# UCSI College: EQUIPPING STUDENTS AND CURRENT WORKFORCE WITH NECESSARY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE FOR CAREER SUCCESS

igher education in the East has taken some time to find its rhythm when compared with its western counterparts. With the students happy to experiment with new countries to pursue their higher education, the educational institutions in the east are perfectly poised to take the mantle from the western higher education institutions. Malaysia has been growing into a prominent international study destination over the past few years. The rich higher education tradition of the country coupled with their ability to integrate cutting edge teaching methods into their curriculum has helped Malaysia to attract a wider student population. Pioneering the Malaysian higher education strata is UCSI Group that owns UCSI University and UCSI College apart from various schools, hotel chains, and hospitals to name a few. The group led by industry stalwart Dato' Peter Ng, Founder and Group Chairman has evolved into one of the most recognized names in the South East Asia region.

## UCSI College

UCSI College is set up to complement its sister institutions, UCSI University, in offering 3+0 degree programs with Oxford Brookes University; 2+2 and 2+1 Degree Transfer Programs with top UK, US, Irish and Australian

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Dato' Peter Ng, Founder & CEO

Dato' Peter Ng is the founder and CEO of UCSI Group. Hailing from a poor family in Linggi, Negeri Sembilan, he grew up believing that the transformational power of education would turn his family's fortunes around. Taking a chance on him, Ng's parents worked hard to grant his wish and Ng left for Canada to

read a double degree in computer science and psychology at Lakehead University. Upon completion, Ng returned and founded UCSI Group in 1986 with education as its niche. Today, more than 20 subsidiaries are parked under the UCSI umbrella. The Group's many ventures are anchored on a commitment to champion value innovation and sustainability for stakeholders around the world.

Down to earth by nature, Ng often delights in the simpler pleasure of life – often a game of basketball that he indulges every other day. Never one to forget his roots and the struggles of his younger years, he frequently contributes to charitable causes and returns to his hometown whenever he can.

Universities. The vision of the college is to be the leading college renowned for its leadership in academic pursuits and engagement with the industry and the community. "We engage the industry by partnering with them in many of our activities. Our students have the opportunity to be mentored by industry experts and they are provided with internships at these companies. We aim to transform every individual student before they move on to the next chapter of their lives", says Dr. Mabel. The college operates with the mission to transform lives and communities through holistic learning experiences that unlock the



Dr. Mabel Tan HweeJoo, President & CEO

Mabel is also an Associate Professor at UCSI College and she has obtained her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, her Master of Science in Biochemistry and her Bachelor of Science (First class honors) in Biochemistry from the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. Dr. Mabel has close to three decades of experience in the private higher education industry in Malaysia too.

maximum potential of individuals and to ensure that, the college goes the extra mile to offer the best for their students.

The college also offers a plethora of custom-developed courses including degree transfer programs as well as diploma, foundation and certificate programs. Other well-established Pre-U programs that are offered at UCSI College are the Cambridge A-levels and the South Australian Matriculation (SACE). Over the years, the Cambridge A-levels run at UCSI College has attracted a diverse group of international students from South Korea, India, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, and many middle-eastern countries. Students complete the program and get accepted into their preferred degree programs all over the world, leaving consistent testimonies about their rewarding time whilst at the college. UCSI College also has partnerships with premier international educational institutions such as the University of Essex, and Northumbria University to name a few.

### **UCSI University**

Built on the principles of audacity, perseverance, integrity and excellence, UCSI University is a leading institution of higher learning with campuses in Kuala Lumpur, Terengganu and Sarawak, Malaysia. The University envisions being an intellectually resilient praxis University renowned for its leadership in academic pursuits and engagement with the industry and the community. Besides connecting the industry and academia, the University is on a mission to promote transformative education that empowers students from all walks of life to be successful individuals with integrity, professionalism and a desire to contribute to society. This includes fostering a sustainable

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culture of research, value innovation and practice, and to operate ethically at the highest of standards.

At present, more than 12,000 students study at the University and over the years, students from over 110 different countries have studied at UCSI University, making the campus a melting pot of culture and diversity. As Malaysia's top private University for two consecutive years in 2019 and 2020 according to the QS World University Rankings, UCSI University has long impacted the national higher education landscape and the University continues to do so with its wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The Institute of Music which is operating under the University also enjoyed a similar track record when it was ranked as one of the top 100 schools in the world for performing arts in the QS World University Rankings in 2018, 2019 and 2020.Our faculties are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to meet student needs and offer a wide spectrum of academic programs ranging from Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Engineering and Architecture to Music, Multimedia, Education, Liberal Arts and Hospitality. By bringing our professors experiences into the classroom, we create an exhilarating learning environment and learners will thrive as they balance academic mastery with industrial application.

### **Evolving with the Trends**

Both the UCSI University and College strive to constantly improve themselves and to keep pace with the changing trends these educational institutes constantly look into revising and revamping all of its programs and syllabuses. By offering wholesome education that targets the holistic development of the students, the UCSI group of educational institutions is cementing their position as elite higher education destinations that can nurture exemplary individuals that can have a positive impact on the world.

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