment inherent in the American semester system.

In order to overcome these problems, it was decided as an interim measure to reduce the course loads and the emphasis given to the final examinations"



From left: Mohamad Sapian Ayub, Abu Hassan Osman, Muhamad Muda, Meor Hamzah Meor Shaari, Abd Rahim Hussin, Shamsudin Abd Kadir, Mohd Yusof Abd Rahman, ?, Kamarozaman Bujang, Harun Rais

The campus population had grown significantly and the priority had shifted somewhat. With the new status as a university means image building was more important to the prying eyes of the public. Hence, more focus to the implementation of the new degree courses and seemed less for the second tiers. After all, conducting diploma courses had been plain sailing for most of them, given more than twenty-five years in the business.

Meanwhile in the classroom, the Diploma students were inundated with extra workloads - short quizzes, monthly tests, assignments and course works and examinations. Good bye the British System and welcome the American Way. Yes. It was the American Semester System from then on. The system was totally new to students, staff and some lecturers. A lot of things had to be adjusted and adopted in double-quick time. Many were confused and some fell behind. The chances to score a four-flat seemed remote. However they plodded on and eventually came

through successfully. A number who had done well started charting their future and planning to pursue higher degrees when the opportunity to do so arose.

Fortunately, it was business as usual in the sporting activities. The UPM teams that participated in the Inter-Varsity games came triumphant in soccer, rugby and hockey (men's and ladies'). As expected, the nine from Class of '75 were the backbone of the newly named Serdang Angels rugby team.

As conditions started to settle down, the students had another bombshell. The Brunei Government decided to pull back all their students studying in Malaysia after a sudden turn of political event. Three Brunei students in the Class of '75 batch had to go home. It was a tearful farewell at the Subang Airport and they thought they would never see them again. Fortunately, after almost 40 years, the writers managed to trace and met two of them in Bandar Sri Begawan, Brunei in 2012.



Masitah Arsad met two "Class of '75" members from Brunei, Ahmad Abd Rani (left) and Mohd Zain Ghaffar (right) in 2012



The Royal "drop-in" at the Second Residential College. (left) Dato' Kamaruddin Kachar

The inaugural year for the university would not be complete without the Royal visit by HRH Tuanku Chancellor himself, Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alam Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah Alhaj. It was a grand occasion put up by all and sundry connected with UPM and it went on for two days.

It was a full-pledged university all right; just to put paid to all the doubters and to those who thought that an agriculture-based institution of higher learning was a non-starter in a small country like Malaysia.

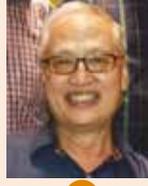
The Class of '75 - the "Last Serdang Sons" technically completed the Diploma of Agriculture course in April 1975 after sitting the final examination paper. The New Straits Times published the names of those who graduated on Mon, 9th June 1975. The full list was also printed in the 1st Convocation Programme Book dated 30th July 1977.

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Seventy-five from the total of 335 "graduates" are shown in a photo collage

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 04) Abd Rahim Hassan (Dato') • MARA
 05) Tengku Mohd Ariff Tengku Ahmad (Dato') • MARDI
 06) Abd Aziz Abu Bakar (Dato') • Air Asia Bhd
 07) Ahmad Tarmizi Mohammed • MPOB
 08) Mohd Zainal Ismail • MARDI
 09) Mohd Nor Kailany • FELDA
 10) Ramli Abd Rahman • LPP
 11) Awiskarni Zulkarnaini • RISDA
 12) Aminudin Bontat • FELCRA
 13) Laili Nordin (Dr) • Own Business
 14) Mohd Alipah Ahmad Jaseh • Inland Revenue Board
 15) Abu Hassan Osman • MARDI
 16) Musbahudin Kassim • FELDA
 17) Md Yasin Ab Hamid • M'sian Rubber Board
 18) Mura Kadir • Customs Dept.
 19) Esnan Ab Ghani • MPOB
 20) Samat Moain • Own Business
 21) Radzi Harun • Customs Dept.
 22) Abas Ramli • DOA
 23) Azis Mamat • Own Business
 24) Zamani Ab Wahid • FELDA
 25) Muhammad Shaari • LPP
 26) Yahya Saman • Own Business
 27) Samsudin Hj Abas • Plantation
 28) Ahmad Fuad Hj Morad • FELDA
 29) Nik Abd Halim Nik Abdullah • DOA
 30) Ahmad Fuaad Mohd Yatim • Banking
 31) Mahemud Afzal Wali Mohd • Business
 32) Rahmat Mohd Juraimi • LKIM
 33) Mohd Rosli Che Sab • Behn Meyer
 34) Haron Abdullah (Dato') • Own Business
 35) Azizan Ahmad • Banking
 36) Abd Aziz Abu Bakar • Plantation
 37) Rusdi Ismail • Felda Global Ventures
 38) Mohd Damanhuri Md Jamli • Plantation
 39) Mohd Yusof Abdullah • Own Business
 40) Kamalur Rahman Ibrahim • Plantation
 41) Md Ridzuan Md Taib • Plantation
 42) Rosali Abu Bakar • Banking
 43) Rabani Hj Taip • Own Business
 44) Ahmad Subki Hussin • SEDC Perak
 45) Rashidi Aman • DOA Sarawak
 46) Abd Halim Noordin • Finance
 47) Kamarudin Ab Rahman • Banking

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Moving On - Embracing the Tradition of Giving and A Culture of Bonding

1. Class of '75, A Registered NGO

Looking ahead, this re-energised group which had missed its camaraderie for more than three decades, pledged to stay together under one flagship. Thus, the decision to register itself as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) with the Registrar of Societies on 18th July 2013 was taken with the purpose of streamlining and synergising all activities more objectively.

2. Ruby Jubilee Homecoming Dinner and Dana Wakaf Ilmu Contribution

The first event organised for the members was the Ruby Jubilee Homecoming Dinner in 2015 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary since they left Serdang Campus. It was attended by 180 people which included former lecturers and other UPM alumni.

In conjunction with the event, *Dana Wakaf Ilmu UPM* fund drive was launched. Eventually, RM 60,500 was collected and handed over to the HRH Tuanku Chancellor at the Breaking of Fast event organised by UPM in 2015.

On the same night, "Anugerah Alumni Terbilang 1975" was given out to the following recipients in recognition of their personal achievements:

Class of 75 Ruby Jubilee Homecoming Dinner 2015, Anugerah Alumni Terbilang 1975

1. Datuk Mastika Junaidah Hussin (*Tokoh Politik - Ahli Parlimen*)
2. Lim Kim Moi (*Tokoh Politik - ADUN*)
3. Dato' Ismail Ibrahim (*Tokoh Perkhidmatan Awam*)
4. Rusdi Ismail (*Tokoh Perladangan*)
5. Prof Dr Jinap Selamat (*Tokoh Akademik*)
6. Ahmad Tarmizi Mohammed (*Tokoh Penyelidikan dan Inovasi*)
7. Abd Adziz Hassan (*Tokoh Keusahawanan*)



Executive Committee Members (2018-2020)

(From left): Sa'odah Hj. Junit, Md Yasin Ab Hamid, Musbahudin Kassim, Masitah Arsad (Secretary), Dr Ibrahim Mohamed (Chairman), Azizan Ahmad (Vice-Chairman), Kamarudin Ab Rahman (Treasurer). (Not in the photo): Abas Ramli and Normah Ibrahim



The Ruby Jubilee Homecoming Dinner 2015, MAEPS Bistro, Serdang

8. Ahmad Fuad Hj Morad (*Anugerah Khas Pencapaian Warga Emas*)
9. Musbahudin Kassim (*Anugerah Khas Pencapaian Warga Emas*)
10. Mura Kadir (*Anugerah Khas Jubli Delima*)
11. Normah Ibrahim (*Anugerah Khas Jubli Delima*)
12. Muhamad Shaari/Khamsiyah Hj Yahya (*Anugerah Khas Jubli Delima*)

3. Giving Recognition and Keeping the "Serdang Sun" Spirit Alive

A cultivar of hibiscus flower was registered and given the name of "Mentari Serdang" (Serdang Sun) as a dedication to the Class of '75, dubbed "the Last Serdang Sons" by a member of Class 75, Mohd Zulkifli Mohd Zainudin (Vice Chairman, 2016-2018).

The name "Mentari Serdang" was later adopted by Class of '75 for its two award schemes namely "Anugerah Mentari Serdang" awarded to members of "Persatuan Alumni UPM 1975" and "Anugerah Khas Mentari Serdang" to Alumni UPM-at-large on the basis of their personal achievements and/or meeting the criteria requirements drawn up by the Association's Special Committee.



Handing over Dana Wakaf Ilmu mock-cheque

The first recipient of "Anugerah Khas Mentari Serdang 2015" was Mohd Zulkifli Mohd Zainudin for his effort in growing and registering "Mentari Serdang" cultivar.

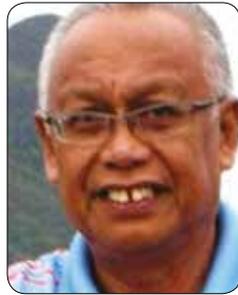
Anugerah Khas Mentari Serdang 2016

Azami Husin (LDP'74)
(*Khidmat Bakti Kepada "The Last Kopeks"*)

Anugerah Mentari Serdang 2016

- Abd Adziz Hassan (*Usahawan Jaya*)
- Zamani Ab Wahid (*Khidmat Masyarakat*)
- Prof Dr Rahmattullah Khan (*Khidmat Masyarakat Antarabangsa*)
- Rohana Hussin (*Tokoh Kepimpinan Pendidikan*)

Mohd Zulkifli Mohd Zainudin
The Grower and The “Registrar”
of “Mentari Serdang”



“Mentari Serdang”
(a Hibiscus cultivar)
obtained from “Milree
Park” (pod parent)
and “Tahitian Autumn
Odyssey” (pollen
parent)



Recipients of *Anugerah Mentari Serdang* 2017

Anugerah Mentari Serdang 2017

- Abd Aziz Abu Bakar
(Tokoh Perladangan)
- Azizan Ahmad
(Tokoh Perbankan), (Tokoh Rekabentuk dan Alam Senibina)
- Prof Dr Mustafa Kamal Mohd Shariff
- Prof Madya Zainul Hakim Mohd Zain
- Prof Madya Wan Ahmad Halawah Wan Hariri

Anugerah Khas Mentari Serdang 2017

(Khidmat Bakti Kepada Alumni UPM Kelas 75)

- Tan Sri Dato’ Dr Mohd Noor Ismail
(Ex-Deputy Vice Chancellor, UPM)
- Hj Ghazali Selamat (Secretary General PAUPM)

4. Recognition and Acknowledgement

Alumni Centre UPM (ACUPM) selected Class of '75 as one of the recipients of “Chapter Alumni Lestari 2017” at a lunch event on 20th May 2017.

In a Homecoming Dinner held in Nov 2014, in conjunction with “Sirih Pulang ke Gagang VIII”, Dr Ibrahim Mohamed received “Anugerah Apresiasi 2014” award.

5. Tradition of Giving Back to Alma Mater

Formation of TAKWA'75 Fund

TAKWA'75 (Tabung Amal Kebajikan Warga Alumni 1975) is a charity fund runs by Kelas '75 to help its members and the less fortunate.

It was launched by YBhg Tan Sri Dato’ Dr Mohd Nor Ismail during the 4th Annual General Meeting of Persatuan Alumni UPM 1975 in 2017.

Students Sponsorship via WAZAN

To date, five UPM students are being sponsored by TAKWA'75 at RM 1,000.00 per student per semester which will run until May 2020. The fund is collected by TAKWA'75 from both the alumni and public and given to the recipients through WAZAN on a semester basis.

6. 2018 and Beyond

Class of '75 will continue with its efforts to serve and give back base on its motto “Bersatu Berbakti” or “Unite to Serve” to its four target groups, namely, the *Alma Mater*, the “parent” Association, PAUPM, its members and the Community-at-large.

“May Allah Show the Way and Blessed Our Effort”



From left: Normah Ibrahim, Masitah Arsad, Dr Ibrahim Mohamed, Radzi Abdullah (Director Islamic Centre), Ghazali Selamat (Sec-Gen PAUPM), Dr Mohd Bakri Hj. Ishak (Former Director ACUPM), Ab Rahim Hassan (LDP'74), Kamarudin Ab Rahman, Mohd Zulkifli Mohd Zainudin



Recipients of TAKWA'75 Student Fund (recommendation through WAZAN)

Dr. Saidon Amri: A Game Changer of Malaysia Rugby Sports for the **“The Thinking Athletes”**

Writer: Baharuddin Mohd. Shah
(Alumni Class 1984)

Rugby may not be the more popular sport among most Malaysians in the past, unlike soccer and badminton. It is rarely played in open areas and thus being considered exclusive and enjoyed only by the selected few. However, now it is gaining traction among the youth as evident from the huge numbers of spectators turning up to watch rugby tournaments being played by many young players at regional and national levels. Principally, this may be due to the efforts made by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), UPM Alumni Association, UPM Alumni Centre and Malaysia rugby clubs and enthusiasts to promote the sport at the grassroots level. Among the dedicated staff behind this promotion drive, one name will always come to the fore. He is none other than Associate Professor Dr Saidon Amri, a kinesiology specialist by training. He is one of the aspirants and inspiration-movers in the advancement and popularity of the sport nationally and the man behind the numerous achievements of UPM Serdang Angels team at national and international levels.

him renewed opportunity to continue promoting the game. It was more evident when he was appointed the Principal, first, the Twelfth Residential College, followed by the Sultan Alaeddin Suleiman Shah Residential College (KOSASS) and finally, the Second Residential College.

Serdang Angels rugby team has always a special place in his heart. Not only was he a player, he was also instrumental in making it a great rugby team again, befitting its long history and traditions.

The “Serdang Team” started playing the game seriously when the “College XV” joined the Selangor Rugby

Dr. Saidon Amri, hailed from Ipoh, Perak became passionate with rugby when he joined *Sekolah Dato Abdul Razak*, Seremban, one of the top rugby-playing residential schools in the country. The love for the game grew when he enrolled into UPM in 1978 for his diploma and subsequently, bachelor degree courses and continued to play the game. Needless to say, he became one of the key players for the university team. Even though he went for his post-graduate studies at Michigan State University, USA in 1995, he still kept in touch with the game. Upon his return, he was made a physical education and sports science lecturer, thus giving



Serdang Angels rugby team has always a special place in his heart. Not only was he a player, he was also instrumental in making it a great rugby team again, befitting its long history and traditions.

Union in 1959. A big boost came when D.M. Ellison, a New Zealand All Blacks enthusiast joined the teaching staff and became a coach in 1964. He, assisted by Wan Che Keong and Tan See Yock, rebuilt the team and it became a force to be reckoned with in the late 60's and early 70's and known for its strong and robust play. When UPM came into existence during the 1973/74 academic year, the team was renamed "Serdang Angels" by its captain, Abdul Khalid Mohd Hassan (Alumni '74). The name seemed to downplay its "fierceness" and "ferocious" outlook but without losing its true fighting spirit within. The second team was known as "Serdang Wolf". Subsequently, a team comprising students and staff was registered as "Serdang Devils" in order to be able to play in the second-tier Selangor Rugby League. Eventually, Serdang Angels team was considered synonymous and on par with the leading rugby teams in the country, such as Cobra and RMAF Blackhawk. Not unexpectedly, a pool of former players decided to keep the rugby legacy going even after leaving the *alma mater* and hence formed the Ex-Angels Rugby Club in order to be still a part of the UPM Rugby fraternity.

Unfortunately, at the turn of the century Malaysia rugby game lost some of its lustre. However, it could have been fated as a blessing in disguise, for some. Between 2010-2014, UPM was given a mammoth task by the MOE to turn this situation around. It was made the Centre of Excellence for Rugby sport of the nation. The main task of the Centre was to ensure that at least 30% of the national rugby team players should consist of tertiary students and be part of "The Thinking Athletes". MOE would provide the funding for the project and UPM was to offer the know-how and facilities. The Chairman of the Centre Technical Committee was the then Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd. Fauzi Ramlan. Whereas, the Implementing Officer was Associate Professor Dr. Saidon Amri. The team then worked on several strategies to carry-out the tasks set by MOE.

The main strategy was to bring in good players or those with potential, from rugby-playing schools. Dr. Saidon and his team scouted for talents at rugby tournaments and sport meets. The University offered them attractive incentives to study in UPM, such as good sport facilities, proper and systematic specialised trainings, flexible entry points into UPM, scholarships (by the Ministry), and less restrictive academic schedule. However, he would never compromised on quality, both mentally and



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physically. He believed rugby is a character building sport. A person must have both the hardware i.e. physical skills and the software namely, discipline, hard work, good team player and a good moral values and respect to the authority.

Once enrolled, they became member of the Serdang Angels Rugby Club and also a member of the UPM Rugby Team. Serdang Angels is proud to have their entire players consisting of local tertiary students and thus fulfilling the main objectives of MOHE. However, there was no stopping other rugby clubs in Malaysia in engaging foreign players into their teams.

Having the players in place, Dr.Saidon ensured that the sport facilities and training programmes were up to-date. Rugby fields and Rugby Club Building were made available to the rugby team. Good external rugby trainers and available former Serdang Angels players were enlisted to assist in training. Students were also given overseas stints in terms of training and participation in tournaments. Some went to New Zealand, France and Spain.

The welfare of the players were also given special attention. The Sports Department of the Faculty of Educational Studies did a study on their nutrition needs as well as the physical and motivational psychological aspects in playing the game.

In running the Centre, Dr. Saidon also ensured that the Secretariat was well structured with specialised tasks. Among them were, personnel taking care of the Club and field maintenance and facilities, the competition schedules, the training programmes, and the financial and administrative aspects. The functions of the Secretariat became more crucial when the Centre conducted centralised trainings for the students and other participants. These were conducted to avoid students from missing too many classes during normal lecture hours. Despite all the arrangements, there were students who had to skip academic programmes and thus graduating later than scheduled. The results and



outcome of the efforts and sacrifices were there for those involved with the programme to savour. In 2016, Serdang Angels became the champion in the Premier League Rugby National Tournament.

The following show some tournaments that some Serdang Angels players took part and the spin-off benefit as Malaysian rugby moves to the next stage:

1. The 2017 SEA Games, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2. The 2018 Commonwealth Game in Gold Coast, Australia.
3. The 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta/ Palembang, Indonesia.
4. Serdang Angels players participated in Championship tournaments in South Korea, Hong Kong, Paris (France) and Jakarta (Indonesia) as part of the national team.
5. Malaysia rugby team was the Champion in the Division One Asia Rugby tournaments in 2016 and 2017.
6. Malaysia rugby team world ranking has improved to 47th.





7. Many rugby players came to UPM for specialised trainings.
8. Some of ex-Serdang Angels were prominent coaches of Serdang Angels and other rugby clubs.

Future Hopes and Aspirations on Malaysian Rugby

Dr. Saidon Amri envisaged greater popularity of the rugby sport in the future and it will definitely be part of the Malaysian culture. He also hopes that all government-related agencies,

such as UPM, MOE, Sports Schools, Colleges, Universities and UPM Alumni will continue to support and promote the game at all levels. He is confident that there are many others who feel strongly for the game and will likewise work tirelessly to ensure the game receive strong support from sport-loving Malaysians. Positively, Dr. Saidon is insistent that with the training, hard work, discipline and the willingness to sacrifice, one would be able to raise the rugby sport to the next level of excellence.

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Empowering Young Staff to Help Shape the Future & Directions of Universiti Putra Malaysia

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THE recognition of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) as one of the top public research universities in Malaysia was elevated by its recent world ranking published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) in June 2018. In World University Rankings for 2018-2019, UPM was placed 202, upped 27 notches from 229 in 2017.

This ranking marked UPM's fifth consecutive rise since 2013. This achievement reflected the efforts of all the university staff, including its young staff that led to UPM's highest recognition in history since it was first established as the School of Agriculture in 1931. According to the Registrar Office of UPM, until June 2018, the number of young staff aged of 30 years and under is 550. This represented approximately 9.6 percent of 5738 staff in UPM.

Empowering young staff as a key resource for institutional success has been a vision led and supported by the Malaysian Youth Policy (MYP 2015). Recently, the government has formally outlined a new definitional age range for youth, reducing the age range from 15 to 40 years old, to 15 up to 30 years. In line with the vision to become a developed nation, this new age range is to provide an opportunity for individual to assume leadership roles and expedite the maturity process. Redefining the age range of Malaysian youth is the key effort to empower and maximize the potential of their skills, morals and character, which is equivalent to the international standard. In this regard, it is a comprehensive initiative that includes all youth groups and priority areas as the pillars for the youth identity and human capital development.

The Power of Youth - Building a Better UPM

Many years ago, UPM has been distinguished as a proud leading agriculture institution in Malaysia. Today offers a different story: UPM now has admirably transformed itself into a multidisciplinary institution, while maintaining its core identity as the leading agriculture institution. Under UPM Strategic Plan 2014-2020, UPM wishes to maintain in the current pathways to reach its target to become one of the top 200 world universities by 2020. One of the ways is UPM must be committed to develop and nurture the passion and energy of its young staff as their development will contribute to the sustainability of UPM as a prestigious university. The continual guiding of young leaders, if not well planned and executed, may cause the young leaders not to be able to cope with the existing university development process.

Nowadays, the expectations on young staff in an organization are to be active, energetic, creative and enthusiastic. These expectations play an important role in modern revolution of education especially in higher academic institution. UPM Strategic Plan can be the base and guidance to the sustainable development of young staff to the core strategies outlined by eight strategic areas. Through the fourth strategic area (management and talent



development), UPM should focus on the development of young staff to continue the legacy of the future leadership. Effort should be made to provide a platform for more accessibility for young staff to communicate, to share their ideas openly and to accept changes, thus be motivated to participate in the future development of their organization. Young staff in UPM should have equal access to a good exposure and opportunity for career advancement. Promoting and supporting the potentials of young staff can help increase UPM visibility worldwide especially in the aspects of teaching, learning, research and innovation.

Young academic and non-academic staff can seek opportunities to work with a diverse group of people across different field, culture and nationality. There are various platforms and resources within UPM that can help strengthen the potential and contribution of the young staff. The Centre for Academic Development (CADE) for example, is committed to help young academicians channel their needs, experiences, and contributions towards their career development through series of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs. The young academics should be nurtured and trained to unfold their potentials in the three basic cores of academicians, that is, quality teaching, strong research culture and high impact community services. Therefore, the

Professional Partnership Ecosystem (PPE) between young members and their seniors should be made relevant in building a better higher academic environment and also nurturing young non-academics professional staff through exchange skills, knowledge and understanding.

Strengthening Youth Potential in UPM through Young Staff Empowerment Ecosystem

UPM is always aware of the current environment and has developed a variety of initiatives and programs that are able to mould a dynamic, charismatic and progressive young generation including providing a holistic performance monitoring and Key Performance Indicator (KPI) measurement. An understanding of the empowerment ecosystem in influencing the development of young staff is useful to help cultivate the youth potentials to support an institutional development. UPM as an academic institution has its own aspiration; to be a university of international repute through creating meaningful contributions towards wealth creation, nation building and universal human advancement through the exploration and dissemination of knowledge. Therefore, this empowerment ecosystem model is about building productive relationships between the young (mentee) and the senior (mentor).

Campus Portraits

Dr. Siti Aqlima bt. Ahmad, a senior lecturer from the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences, UPM, is one of the examples of how a mentor, can play a major role in her undeniable success. She is one of the Polar scientists in Malaysia that had successfully carried out sampling, isolation and characterization of hydrocarbon-degrading bacteria in an Antarctic soil culminating in diesel biodegradation within five weeks. Her success in providing extensive knowledge on the biodiversity of the Antarctic soil and potential use of psychrotrophic bacteria in treating hydrocarbon-contaminated site, is an invaluable contribution to conservation in the Antarctica region.

In youth-adult partnership ecosystem, both young and senior must act in the capacity of a mentee and a mentor, respectively. They must both be genuinely wanting to learn and share with one another. Mentoring has a profound impact not only on mentees, but also mentors. A good example is shown by the close and long link between Prof. Datin Paduka Dato' Dr. Aini Ideris, Vice Chancellor UPM and her mentors, Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim and Emeritus Professor Dato' Dr. Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman that put her where she is today. She in returned is a mentor to Prof. Dr. Mohamad Hair Bejo, Dean Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, who received the Merdeka Award 2018 in the Health, Science and Technology category in September 2018. The award conferred to Prof. Dr Hair is for his outstanding contribution and instrumental role in advancing efforts towards sustainable food production through the development and commercialization of vaccines in treating Gumboro disease that benefits the poultry industry in Malaysia and internationally.

Youth-Adult Partnerships (Y-AP) concept in higher institution can be achieved by a high level of freedom given to young staff with guidance by the seniors. It is often synonymously

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associated with meaningful and active participation of young staff in the university governance and administrative procedures. Young staff have positive perceptions of higher institution and clear expectations in mind of what institutions should provide to nurture their potentials and enhance their career advancement. The negative perceptions and capabilities of young staff can be diminished if and when the ecosystem in UPM encourages youth-adult partnership.

However, the Y-AP ecosystem is not a typical development in UPM; the



university must specifically design and strategise the empowerment of its young staff to work with their senior staff to achieve the aspiration of the university. Apart from that, UPM needs to inculcate a culture of inclusive environment where both the young and seniors are accepted equally as contributors to the growth and development of UPM. An open supportive academic and educational environment may encourage and strengthen the collaboration between young and seniors where the mutual relationship exists at all levels within the institution. For example, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Saripan, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International) won the Outstanding Young Malaysian Award in the Medical Innovation category at Kuala Lumpur World Innovation Forum 2013 at the age of 32 because UPM has a successful specialised supportive Y-AP ecosystem in placed. There are many benefits in empowering young staff like closes the knowledge gap, empowers emerging and established leaders and brings different generations closer together. Senior staff may learn current technology and new innovation from the younger person and the young ones can benefit from the expertise and experiences of the senior.

The writer's own personal experience, being mentored by Associate Prof. Dr. Ismi Arif Ismail (Deputy Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of

Educational Studies), undoubtedly revealed that when mentor and mentee are engaged formally or informally, the mentorship experience and relationship affect psychosocial support, career guidance, role modeling and communication. Further, in the field of Extension Education and Youth Development, the tradition was passed down as Dr. Ismi Arif Ismail was mentored Prof. Dr. Turiman Suandi who in turned was mentored by Emeritus Prof. Dr. Azimi Hamzah. The potential and benefits through cooperation of young and senior staff in the governance of the university will add value to UPM credibility from time to time.

Youth-Adult partnership concept also leads to positive self-development for the young staff (and change the stereotypical images of new comers) as well as provide the opportunity to participate actively in the activities of the university. In the meantime, young staff need to explore and deepen their understanding on the future direction of UPM so that they can work together to deliver the mission, vision and value of UPM. This cooperation and coexistence is in tandem with the aspiration of the university to embrace lifelong learning for the development of a knowledgeable society and to provide the interaction and guidance to the young staff thus shaping the future and directions of UPM.

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Highlights of Alumni Activities January-August 2018

TRACE BRIDGES-LINK @ZON SELATAN

6-9 Jan 2018 - Johor

ACUPM opens the calendar of alumni activities 2018 with the second series of TRACE-Bridges Link @Zon South in Johor. It's 4-day programme typically leverages alumni networks to maintain a long-lasting relationship, exchanges expertise and also delivers the message on the importance of alumni to support UPM's Putra Global 200. The ACUPM delegation also visited Department of Forestry, Department of Veterinary Services, *Lembaga Kemajuan Johor Tenggara* (KEJORA), Department of Environment, Dato' Bunawan Sagi, Owner Pam Station (Alumni Class of 1997); Mr. Yusaini Ali, Managing Director, Dapor Warisan (Alumni Class of 1992) and Mr. Abd Hamid Hussin, Owner Durian Farm (Alumni Class of 1979) for *Temu Mesra Alumni* in order to strengthen their linkages with UPM alumni and share the *alma mater's* updates with them. ACUPM also organised *Majlis Mesra Alumni* UPM at the *Restoran Dapor Warisan* with the participation of 20 UPM alumni industry.



PLANTATION COLLOQUIUM SERIES FOR 2018

15-16 Jan 2018 - Explore Training Centre, Kajang

NO.	DATE	TITLE	REMARKS
1	15 & 16 JAN 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	EFFICIENCY IN PALM OIL MILLING	3 DAYS
2	5 & 6 FEB 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	COCONUT CULTIVATION & MANAGEMENT	2 DAYS
3	12 & 13 MAR 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	OL PALM AGRONOMIC & WATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR HIGH YIELD	2 DAYS
4	9 & 10 APRIL 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	MANAGING OIL PALM PLANTATION FOR HIGH PRODUCTIVITY	2 DAYS
5	7 & 8 MAY 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	OL PALM MINERAL NUTRITION & FERTILIZER INPUTS FOR HIGH YIELD	2 DAYS
6	9 & 10 JULY 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	OL PALM PLANTING MATERIAL FOR HIGH YIELD	2 DAYS
7	6 & 7 AUG 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	PESTS & DISEASES OF OIL PALM AND CONTROL MANAGEMENT	2 DAYS
8	2 & 4 SEPT 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	PRACTICAL APPROACH TO PLANTATION MECHANISATION	2 DAYS
9	8 & 9 OCT 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	SOILS AND SOIL FERTILITY MANAGEMENT IN PLANTATION	2 DAYS
10	5 & 6 NOV 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	PRACTICAL APPROACH TO OIL PALM REPLANTING	2 DAYS
11	10 & 11 DEC 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	OL PALM - THE ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY	2 DAYS

One Day Course
 - RM 250.00 PER PERSON
 - RM 270.00 (UPM ALUMNI)
 - RM 190.00 (STUDENT)

Two Day Course
 - RM 500.00 PER PERSON
 - RM 480.00 (UPM ALUMNI)
 - RM 320.00 (STUDENT)

* Fees are inclusive of lodging, meals, transport, insurance, and certificate of attendance.





ESTABLISHMENT OF ALUMNI STATE CHAPTERS, JOHOR ALUMNI CHAPTER

15 Jan 2018 - Dapor Warisan, Johor

A ceremony to officiate the setting-up of the Johor Alumni Chapter took place in conjunction with a dinner organised by a group of alumni within the vicinity of Johor Baru. A total of 40 UPM alumni were present. The programme was also attended by the President, YAM Dato' Seri DiRaja Syed Razlan Jamalullail and two Exco members namely, Haji Zainal Abidin Yahya and Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed. YBhg Datuk Bunawan Sogi (Alumni 1977) was nominated the President of Johor Alumni Chapter.



TEH TARIK & CHAT ALUMNI INDUSTRY SERIES I

17 Jan 2018 - Marriot Hotel, Putrajaya

Teh Tarik & Chat Alumni Industry was organised by the ACUPM as a platform to exchange views and ideas in order to further expand the network and collaborative efforts among the UPM Alumni in general. In addition, there was a prospect collaboration briefing by the Director of Industry Relations and Networks (CirNeT), UPM. His briefing includes the roles and function of in establishing the relationship with potential industry partners in order to intensify strategic collaboration with UPM. Such relations have opened up opportunities for the implementation of various student development programmes, student internships, lectures/ career opportunities, consultation work, contract research projects and other cooperations that created added value to UPM and industry partnerships.



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AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY 2050: SEMINAR & WORKSHOP

23 Jan 2018 - Auditorium Rashdan Baba,
Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and
Innovation), UPM

Responding to the Government's National Transformation Programme 2050 (TN50), a seminar and workshop entitled "Agriculture and Food Security 2050" was organised jointly by the Alumni Association of Universiti Putra Malaysia (PAUPM), the Institute of Tropical Agriculture and Food Security (ITAFoS) of UPM and the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI). The event was officiated by YB Dato' Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry.

A keynote address was delivered by Mr. Rahul Vashista, the Director of Corporate Management of Nestlé Food Division. Over 150 participants attended the Seminar and Workshop and a total of seven technical papers covering various topics were presented. Following the seminar, a round-table/round-robin (rotaro) session was conducted to further discuss the chosen topics. Exhibition on food- and agriculture-related research programmes from the Faculty of Agriculture UPM, the Institute of Social Sciences UPM (IPSAS), and several invited agencies was also held to attract more visitors. The Seminar and Workshop received sponsorship from Diversatech Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd and Sime Darby Plantation Malaysia.



TRACE CORPORATE IV

23-24 Jan 2018: MARDI Corporation, GWG Sdn. Bhd and Cuckoo
International (Mal) Sdn. Bhd

The programme organised by ACUPM includes activities such as sharing of the past and upcoming alumni events and emphasises the importance of alumni to continue giving their support, whatever they can, to the *alma mater*, in the latter's effort to achieve the position as the world's top 200 universities by the year 2020. The programme concluded with a dialogue session between alumni and ACUPM Management where valuable feedback was gathered on the way forward to further strengthen the linkages with alumni-*alma mater*.



TAUTAN UKHUWAH CHAPTER ALUMNI UPM BIMBINGAN DAN KAUNSELING' 94

3 Feb 2018 - Foyer, Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UPM

This gathering was part of Alumni Chapter outreach activity to members, to reignite the passion for the *alma mater* and strengthen bonding and friendship among members. Close to 20 alumni made their way to the gathering which was put together by the Chapter representative, Mrs. Noorzai Mohamad Nor, Head of Quality Management, Centre for Quality Assurance (COA).

Alumni were welcomed by Professor Dr. Hazandy Abdul Hamid, ACUPM Director. In his welcome speech, he made sincere remark that such gathering should be encouraged and emulated by other alumni chapters. He acknowledged all those people who worked so hard to make it a reality. The evening was filled with fun and excitements, some members rendered a few oldies while some took the opportunity to share their opinion on how Alumni UPM *Bimbingan & Kaunseling '94* Chapter could play its role actively and be successful in its future activities. As always, the event ended with a group photography session.



TRACE- BRIDGES LINK @ZON TIMUR

3-9 Feb 2018 - Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang

The programme achieved its objective to meet UPM alumni who are currently working in Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang in order to share UPM's recent development as well as to obtain feedback from them. There were 11 organisations; Politeknik Kota Bharu, RISDA Negeri Kelantan, MARDI Negeri Kelantan, Forestry Department Negeri Kelantan, Lembaga Kemajuan Terengganu Tengah (KETENGAH), RISDA Negeri Terengganu, Agriculture Department Negeri Terengganu, Forestry Department Negeri Terengganu, Wildlife Department Negeri Pahang, RISDA Negeri Pahang and Kolej Universiti Agsosains Malaysia took part in this programme.

In conjunction with the TRACE- Bridges Link @Zon Timur, ACUPM also organised *Malam Mesra Alumni UPM* at the Serai Lounge, FELDA Residence, Kuala Terengganu with the participation of 30 UPM alumni.



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FITNESS VIBES ALUMNI 2018

25 Feb 2018 - Dewan Besar, PKKSSAAS

Fitness Vibes Alumni 2018 would be organised by ACUPM in collaboration with UPM Sport Centre and University Health Centre. The main purpose of the programme was to strengthen bonding among alumni as well as to promote a healthy lifestyle among the community. Among the activities that would take place were the Colouring Contest, Street Soccer 3x3 and Fitness Dance.

ACUPM received 119 of colouring contest participation from kindergarten and primary school children who blew our judges away with their drawing and colouring skills. Team from Maestro FT became the winner of the Street Soccer 3x3 when they beat Valiant FT in the final. Meanwhile, Aero Dance became the winner of the Fitness Dance Contest.



PLANTATION COLLOQUIUM SERIES FOR 2018: COCONUT CULTIVATION AND MANAGEMENT

25-26 Feb 2018 - Explore Training Centre, Kajang

The coconut industry is one of the industries that can potentially contribute to the socio-economic income of the country, especially in the eradication of poverty among coconut farmers. In addition, the coconut industry is important to meet the needs of the fresh coconut industry and the country's processing as well as being able to generate new sources of growth such as the VCO industry. Thus, PAUPM together with Explore Agenda Sdn. Bhd held a colloquium on coconut plantation for the first time, in response to requests made by former participants.

This two-day programme is designed for estate managers, assistant managers, executives and staff of plantation companies and other agencies to learn more about the latest development of coconut cultivation and coconut cultivation management practices. Coconut cultivation is now seen as an important sector in the plantation industry as it is regarded as the second crop after oil palm. The colloquium is also a good platform for participants to discuss their experiences and exchange ideas on managing coconut farms in today's challenging environment. The colloquium received more than 20 participants from various plantation companies and Faculty of Agriculture, UPM.

TRACE CORPORATE SERIES V - MIROS

1 Mar 2018 - Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS)

The programme includes activities such as sharing of the past and upcoming alumni events and emphasises the importance of alumni to continue giving their support, whatever they can, to the *alma mater*, in the latter's effort to achieve the position as the world's top 200 universities by the year 2020. In addition, ACUPM Deputy Director, Mr. Husalshah Rizal Hussian expressed its appreciation and thanked all those involved in this programme, particularly to Mr. Saiful Nizam Mohd Nor, Head of Human Resource Management, MIROS for his cooperation in making this programme a success. The programme concluded with a dialogue session between alumni and ACUPM Management where valuable feedback was gathered on the way forward to further strengthen the linkages with alumni-*alma mater*.



TOWNHALL SESSION ALUMNI INDUSTRY: SERIES IV

8 Mar 2018 - Auditorium Radin Umar, Faculty of Engineering, UPM

The programme started with a welcoming speech by the Prof. Datin Paduka Dato' Dr. Aini Ideris, UPM Vice-Chancellor. This was followed by a forum with theme "*Aspirasi Alumni, Inspirasi Kejayaan*" by three panelists; Dato' Haji Haris Embong, Managing Director, Arisprop Holdings Sdn. Bhd., (Alumni Class 2000); Dr. Lim Ban Keong; Managing Director, Rhone Ma Holdings Berhad (Alumni Class 1997) and Mr. Zainudin bin Kamaruddin, Founder, KZ Empire Group (Alumni Class 2005).

The forum was moderated by Mrs. Noorizai Mohd. Noor, Head of Quality Management, Centre for Quality Assurance, (Alumni Class 1994) highlighted three core areas; memories during student's time, roles of alumni and the aspiration of alumni. The programme was also to ensure that alumni members will continue contributing towards the university and remain close to each other as well as their *alma mater*.



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ALUMNI SHARING KNOWLEDGE @UPM

8 Mar 2018 - Mini Auditorium, Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UPM and Faculty of Agriculture

Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) is an opportunity for UPM students and alumni to share and talk about career fields, lectures, internships, volunteer activities, and other experiences during and beyond UPM. There were seven (7) alumni have been invited to be speakers for this programme; Mr. Mohd Khairil Hisham Mohd Ashaari (Alumni Class 1993), Mr. Lim Chin Khee, *Saliran Mampas Sdn Bhd* (Alumni Class 1999), Mrs. Syireen Rose, *Peachen & Pen* (Alumni Class 2000), Mr. Noor Shahiwan Ismail, *Sucrox Solar Malaysia* (Alumni Class 2009), Mr. Muhammad Adli Salihin, Department of Agriculture (Alumni Class 2000), Mr. Shukor Ahmad, *Sinar Shukrawie Sdn. Bhd.* (Alumni Class 1999) and Mr. Zulhazri Azmi, *IQP Solution* (Alumni Class 2006).



COURTESY VISIT BY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO MEET HRH, THE ROYAL CHANCELLOR

13 Mar 2018 - Istana Alam Shah, Bandar DiRaja Klang

Four Exco Members of Persatuan Alumni UPM (PAUPM) led by YAM Dato' Seri DiRaja Syed Razlan Jamallulail, the President, conducted a courtesy visit to meet with His Royal Highness (HRH) the Royal Chancellor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj Ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj. During the meeting, HRH Tuanku emphasised, among others, that he wanted to see PAUPM becomes the best alumni association in Malaysia. It should also be willing to extend its activities beyond the regional boundaries and create platform to interact with other international alumni associations. Consequently, he felt that PAUPM should have a strong and stable financial position to carry out its activities. HRH Tuanku also expressed his readiness to assist in any fund-raising activities to establish an endowment fund or a building fund for the Association.



PAUPM GOLF CHALLENGE 2018
14 Mar 2018 - Nilai Springs Golf & Country Club

The Alumni Association (PAUPM) organised the PAUPM Golf Challenge 2018, which was the second in the series. There were 140 participants (including eight special invitees and two UPM staff). The response was overwhelming, ranging from Alumni 1976 to Alumni 2000. The youngest participant was an alumnus of 2007. Individual championship was won by Amiruddin Ali (Alumni 1995) whilst Alumni 1975 was the Group Champion. The tournament offered more than 100 prizes including 30 lucky draws.



PERAK ALUMNI CHAPTER

20 Mar 2018 - Koperasi Perumahan Melayu Kinta Bhd, Ipoh Perak

Four PAUPM Exco members had a meeting with invited members of Perak alumni, with the aim of forming Perak Alumni Chapter. More than 30 alumni were present. Haji Abu Bakar bin Hashim (Alumni '74) was duly elected President and nine others were appointed Committee Members.



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ALUMNI MEDIKPUTRA ASSOCIATION DINNER "GALA NIGHT" 2018

31 Mar 2018 - Hotel Royale Chulan, Bukit Bintang Kuala Lumpur

Alumni Medikputra Association of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UPM first Gala Dinner was organised by its Alumni Batch 17. The event attracted more than 22 batches of medical doctors. The Faculty produced their first batch in 2001. YAM Dato' Seri DiRaja Syed Razlan Jamalullail, President of PAUPM delivered a speech to officiate the dinner. The Alumni Medikputra Association was launched on 28 February 2018 with the main aim to create close relationships between UPM's medical doctors and to provide a platform to exchange ideas, views, and information.



SHOWCASE JALINAN ALUMNI UPM @ZOO TAIPING SERIES II

1 Apr 2018 - Zoo Taiping, Perak

Alumni Centre and Zoo Taiping remained committed in organising the Showcase *Jalinan* Alumni UPM @ Zoo Taiping and Night Safari as one of the community programmes to establish alumni-community relationships around Taiping, Perak. There were various activities and competitions had been successfully organised such as Fitness Dance, Treasure Hunt and Colouring Contests. In this program, tree-planting programme was also being implemented to preserve the environment. This programme was a platform that could help instill the awareness for the environment among alumni UPM, students as well as the community. This showcase had seen the involvement of more than 300 participants among alumni, student and community.



WORKSHOP ON BASAL STEM ROT (BSR) OF OIL PALM

16-17 Apr 2018 - Mini Auditorium, Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UPM and Sime Darby Plantation Academy, Pulau Carey, Selangor

Yayasan Pak Rashid UPM had successfully organised Workshop on Basal Stem Rot (BSR) of Oil Palm with objectives to create awareness on current development and status of Basal Stem Rot disease of oil palm, to provide a platform for participants to share and exchange ideas on detection and management of BSR and to promote development of multidisciplinary knowledge in the management of Basal Stem Rot. The two-day workshop was officiated by YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Mohd Noor Ismail, Board of Trustees Yayasan Pak Rashid UPM. Four speakers were invited; Dr. Nusaibah Syed Ali, Faculty of Agriculture, UPM, Prof. Dr. Mohamed Hanafi Musa, Faculty of Agriculture, UPM, Dr. Idris Abu

Seman, Head of Ganoderma and Disease Research for Oil Palm Unit, Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB) and Dr. Ahmad Radhizlan Rosli, Head of Plant Pathology Unit, Crop Protection Department Plant Health Division, FGV Research & Development Sdn. Bhd. About 50 participants were present for the workshop from palm oil companies such as PT. Sawit Sumbermas Sarana Indonesia, IOI Plantation Sdn. Bhd., FELDA, PPB Oil Palms Berhad, Achi Jaya Plantation Sdn. Bhd. and others. The workshop also conducted a field visit at the Sime Darby Plantations Academy, Pulau Carey, Selangor.



PAUPM ORGANISED MEETING AND GET TO KNOW SESSION WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (UPMISA)

17 Apr 2018 - UPM Alumni Association Office, TNC (R&D) Building.

The President of UPM Alumni Association (PAUPM) welcomed the international students and briefed them on the roles and activities carried out by PAUPM. The meeting objective was to provide platform for bonding and networking between UPMISA and PAUPM. It is hoped that the former would encourage and help many more UPM International students to form their own Alumni Chapters.

Highlights

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (PAUPM) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

21 Apr 2018 - Auditorium Rashdan
Baba, Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Research and Innovation), UPM

a) A total of 75 members attended the Meeting.

The President, Dato' Seri DiRaja Syed Razlan Jamalullail in his speech mentioned that PAUPM is working towards having its own Association Building which was also highlighted by HRH the Royal Chancellor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj and fully supported by Prof Datin Paduka Dato' Dr Aini Ideris, the Vice-Chancellor. It is hoped that the Building will become the landmark for UPM Alumni as well as providing facilities to enhance and upgrade alumni networking and interactions.

b) Keynote Address - "Halatuju UPM dan Peranan Alumni dalam Kecemerlangan Universiti" by YBhg Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Anuar Ali, Chairman of UPM Board of Directors

The Keynote Address was delivered prior to the AGM and was aimed to outline the future direction of *alma*



mater and the roles by alumni in working together towards achieving the goals set out. The talk provided an opportunity to getting-to-know the Chairman more closely as well as sharing the views and ideas regarding the vision and direction of the University. Question and answer session followed the proceedings.

c) Signing Ceremony of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU's)

- i) Bestari Serdang Sdn Bhd (BSSB) and Felda
Felda agrees to purchase coconut seedlings from Bestari Serdang Sdn Bhd (a business subsidiary wholly-owned by PAUPM) in their planned programme to introduce coconut planting to the Felda settlers as an alternative crop to rubber.
- ii) BSSB and Astana Puteh
Astana Puteh is a partner in restaurant business to BSSB and has agreed to manage and operate the Putra Garden Café which is located within the Faculty of Agriculture, UPM. It is targeted to open for business in January 2019.





TRACE @MAURITIUS
27 Apr 2018 - Mauritius

Alumni Centre continues its TRACE programme at Port Louis, Mauritius in conjunction with Putra Coco @Mauritius programme that was organised by the Co-curriculum and Student Development Centre. The programme included activities such as sharing of the past and upcoming events and promoting the importance of alumni to support the aspirations of UPM's PG200. An officiating ceremony for setting up the UPM International Mauritius Alumni Chapter was held at the Euro Vacances Hotel, Beau Bassin, Mauritius with a total of 20 alumni attended the ceremony. The programme concluded with a dialogue session between alumni and further strengthen the linkages with alumni-*alma mater*.



AN-EVENING WITH UPM ALUMNI CHAPTER
5 May 2018 - Mini Auditorium, Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UPM

Alumni Centre hosted An-evening with UPM Alumni Chapters to establish strategic networking with the Alumni Chapters in order to increase fund for the *Tabung Kebajikan Sumbangan Pelajar UPM RM10 Juta*. The event started with opening speech by the Director of Alumni Centre, Prof. Dr. Hazandy Abdul Hamid, followed by Alumni Passion and Campassion presentation from Deputy Director, Mr. Husalshah Rizal Hussian. Both alumni chapters and Alumni Centre are looking forward to future collaboration to benefit students. Approximately 20 alumni chapters such as INTAN 90's, Canselor College, Biotech attended the event.



Highlights



REUNION EX-DIPLOMA SCIENCE UPM CLASS OF 1983/84 5 May 2018 - Foyer Dewan Taklimat, Chancellery Building

Ex-Diploma Science UPM, Class of 1983/84 for the first time had an alumni gathering in the UPM. There were 120 participants who attended the luncheon. Our guests of honour was Director of UPM Alumni Centre, Prof. Dr. Hazandy Abdul Hamid. They had such good response from everyone. The event started off with a brief welcoming speech from the Chairperson followed by alumni engagement session. There were goodies bags for every participant with a special gift to commemorate this special event. In addition, there were performances by the alumni, lucky draws with attractive prizes as well as a donation for *Tabung Sumbangan Kebajikan Pelajar UPM* RM10 Juta. Overall, it was a fabulous event and a great opportunity to be re-connected to our alumni again.



TAUTAN MAHABBAH "IHSAN ASAS KECEMERLANGAN ALUMNI UPM"

11 May 2018 - Masjid Universiti Putra Malaysia

ACUPM in cooperation with Pusat Islam Universiti and PAUPM organised *Tautan Mahabbah* (Thanks giving Ceremony) as one of the programmes to commemorate this annual celebration of UPM Alumni Day-21 May. A talk by Da'i Syafiqah entitled "*Ihsan Asas Kecemerlangan Alumni UPM*" was given the highlight followed by Doa Selamat and Tahlil. During the night, donations were also handed to orphans from *Pertubuhan Kebajikan dan Bimbingan At-Taqwa, Putra Perdana, Pusat Jagaan Mesra, Puchong* and needy students. During the programme, the launching of the *Karnival Ambang Ramadan* by Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Idrus, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UPM. Guests were served with a *Nasi Ambeng* at the end of the ceremony. Approximately 200 guests attended the event.





**PAUPM NEGERI SEMBILAN CHAPTER
12 May 2018 - Klana Resort, Seremban**

Four PAUPM Exco Members led by YAM President, Dato' Seri DiRaja Syed Razlan Jamalullail and Deputy President, Dato' Raihan Sharif, Hj. Zainal Abidin Yahya and Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed attended the launching of Negeri Sembilan Alumni Chapter. Hj Shamsul Bahri was elected President. Those present had luncheon together at the end of the inaugural meeting.



**APPRECIATION CEREMONY OF CHAPTER STUDENT AMBASSADOR (CSA) 2017/2018
12 May 2018 - Foyer Dewan Taklimat, Chancellery Building**

ACUPM hosted a ceremony honouring Chapter Student Ambassador (CSA) session 2017/2018. A certificate of appreciation was given to each student for their service and contributions for assisting ACUPM's programme.



Highlights

SERDANG HERITAGE "UTILISING ALUMNI POWER AS UPM'S STRENGTH"

12 May 2018 - Auditorium Radin Umar, Faculty of Engineering, UPM

ACUPM organised a Serdang Heritage Forum in conjunction with UPM Alumni Day on May 21 to commemorate the history of this research university's establishment and success in producing graduates in multiple areas of expertise and disciplines. This programme is recognised as one of the activities which is celebrated each year by alumni members, UPM staff and students to share their experiences and expertise to budding UPM alumnus.

Meanwhile, some 126 invited guests, including alumni and UPM students attended the Serdang Heritage Forum who watched and listened to the tedious yet remarkable journey taken by UPM alumni in acquiring knowledge and giving it back to the society during their university days, led by alumni icons Tuan Haji Ghazali Salamat, Honorary Secretary, PAUPM (Alumni Class 1970); Ir. Kumar Subramaniam, Director, SGTR Konsult Sdn. Bhd. (Alumni Class 1993); Miss Koh May Ling, Senior Analyst, Maybank Group (Alumni Class 2010) and Mr Mohd Nazri Noh, Head, TNC HEPA Office, UPM (Alumni Class 1996) as the moderator. A lively, entertaining story-telling about their experiences by three-panel members made the session more interesting, aptly in line with the theme of the forum which touched on the needs to equip oneself with strategic knowledge in order to meet current demand as well as to contribute towards the country's wealth and development.



ALUMNI UPM CLASS OF 75 ORGANISED FAMILY IFTAR

30 May 2018 - Ground Level, Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UPM

The all-in-the family *Iftar* welcomed alumni members, their children and even grandchildren to the function. The participations strengthened bonding among alumni and their families during the breaking of fast in Ramadan. Class of 75 also invited five UPM students under TAKWA'75 (*Tabung Amal Kebajikan Warga Alumni '75*) sponsorship programme as Special Guests. The students received a lot of encouragement and *doa* to do well in their studies. Ustaz Farouq Nukman bin Zamri from Islamic Centre UPM gave a Special Talk before breaking of fast and led the *Maghrib*, *Isya* and *Tarawih* prayers as well as Reading and *Tahlil*.



MAJLIS BERBUKA PUASA DAN SOLAT TARAWIH BERSAMA TUANKU CANCELOR UPM

1 June 2018 - Masjid Universiti Putra Malaysia

YAM President, Dato' Seri DiRaja Syed Razlan Jamalullail, and some Exco members attended *Iftar* and *Tarawih* prayers with HRH Tuanku Chancellor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj and the Royal Entourage. The event was organised by Universiti Putra Malaysia. The Director of UPM *Wakaf, Zakat dan Endowmen* Management Centre (WAZAN) Dr. Razali Othman and Dr. Hasnah Udin presented to HRH Tuanku Chancellor the *Wakaf* Special Project and the *Wakaf Teratak Pak Ngah Atan* with contributions worth RM654,814.97 and RM350,000.00 respectively. The event also saw the handing over of donations by the staff and members of the public towards the *Dana Wakaf Ilmu*. During the event DYT M Raja Muda Selangor Tengku Amir Shah was made the Royal Fellow of UPM. The letter was presented to His Highness by Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Anuwar Ali, Chairman, Board of Directors.



UPGRADING OF PUTRA GARDEN CAFÉ

7 June 2018 - Putra Garden Cafe

A survey session on the UPM Putra Garden Cafe upgrade project was held at Putra Garden Café's site. It is hoped that this joint venture project will help the University especially students and staff to enjoy the food and services offered at reasonable prices. The UPM Alumni will also be benefited from this upgrade project through the attractive privileges and discounts offered here. It is seen another attraction to the alumni to return to this beloved campus.

IFTAR ORGANISED BY THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (PAUPM) AND THE FACULTY OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

6 June 2018 - Dewan Seminar Al-Farabi, Faculty of Human Ecology, UPM



The Alumni Association (PAUPM) in collaboration with the Faculty of Human Ecology organised an *Iftar* event "Selambut Kasih Ramadan". Tan Sri Dato' Dr Mohd. Nor Ismail, the founder of KUPUTRA and Dato' Dr. Hashim Abd Wahab, member were present. The programme collected over RM5000 donations for food and cash assistance to 40 orphans from the *Pusat Baitul Uffah*, Shah Alam and 20 *asnaf* students from UPM.



Highlights



MAWADDAH RAMADAN

7 June 2018 - Putra Foodcourt, UPM

The project organised by ACUPM provided *Iftar* meals to 50 fasting students (*asnaf*) everyday. This beautiful tradition enables people to get closer and revitalizes the feelings of helping one another and of generosity, as well. Alumni Centre recorded its thanks to the donors; Total Eco Solutions, Geno Asia Sdn. Bhd., Kenangan Investment Sdn. Bhd., *Siantan Wangi* Sdn. Bhd., CLA Empire Sdn. Bhd., Bintara Solutions Sdn. Bhd., Dato' Rozalila Abdul Rahman and Chapter Ex-Diploma Science 82/83.

ALUMNI UPM CLASS OF 75 ORGANISED 3-IN-1 HARI RAYA CELEBRATION

30 June 2018 - Dewan Kenyalang, Second Residential College UPM

Alumni UPM Class of 75 organised this 3-in-1 function on a Saturday from 11.30 am until 2.30 p.m. The event incorporated a celebration, a homecoming to Second Residential College and a wedding reception to the newly wed fellow member of Class of 75, Sdr Rosali Bakar and his wife, Ku Suryani. About 50 participants came to the event.



TEH TARIK & CHAT RAYA ALUMNI INDUSTRY SERIES II

4 Jul 2018 - Tanera Hotel, Bangi

Teh Tarik & Chat Raya Alumni Industry Series II was organised by the ACUPM as a platform to exchange views and to further expand the network and collaborative efforts among the UPM Alumni. This programme opened up opportunities for the implementation of various student development programmes, student internships, lectures/ career opportunities, consultancy work, contract research projects and other cooperations that created added value to UPM and industry partnerships.





ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (PAUPM) HARI RAYA CELEBRATION 2018
6 Jul 2018 - Ground Level, Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), UPM

PAUPM and Alumni Centre UPM jointly organised the *Hari Raya* celebration 2018. The Friday evening event held along the corridor of the building had more than 500 alumni in attendance. They were treated with sumptuous spread of *Hari Raya* treats and lamb barbecue. There were also Lucky Draws, Best Dressed prize and Karaoke singing competition. The President, YAM Dato' Seri DiRaja Syed Razlan Jamalullail in his speech welcomed the alumni and expressed his wish that more will come forward to support activities and events organised by the Association in the future. The event continued until 10.00 p.m.



REUNION ALUMNI CLASS'78
14 Jul 2018 - Foyer Dewan Taklimat, Putra Chancellery Building

This reunion was part of Alumni Class'78 outreach activity to members, to reignite the passion for the *alma mater* and strengthen bonding and friendship among members. A total of 40 UPM alumni were present.



MAJLIS SILATURRAHIM SIRIH PULANG KE GAGANG ALUMNI KOLEJ KEEMPAT/ CANSOLOR UPM

21 Jul 2018 - Dewan Kolej Cansolor, UPM

The programme incorporated a Eid-Raya celebration and a reunion of the Canselor Residential College. A total of 40 UPM alumni were present.

Highlights

CHARITY FOOTBALL ALUMNI 4ASNAF

28 Jul 2018 - UPM Stadium

ACUPM in collaboration with Sport Centre UPM has successfully organised Charity Football Alumni 4Asnaf programme with Hot FM/Kool FM radio partner. *Sukan Sinar* and *Kampus Uols Sinar Harian* was chosen as a media partner for the programme. The football match between UPM Alumni and Hot FM & Kool FM team aims to strengthen the networking and cooperation within alumni through sports and increasing the fund of *Tabung Sumbangan Kebajikan Pelajar RM10 Juta*. Menteri Besar Selangor, YAB Amirudin Shari (Alumni Class of 2003) was also present for the opening ceremony and made a first kick as a symbolic before the game began. Artistes that were present at the programme were Tomok, Black, Akim, Haziq and Amar who were involved in football match against the UPM Alumni team. UPM Alumni have won this match with a 4-4 draw with penalty kicks. Alumni Centre also organised the Football Clinic in the morning to provide football exposure to the junior players.



MAJLIS BACAAN YASSIN, TAHLIL DAN DOA SELAMAT 2018

31 Jul 2018 - Masjid Universiti Putra Malaysia

Majlis Bacaan Yassin, Tahlil dan Doa Selamat organised by Class of 75 and facilitated by Islamic Centre UPM is an annual event. The objectives were to pray and recite *doa* for the dearly departed Alumni and family members and to offer prayers for a safe and successful pilgrimage to alumni and their families who were performing Hajj this year - may they be granted "*Haji Mabruur*". A total of 60 alumni members with their families attended the event. Also, the gathering made a small donation to UPM Mosque which was presented by Dr Ibrahim Mohamed, Chairman, Class of 75 to the Director of Islamic Centre, Mr. Mat Razi Abdullah..





**TRACE CORPORATE VI @BRIDGES-LINK SARAWAK
30 Jul-1 Aug 2018 - Kuching, Sarawak**

The programme organised by ACUPM achieved its objective to meet UPM alumni who are currently working in Kuching, Sarawak in order to share UPM's recent development as well as to obtain feedback from them. There were five organisations, namely, RISDA Negeri Sarawak, Department of Agriculture Sarawak, FELCRA Berhad Wilayah Sarawak, Politeknik Kuching Sarawak and Lembaga Lada Malaysia took part in this programme. Through this programme, ACUPM has managed to update personal details of 140 alumni. In conjunction with this programme, ACUPM also organised *Malam Mesra Alumni UPM* at the Palace Hotel & Suites, Kuching, Sarawak with the participation of 25 UPM alumni.



TRACE CORPORATE VII

14-15 Aug 2018 - Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Corporation (SWCorp Malaysia), Malaysian Tax Academy and National Higher Education Fund (PTPTN)

The programme organised by ACUPM includes activities such as sharing of the past and upcoming alumni events and emphasises the importance of alumni to continue giving their support, whatever they can, to the alma mater, in the latter's effort to achieve the position as the world's top 200 universities by the year 2020. The programme concluded with a dialogue session between alumni and ACUPM Management where valuable feedback was gathered on the way forward to further strengthen the linkages with alumni-alma mater.



UPCOMING EVENTS

(SEPT-DEC 2018)

ALUMNI CENTRE UPM (ACUPM)

4 OCT 2018

TOWNHALL SESSION ALUMNI INDUSTRY SERIES V

18 OCT 2018

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27 OCT -
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF UPM (PAUPM)

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5 - 6 NOV 2018

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