

THE UTARIAN

ISSUE 14

ALUMNI.UTAR.EDU.MY

FEATURES

- 38TH UTAR MARCH 2024 CONVOCATION
- ALUMNI GET TOGETHER WITH UTAR PRESIDENT
- TEA TALK SESSION
- UTAR CAREER DAY
- UTAR ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

DARP

+6016-2233 820

alumni@utar.edu.my



UTAR awarded Gold Award at Putra Aria Brand Awards 2023

UTAR was awarded the Gold Award at the Putra Aria Brand Awards 2023 under the Education and Learning category. UTAR Vice President for Internationalisation and Academic Development Ir Prof Dr Goi Bok Min was present at the ceremony to receive the award on 18 January 2024 at The Imperial Ballroom, One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya.

The Putra Aria Brand Awards was established in 2022 by the Association of Accredited Advertising Agents Malaysia (4As) to efficiently and inclusively serve the marketing fraternity by highlighting branding efforts across all segments. Measured by consumer preference growth, the organisation aims to recognise brands' excellence within the marketing and advertising landscape.

The Putra Aria Brand Awards, one of two accolades endorsed by Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) as its Brand Champion Partner and supported by the Malaysian Advertisers Association (MAA), the Media Specialists Association (MSA), and the Malaysian Digital Association (MDA), recently concluded its 2023 edition. Facilitated by the 4As, the awards received more than 11,000 voluntary voters from all corners of Malaysia, participating in the selection of the top three preferred brands in each of the 24 categories. This extensive engagement was achieved through an 8-week survey conducted via 60 websites, radio, and newspaper media platforms, taking place from September to October 2023.

UTAR is honoured to receive this award. Thank you to all staff, students and alumni for contributing to UTAR's success.



The finalist of Putra Aria Brand Awards



Prof Goi and the trophy



The trophy

UTAR is recognised as Malaysia's Outstanding HSK Test Site

UTAR was honoured with the prestigious recognition as the "Malaysia Outstanding HSK Test Site" at the opening ceremony of the Chinese Learning and Testing Centre (Majlis Perasmian Pusat Pembelajaran dan Ujian Bahasa Cina Pusat Kebudayaan Han Malaysia), held at Wisma Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Kuala Lumpur on 22 December 2023. Centre for Corporate and Community Development (CCCD) Director Ms Lim Guat Yen received the award on behalf of UTAR at the event.

Since entering into a collaboration agreement with Han Culture Centre Malaysia (HCCM) on 25 October 2019, UTAR's Centre for Corporate and Community Development (CCCD) has played a crucial role in coordinating, facilitating, and administering the HSK and HSKK (Hanyu Shuiping Kouyu Kaoshi) exams. Additionally, CCCD has undertaken the responsibility of recruiting potential candidates. From 2019 to 2023, a total of 1,819 candidates have successfully completed these examinations at both UTAR Sungai Long and Kampar Campuses.

UTAR proudly holds the distinction of being the first university in Malaysia to be recognised as HSK Test Centre, which provides HSK iBT (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi internet-based test).

Total Number of Candidates (2019-2023):

Total Number of Candidates (2019-2023):

Year	Total Number of Candidates
2019	41
2020	207
2021	349
2022	458
2023	764
Total	1,819



The plaque



Back row from left: Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) SN Dato' Dr Anwar Ridhwan, Deputy Minister of Education YB Tuan Wong Kah Woh, Deputy Director of Chinese Learning and Testing Center, China Ms Yu Tianqi and Counsellor of the Education Section of the Chinese Embassy in Malaysia Zhao Changtao

Front row: President of Malaysian Han Cultural Center Dato' Goh Hin San presenting the award to UTAR CCCD Director Ms Lim Guat Yen

UTAR's 38th Convocation marks new horizons for 2,316 graduates



Graduands and their parents at the UTAR 38th Convocation

The grandeur of academic achievement and the spirit of accomplishment filled the air at UTAR's 38th Convocation ceremony, where 2,316 graduates marked the height of their educational journey.

Held over three days from 8 to 10 March 2024 at Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik in UTAR Kampar Campus, the UTAR 38th Convocation was a momentous occasion that celebrated not only individual accomplishments but also the collective success of the UTAR community.

A total of 2,316 graduates received their convocation scrolls during the ceremony, which took place in four sessions. They graduated from 109 programmes comprising 72 Bachelor (Honours) degree, 29 Master's degree and eight PhD programmes. This convocation also celebrated the graduation of the first batch of students from the Master in Data Management and Analytics programme, and the Doctor of Philosophy (Chinese Medicine) programme.



Graduates bowing to their parents as a sign of gratitude during the convocation ceremony



Tun Ling declaring the opening of Session One of the Convocation



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



Tan Sri Sak declaring the opening of Session Three and Session Four of the Convocation

The Session One of the Convocation was declared open by UTAR Chancellor Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik; Session Two was declared open by UTAR Education Foundation Board of Trustees member and UTAR Council Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh; Session Three and Four were declared open by UTAR Education Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Dr Sak Cheng Lum. UTAR President Ir Prof Dato' Dr Ewe Hong Tat presented his convocation speeches in all four sessions.

The guests of honour for the four sessions of the Convocation were Group Chief Executive Officer of MDT Innovations Sdn Bhd Ts Liew Choon Lian; Chief Executive Officer of Greatech Integration (M) Sdn Bhd Dato' Seri Tan Eng Kee; Executive Chairman of QL Resources Bhd (Dr) Chia Song Kun; and Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Hong Leong Assurance Berhad Ms Loh Guat Lan.

Also present at the ceremony were UTAR Education Foundation Board of Trustees Members Tan Sri Dato' Seri Lee Oi Hian, Datuk Lee Leck Cheng and Dato' Seri Kalimullah bin Masheerul Hassan.

UTAR Hospital Board Chairman and UTAR Council Member Ir Academician Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Chuah Hean Teik also attended the convocation together with UTAR Council Members Tan Sri Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Chor Chee Heung, Datuk Lim Si Cheng, Dato' Ng Wan Peng and Mr Hew Fen Yee.



Prof Dato' Dr Ewe congratulating the graduands of the UTAR 38th Convocation

The President, filled with delight, delivered a heartfelt speech to those in attendance. "Your education is a stepping stone from which there are endless possibilities you can venture into. I encourage you to boldly step up with full confidence and to build resilience to overcome all obstacles so that you can become better than before. Always know that you are accompanied with the love and support of your family and friends who can give you support and comfort when you need them," Prof Dato' Ewe advised.

One of the main highlights of UTAR's 38th Convocation was the conferment of UTAR Honorary Doctor of Science to Prof John Edward Joshua Rasko AO, and UTAR Emeritus Professor on Academician Emeritus Professor Dr Cheong Soon Keng.

Prof John Edward Joshua Rasko was conferred the UTAR Honorary Doctor of Science in recognition of his exceptional research contributions in gene, cell and molecular biotherapeutics. Prof John Edward Joshua Rasko is internationally acclaimed for implementing gene and cell biotherapies to cure rare diseases and cancers - in lay terms "using genes as medicines".

Prof John Edward Joshua Rasko, in his acceptance speech, expressed thanks to UTAR for the conferment. He stressed the importance of education, innovation, and seeking knowledge for shaping society's future. He also assured to uphold UTAR's values and use his skills to help the world. He encouraged everyone to work together to push the boundaries of knowledge and make life better for everyone.



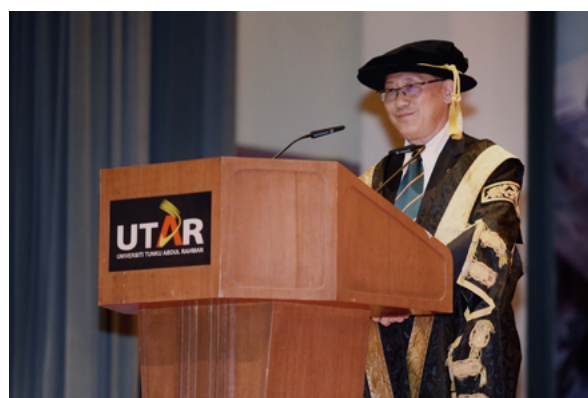
Tan Sri Ting (left) conferring the UTAR Honorary Doctor of Science to Prof John Edward Joshua Rasko AO

Emeritus Prof Cheong, an esteemed former and founding Dean of UTAR M. Kandiah Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (MK FMHS), was conferred the Emeritus Professor in recognition of his dedication and outstanding service to UTAR and for his impressive academic and medical experience in clinical medicine and pathology, and stem cells research.

Emeritus Prof Cheong expressed gratitude to UTAR and shared some fond stories and memories of UTAR. He said, "Receiving this honour reminds me of the privilege UTAR granted me as the founding Dean of UTAR M. Kandiah Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. It's been a journey of challenges, triumphs, and fulfilment in helping the faculty grow. I deeply thank UTAR for their support and trust during my time there."



Tun Ling (left) conferring the UTAR Emeritus Professor to Prof Cheong Soon Keng



Session One guest of honour Ts Liew Choon Lian advising the graduands to believe in personal transformation

The guests of honour in all four sessions delivered speeches to motivate and inspire the graduates.

Session One guest of honour Ts Liew, in his speech, inspired the graduands and said, "Education is not merely about accumulating knowledge; I believe it is a powerful catalyst for personal transformation. Graduands, you have not only gained academic proficiency, but you have also developed qualities such as resilience, adaptability, and a thirst for knowledge. These qualities are the building blocks for your future endeavours, which will serve you well as you navigate the ever-evolving landscape of life."

Session Two guest of honour Dato' Tan in his speech, congratulated the graduating students and remarked, "Graduates, you have invested years of dedication, hard work, and perseverance to reach this point. You have navigated challenges, overcome obstacles, and grown not only academically but also as individuals. As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter, I want to share a simple yet profound piece of advice that has the potential to shape the trajectory of your future: Stay hungry for new knowledge and new experiences, and stay focused. Embrace the idea that learning is a lifelong journey, and every experience, be it success or failure, presents an opportunity to learn and grow."



Session Two guest of honour Dato' Seri Tan Eng Kee encouraging graduands to continuously reinvent themselves while exploring opportunities



Session Three guest of honour (Dr) Chia Song Kun explaining the key elements of strategic thinking

Session Three guest of honour (Dr) Chia, in his speech, motivated the graduands by emphasising the key elements of strategic thinking into three key elements starting with the alphabet "I" or Three I's in short. He enthused, "The first 'I' is Intention. In whatever you do, you must have a reason. This reason will serve as the driving force that guides you to your long-term goals or aspirations. Intention shapes the paths you will choose, to lead you to the destination or what you want to achieve. The next 'I' - Inventiveness. Some people will call inventiveness, Innovation – a word that we have heard about a lot. Innovation is the ability to think differently and creatively, to bring about positive change. People often say 'think outside the box' when talking about innovation. I challenge you to remove the box entirely. Keep an open mind and do not be confined to a certain viewpoint or way of thinking. To actualise strategy into action and continue growing, the third 'I' comes into play – Industriousness. In other words, be hardworking, persistent and consistent."

Last but not least, Session Four guest of honour Ms Loh in her speech, congratulated the graduands and enthused, "Today is only the first of many amazing moments and I know life has many more in store for you. Today is not an ending of your pursuit of excellence but rather an exciting beginning into your professional career journey which will test your resilience, creativity and adaptability. I truly believe you can handle and manage as you have proven through your academic attestation as a graduand today. Life is a package deal. The journey of career life brings both challenges and chances. To win, to be successful, snatch the chances and beat the challenges."



Session Four guest of honour Ms Loh Guat Lan reminding graduands the importance of lifelong learning in a dynamic and ever-changing world

With the addition of 2,316 graduates from this 38th Convocation, the number of the University's alumni now stands at more than 84,600 since its inaugural convocation in 2005.

Brushstrokes and Ink Charm: A decade of alumni artistry unveiled



YB Chong delivering his speech

On 24 February 2024, the Pro Art and Frame Gallery in Petaling Jaya hummed with anticipation as esteemed guests and alumni convened for the spectacular debut of the “Brushstrokes and Ink Charm”: Alumni 10-Year Collection Art Exhibition (丹青墨韵：校友10年珍藏书画义展开幕典礼). Organised by the Alumni Association of UTAR Department of Chinese Studies, the exhibition unveiled a breathtaking compilation of artworks meticulously curated over a decade by talented alumni artists.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended by UTAR President Ir Prof Dato’ Dr Ewe Hong Tat, expressing gratitude to all attendees for their unwavering support. Prof Dato’ Ewe said, “This exhibition not only celebrates artistic excellence but also embodies the deep affection our alumni hold for their alma mater and their love for Chinese culture.”

The exhibition also served as a platform for fundraising initiatives aimed at supporting scholarship students of UTAR Department of Chinese Studies and operational funds for the UTAR Hospital. “These initiatives underscore our commitment to education and social responsibility,” stated the president, emphasising the University’s dedication to nurturing global-minded individuals with innovative capabilities.

The esteemed guest, DUN Chenderiang YB Choong Shin Heng, was invited to host the opening ceremony. He expressed his gratitude to the enthusiastic and kind-hearted artists and alumni who generously donated their precious collections of paintings, calligraphy, and woodcuts to support this art charity sale. He said, “UTAR Hospital, which provides comprehensive traditional and Western medical services to the people of Kampar, will benefit the residents in my area as well. I urge the public to generously support this art charity sale to contribute to the operational funds of UTAR Hospital.”

The opening ceremony featured a brief unveiling of selected artworks and a group photograph session with guests, including UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, UTAR Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) Dean Assoc Prof Dr Chong Siou Wei, ICS Deputy Dean (R&D and Postgraduate Programmes) Assoc Prof Dr Chin Chong Foh, Chancellery Head Mr Lim Swea Jen, The Alumni Association of UTAR Department of Chinese Studies President Ms Wong Foong Kiew, Event Director Ms Chung Hwee Chang, and the exhibition’s chief organiser and many more.

As the event unfolded, guests were invited to explore the exhibition hall and admire the diverse range of artworks on display.

The “Brushstrokes and Ink Charm” exhibition will remain open to the public until 10 March 2024.



Exhibition poster



Prof Dato’ Ewe (second from left) and YB Chong (second from right) unveiling the plaques for the exhibition



Prof Dato’ Ewe (left) expressing gratitude to all attendees for their unwavering support



Ms Chung explaining the arts to Prof Dato’ Ewe and YB Chong

UTAR Alumni Get Together with UTAR President (CNY Celebration)



The Department of Alumni Relations and Placement (DARP) organised the Alumni Get Together with UTAR President (CNY Celebration) at the Multipurpose Hall (MPH) of UTAR Sungai Long Campus on 24 February 2024. The event aimed to gather all the alumni to celebrate Chinese New Year and enhance their connection with each other through the sharing of their experiences and knowledge.

The event was attended by UTAR President Ir Prof Dato' Dr Ewe Hong Tat, Vice President for Internationalisation and Academic Development Ir Prof Dr Goi Bok Min, Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, UTAR Alumni Association of Malaysia President Mr Simon Chong Weng Yeap, Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) Dean Prof Ts Dr Yap Wun She, Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM) Dean Dr Pok Wei Fong, Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI) Dean Dr David Tneh Cheng Eng, DARP Head Ms Tan Cheng Wah, sponsors, alumni, students, and staff.

Both Mr Simon Chong and Prof Dato' Ewe gave a speech at the gathering. Prof Dato' Ewe shared, "This gathering presents a wonderful opportunity for us to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the bonds that unite us as members of the UTAR family. As we share stories of success, challenges, and aspirations, let us also forge new connections and collaborations that will enrich our professional and personal lives."

He added, "I express my sincere hope that gatherings such as this will continue to be a cherished tradition, bringing us together in friendship and unity. I hope that all of you can continue supporting UTAR in its pursuit of excellence and innovation."



Prof Dato' Ewe delivering his speech



Mr Simon Chong welcoming the alumni



Prof Dato' Ewe and Mr Simon Chong at the opening ceremony



"Sweet and Sour" Games



Singing and dancing performances

The gathering saw many lively and mesmerising performances throughout the night, such as the opening performance by the UTAR Broadcasting Society, dance performances by the UTAR Dance Club, and live band performances by the UTAR Music Club. The attendees also enjoyed a wonderful dinner that was comprised of many scrumptious meals.





Participants enjoying themselves at the event



Prof Dato' Ewe presenting tokens of appreciation to performers



Prof Choong (middle) with the organising committee

Tea talk session with UTAR President

UTAR final-year students participated in a Tea Talk session with UTAR President Ir Prof Dato' Dr Ewe Hong Tat on 15 March 2024 at UTAR Sungai Long Campus, and on 20 March 2024 at UTAR Kampar Campus. The event, organised by the Department of Alumni Relations and Placement (DARP), aimed to assist students in addressing the challenges of the professional world, cultivate a strong sense of connection with UTAR after graduation, provide updates on upcoming events and activities at UTAR, and establish an opportunity for interactions with UTAR officials.

Despite the attendance of more than 300 participants at both campuses, the sessions fostered an intimate atmosphere where students gained valuable insights and established meaningful connections for their future endeavours.



Final-year students who participated in the Tea Talk session at UTAR Sungai Long Campus

The Tea Talk sessions commenced with a presentation delivered by UTAR President Ir Prof Dato' Dr Ewe Hong Tat. Prof Dato' Ewe, in his talk, emphasised the significance of technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Robotics, Internet of Things (IoTs), Big Data Analytics, Quantum Computing and 5G. He highlighted the rapid advancements in AI and its implications for future careers, introducing an assortment of emerging professions like Algorithm Trader and Drone Controller to the soon-to-be graduates. With that, Prof Dato' Ewe urged students to embrace these opportunities and emphasised adaptability, continuous learning, mental balance, and emotional intelligence as essential skills for navigating the evolving job market.

Furthermore, Prof Dato' Ewe provided practical advice on crafting effective CVs, stressing the inclusion of transferable skills and job-related experiences. He emphasised detailing extracurricular activities in CVs to demonstrate not only skills but also potential to prospective employers. Additionally, he mentioned the benefits of exercise, adequate sleep, and a balanced diet.

Addressing employability challenges, Prof Dato' Ewe identified common reasons for fresh graduates' unemployment, such as unrealistic salary expectations, being overly selective about jobs or companies, poor character, attitude, or communication skills. He stressed the importance of research and genuine interest in prospective employers during interviews, encouraging students to cultivate a growth mindset and empathy in alignment with UTAR's educational pillars of virtue, knowledge, and social responsibility. Prof Dato' Ewe concluded by encouraging students to embrace lifelong learning and prioritise their well-being amidst the uncertainties of the future job landscape.

"Many people asked, 'Should I choose this company? Should I further my study? Should I work in Singapore or Malaysia?' It is fine, it is always good to ask many questions because it shows that you care. Try to attend more career fairs and explore more job opportunities. Even if you work in a small company, you can still learn things which you might need to prepare for the future. After you think you have gained enough experience, make your best choice, but keep in mind that learning is a never-ending process," said Prof Dato' Ewe to the future graduates.



Prof Dato' Ewe giving his words of encouragement to the students at Sungai Long and Kampar Campus



The officials of UTAR offering their advice to the students from their perspectives and fields of expertise



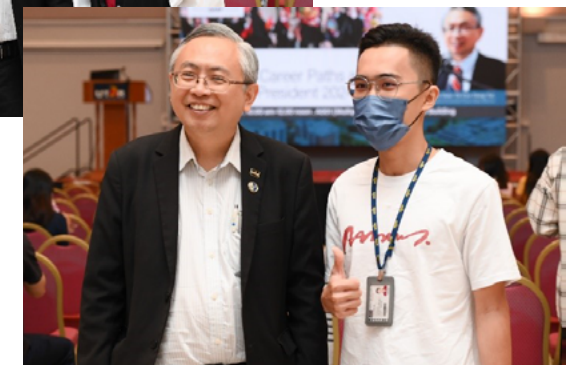
Students listening attentively to Prof Dato' Ewe

A Q&A session was also included in the tea talk sessions at both campuses, which saw the students posing various interesting questions to the president, deans, and deputy deans of UTAR, seeking opinions in different areas, ranging from technical to general questions.

Following Prof Dato' Ewe's presentation and the Q&A session, the event proceeded with another presentation by DARP, introducing students to the range of services offered, essential information regarding convocation, including guidelines and etiquette, and matters related to alumni relations. Following this, separate information sessions were conducted by each respective department, including DSA, DSFA, CEE, DPP, IPSR, CCCD, and DSSC, providing attendees with comprehensive insights into the resources and opportunities available within each department.

The attendees at UTAR Sungai Long Campus were Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) Deputy Dean for Student Development and Industrial Training Assoc Prof Ts Dr Lee Kim Yee, M. Kandiah Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (MK FMHS) Deputy Dean for R&D and Postgraduate Programmes Prof Dr Alan Ong Han Kiat, Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research (IPSR) Director Prof Ts Dr Lim Yang Mooi, Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM) Dean Dr Pok Wei Fong and Faculty of Creative Industries Dean Dr David Tneh Cheng Eng.

Meanwhile, present at UTAR Kampar Campus were UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, Faculty of Engineering and Green Technology (FEGT) Dean Ir Prof Dr Ng Choon Aun, Faculty of Business and Finance (FBF) Dean Assoc Prof Dr Au Yong Hui Nee, Faculty of Science (FSc) Dean Assoc Prof Dr Lim Tuck Meng, Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS) Dean Dr Lee Lai Meng, Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) Deputy Dean for Student Development and Industrial Training Dr Choo Peng Yin, Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) Deputy Dean for Student Development and Industrial Training Dr Ling Liong Ngo, and IPSR Deputy Director for Kampar Campus Assoc Prof Dr Choong Yuen Onn.



Students seeking advice from Prof Dato' Ewe after the conclusion of the tea talk sessions

UTAR Career Day



Visitors thronged Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik to discover an array of potential opportunities

Opportunities and nexuses thrived at Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, UTAR Kampar Campus as the familiar career fair arrived at the majestic hall once more on 21 February 2024.

The “UTAR Career Day 2024” at Kampar Campus was organised by the Department of Alumni Relations and Placement (DARP), aiming to provide a dynamic platform for UTAR students, UTAR alumni, and external visitors to learn more about the current job market, diverse organisations and their job openings. It enabled students and alumni as well as seasoned professionals to explore, network, and discover for themselves a wide array of opportunities among the participating organisations.



Participants interacting with the delegates from the participating organisations during the event



Aside from the network-building opportunity, most participating organisations provided on-site interviews to the talents who wished to seek new horizons or embark on a professional journey alongside their teams.



Delegates from various organisations engaging the interested participants in live interviews at the interview counter

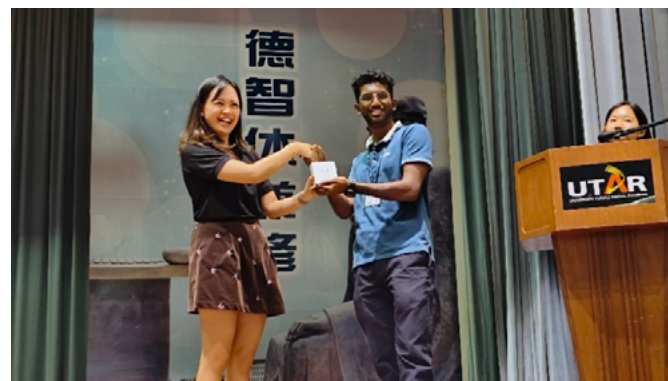
In conjunction with the UTAR Career Day 2024, UTAR DARP also collaborated with Genting Plantations Bhd to bring about an insightful career talk to the interested visitors at the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) on the same day. The participants were briefed in detail on the career progression and employee benefits of working at the plantations tended by the subsidiary of Genting Bhd across the states of Malaysia.



Representatives from Genting Plantations Bhd actively interacting with the participants during the career talk



Participants with the representatives from Genting Plantations Bhd



Participants receiving a Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple AirPods from the representative of Agoda International Sdn Bhd during the lucky draw announcements

One of the external visitors, who is also a professional working in a Government-Linked Company in Malaysia, Pn Dayang Nurulhafizah binti Ramlee found the career fair to be helpful. She said, “The offers from Agensi Pekerjaan Allstaff Sdn Bhd and State Insurance Brokers Sdn Bhd caught my attention, as I am currently looking for other job opportunities. As a bachelor’s degree holder, I also took the opportunity to learn about the postgraduate programmes offered by UTAR here, partly because I am interested in furthering my studies in the future. I think the career fair is great. It provides visitors opportunities to explore different industries.”

Krishan (far left), Suki Ooi (third from left), Kelvin Low and their friends were delighted to learn about future job opportunities during their free time



Pn Dayang Nurulhafizah is eager to strive higher in her career with a higher qualification and extensive experience in various industries

Mathupriya Selvaraj, who was one of the enthusiastic UTAR alumni seeking to embark on their aspiring careers, enthused, “This is my third time joining the UTAR Career Day since my days as a student. I recently graduated from UTAR Faculty of Business and Finance (FBF). I am interested in the banking industry; with that, I learned some great insights from companies such as Public Bank and Standard Chartered. I think this career fair is not an easy opportunity to come by, as it helps me in connecting with the human resources (HR) teams from many industries.”

UTAR Bachelor of Communication (Honours) Advertising students Kelvin Low Jia Seng, Krishan Sivalingam, Suki Ooi Soo Kee, and their friends also paid a visit to the career fair after their class. The students, who were keen on the marketing industry, said, “We have visited the booths by companies such as UOB, Watsons, and Agoda. As full-time students, we are looking forward to discovering future job opportunities in this career fair. All in all, it is a great opportunity for us to be able to connect with the various HR teams.”



Mathupriya was glad to have the chance to network with the HR teams of several prominent banks in Malaysia

A total of 65 companies participated in the career fair. Among the companies were 99 Speed Mart Sdn Bhd, Acumen Alpha Advisory Sdn Bhd, Agensi Pekerjaan Allstaff Sdn Bhd, Agoda International Sdn Bhd, Aluminium Company of Malaysia Berhad, Ava Wealth Consultancy, Bandar Utama City Centre Sdn Bhd, Bizacademia Sdn Bhd, Boostorder, Bright Nexus (M) Sdn Bhd, Capital Dynamics Sdn Bhd, Cheng & Co Group, Doo Group, Eastern Decorator Sdn Bhd, E-Outsource Asia Sdn Bhd, Eunoia Cx Sdn Bhd, F&B Nutrition Sdn Bhd, Favelle Favco Cranes (M) Sdn Bhd, Finpreneur Consultancy, Fuji Electric (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, Generali Life Insurance Malaysia Berhad, Gp Outsourcing Asia Sdn Bhd, Grant Thornton Malaysia PLT, Host Platform Sdn Bhd, Hovid Berhad, Infinity Pg Management, Inventivity Solution Sdn Bhd, IQI Global, ITSU World Sdn Bhd, J&T Express (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, Jie Business Sdn Bhd, LF Logistics Services (M) Sdn Bhd, M.E.T. Motion Engineering & Trading Sdn Bhd, Malayan Flour Mills Bhd, Medan Damai Sdn Bhd, Micron Memory Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Moci Technology (M) Sdn Bhd, Nairenon Consultancy, NCT Group, One Stop Solution Advisory, Ouji Seiyaku (M) Sdn Bhd, Pelangi Publishing Group, Phillip Capital Sdn Bhd, Plexus Manufacturing Sdn Bhd, Polywork Sdn Bhd, Proton Malaysia, Public Bank Bhd, Q&M Dental Group Malaysia, QL Maxincome Sdn Bhd (FamilyMart Malaysia), REDtone Digital Bhd, Senconix Sdn Bhd, SNS Network (M) Sdn Bhd, SOMO Sdn Bhd, Standard Chartered Global Business Services, State Insurance Brokers Sdn Bhd, Sunrise Events & Production Pte. Ltd., Tai Chong Marine Engineering Sdn Bhd, Taylor-Wharton Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Teleperformance Malaysia, Tien Hsia Language School, Tri Wind Technology Sdn Bhd, United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Bhd, UWC Industrial Sdn Bhd, Watson’s Personal Care Stores Sdn Bhd, and Worldklang Group Development Sdn Bhd.

UTAR alumna Liew Li Wen awarded MEXT 2024 scholarship for master's degree in Japan



Liew selected as representative to present a speech at the ceremony



Liew receiving the MEXT 2024 scholarship award from His Excellency Takahashi



Liew (back row, fifth from right) with His Excellency Takahashi (back row, tenth from left) and other scholarship recipients

UTAR alumna Liew Li Wen, who graduated recently, received the MEXT 2024 scholarship for her pursuit of a master's degree in Environmental Sciences in Japan. The scholarship award was presented to her during the MEXT Scholarships 2024 Pre-Departure Orientation Dinner on 22 March 2024 at the Eastin Hotel. His Excellency Takahashi Katsuhiko, the Japanese Ambassador to Malaysia presented the award.

Also, in attendance at the ceremony were JAGAM's Honorary Patron Mr Goh Peng Ooi, JAGAM President Mr Gary Tang and UTAR President Ir Prof Dato' Dr Ewe Hong Tat.

Liew was selected as the representative to present a speech at the ceremony. She was also selected as JAGAM student ambassador to ASCOJA ASJA - (ASEAN Alumni) under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Liew stated that she would attend the JASSO Japanese language preparatory course in Shinjuku for six months, followed by another six months as a non-regular student at the University of Tsukuba. Upon passing the entrance exam, her next step

would involve enrolling in the prestigious master's programme in Environmental Sciences at the University of Tsukuba. With this trajectory mapped out, she anticipated that her educational journey in Japan would extend for three years.

MEXT Scholarships, administered by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan, provide extensive financial assistance. It covers various expenses including tuition fees, accommodation, monthly living allowances, and round-trip airfare. These scholarships, offered by the Japanese government, are available to students pursuing bachelor's and master's degrees across a wide range of educational institutions. Candidates applying for a master's programme are required to possess a bachelor's degree in a relevant field and should be under 35 years of age, demonstrating proficiency in either English or Japanese language.

UTAR is indeed very proud and happy for Liew and wishes her all the best for her studies in Japan.

Congratulations as well to all the MEXT 2024 scholarship recipients.

From UTAR accounting degree to an ACCA global champion - our homegrown story of Hii Maw Zhe



Hii Maw Zhe with his certificate

In a remarkable display of academic prowess, Hii Maw Zhe, a Bachelor of Accounting (Honours) graduate from the Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM) at UTAR, has earned accolades for his outstanding achievements in the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) examinations.

Hii Maw Zhe's ACCA accomplishments include emerging as the global prizewinner, ranking first in the world, with an impressive score of 95 out of 100 in ACCA June 2023 SBL (Strategic Business Leader) paper.

He also secured the highest score in Malaysia for the AFM (Advanced Financial Management) paper during the September 2023 session with a pass mark of 85. Furthermore, in the December 2023 session, he achieved 1st place in Malaysia and 2nd globally for the Strategic Professional Level Exam Combined Marks, with an average mark of 86.

When asked about the secret to his success, Hii Maw Zhe shared the importance of attending external courses to prepare for the examination. Additionally, he emphasised the importance of self-discipline and time management as he sat for two ACCA exams during his Final Year degree studies. Hence, he had to plan his time meticulously to complete both the ACCA exams and his degree programme. Hii Maw Zhe advised his juniors to take time to thoroughly understand the topics that they find challenging, urging them not to skip any concepts they struggle to grasp.

Looking ahead, Hii Maw Zhe is joining a Big Four accounting firm to grow his career in the audit profession. His ultimate goal is to become an audit partner, showcasing his determination to excel in his chosen field.

When asked about how UTAR's programme contributed to his success, Hii Maw Zhe credited the well-structured curriculum. For the SBL paper, which focuses on management, he highlighted that the fundamental concepts were effectively taught at UTAR. The programme's structure provided a solid foundation for grasping the ACCA exam requirements. Similarly, for the AFM paper, UTAR programme was instrumental in building the necessary groundwork and facilitating a deeper understanding of the syllabus.

Encouraged by the comprehensive education received at UTAR, Hii Maw Zhe affirmed that he would recommend the University to others. He emphasized that UTAR's Accounting programme is recognised by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA). Even without an ACCA qualification, accounting graduates can become chartered accountants through the MIA accreditation. UTAR, according to Hii Maw Zhe, not only lays the groundwork for his ACCA success but also prepares students for various professional qualifications, making it a reputable choice for aspiring accountants.



Wholly owned by UTAR Education Foundation

Department of Alumni Relations and Placement
DARP



★ UTAR ALUMNI LOCAL SOCIAL TRIP 2024 TO PULAU REDANG, REDANG

TRAVEL DATE: **8 – 10 JUNE 2024 (3D2N)**

HOTEL: **REDANG BEACH RESORT**

RM 750 PER PAX

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **24 MAY 2024**



Kindly scan the QR code to register :
<https://forms.gle/wdAHd9aGAbx5eSqV8>



INCLUDES

- 2 ways Ferry Transfer (Jetty – Redang Island – Jetty)
- 2 Nights accommodation
- Full Board local meals (2 breakfast, 2 lunch, 2 dinner, 2 Tea Breaks)
- 3 Snorkeling trips
- Jetty Access Fee

EXCLUDES

- Normal Mask and Snorkel – available at RM15/person
- Power Mask and Snorkel – available at RM25/person
- Life jacket – available at RM15/person
- Return Ferry Ticket RM30 will imposed for children below 4 years old (based on born of year: 2021-2024)
- Marine Park Conservation fund:

Should you have inquiries, please feel free to contact

Ms Ong Yin Hway
+603-90860288 Ext: 874
yhong@utar.edu.my

Puan Norhaslinda
+603-90860288 Ext: 866
norhaslinda@utar.edu.my



Citizenship	Types	RM Per Person
Malaysian	Adult	5
	Child (6 – 12 years old)	2
	Senior Citizen (60 years old and above)	2
Non Malaysian	Adult	30
	Child (6 – 12 years old)	15
	Senior Citizen (60 years old and above)	15
OKU	All	0



Wholly owned by UTAR Education Foundation

Department of Alumni Relations and Placement
DARP



UTAR Alumni Regional Gathering in the Northern Region

Date: 22 June 2024, Saturday
Time: 11.00am to 3.00pm
Fees: RM30

+ Highlights

- Connect with fellow UTAR alumni in the vibrant Northern Region of Malaysia
- Exclusive meet-up with UTAR President
- Enjoy a delectable buffet lunch to celebrate our shared journey and accomplishments



Venue: Vouk Hotel Suites, Georgetown

Link to Registration Form:
<https://forms.gle/p6WsRNR8XCo9cU5A9>

Kindly contact us at

Hotline
+6016-2233 820
alumni@utar.edu.my
Department of Alumni Relations and Placement (DARP)

To register, please scan QR code





Wholly owned by UTAR Education Foundation

Department of Alumni Relations and Placement
DARP

2024 UTAR Outstanding Alumni Award



Categories

- A. Business, Economics and Entrepreneurial
- B. Creativity and Innovation
- C. Cultural and Artistic
- D. Environmental and Sustainability
- E. Sociality, Humanitarianism and Volunteerism
- F. Sports Achievement
- G. Professional, Academic and Research Excellence

Submission Deadline:
31 August 2024

For further enquiries, kindly contact us:

Ms Ong Yin Hway

DARP Hotline:

+6016-2233820

alumni@utar.edu.my

Department of Alumni Relations and Placement (DARP)



Submit your application via Google form:



**Please submit the google form using your personal Gmail account.



The UTAR DARP is established to foster close relationships with our alumni, facilitate job placement for the final year students and graduates, and create opportunities for alumni to network, exchange information and receive updates on news and events from the university.

Our Services

- ✓ Alumni Relations
- ✓ Career Placement
- ✓ Survey
- ✓ UTAR Alumni Association

Department of Alumni Relations and Placement

Sungai Long Campus:

Room KB317

Kampar campus:

Room C103

Contact Us Now

016-223 3820

alumni.utar.edu.my