

UCSI WINGS

THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Cathy Schultz (left) shaking hands with Dr Mabel Tan (right) and exchanging documents as Dato' Peter Ng (second from right, second row) and other guests look on at the signing ceremony.

SACE MOA SIGNING



Contributor: Sylvia Lee

On 11 October 2019, UCSI College signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) Board of South Australia offering the SACE International pre-university programme in its campus.

SACE International is the official senior secondary qualification of the South Australian Government, equivalent to the UK A-Levels and the STPM. "The launch of the programme brings the college a step closer to its vision of becoming a leading college renowned for its leadership in academic pursuits and engagement with the industry and the community," said UCSI College President and CEO, Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan.

According to SACE International programme director Cathy Schultz, the programme is relevant and imperative in shaping young minds to be innovative while mastering the knowledge required before pursuing the next step in their studies.

Also present at the signing ceremony were UCSI College Board of Governors chairman Dato' Peter Ng, UCSI College Vice-President of Academic Affairs Associate Professor Dr Chong Aik Lee, Australian Trade and Investment Commission representatives Srii Gunaseelan and Adil Akbar as well as UCSI College SACE coordinator, Lee Pek Fun.

INTRODUCING EMERITUS PROFESSOR DATO' DR LIM KOON ONG

DSPN, SSP, BCN, PJK, BSc, BEd, PhD, FIPM, FASc

Emeritus Professor Dato' Dr Lim Koon Ong was born in Melaka on January 1, 1946. After obtaining excellent results in the Higher School Certificate in 1966, Professor Lim proceeded to Canada for his higher education under the Colombo Plan Scholarship. He graduated with a BSc (First Class Honours) in Physics from Queen's University, Canada in 1971 and a Bachelor of Education in 1972. In 1976, he successfully obtained his PhD in Biophysics at the University of Western Ontario, Canada.

Professor Lim began his academic career when he was appointed as a lecturer in the School of Physics, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in 1976 and in 1994 he was promoted to be a full Professor. To date, Professor Lim has published more than 130 articles as well as 4 books in Malay. Due to his research efforts and academic contributions, Professor Lim was elected as Fellow of the Academy of Sciences, Malaysia and Fellow of the Institute of Physics, Malaysia.

Professor Lim was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) at USM from 2007 to 2010. He was, in fact, the first Chinese DVC at USM. From 2011 to 2013 Professor Lim was the DVC (Academic Affairs and Research) of UCSI University. In 2017, His Excellency the Governor of Penang conferred upon him the Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri which carries the title Dato'.

In February 2016 he was appointed as a member of the Board of Governors of UCSI College.



MOU SIGNING WITH CIMB FOUNDATION

Contributor: Nurliyana Binti Salikin



UCSI College and CIMB Foundation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together on the Be\$MART literacy programme conducted by CIMB Foundation's training partner, Gem Systems. President and CEO, Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan represented the College, while CIMB Foundation Chief Executive Officer Dato' Hamidah Naziadin signed on behalf of the Foundation. "Our target group is the youth, who make up 45.4% of Malaysia's population. As future leaders and nation builders, it is important to empower them to take charge of their own financial health", said Dato' Hamidah Naziadin.

The Be\$MART literacy programme consists of a two-day training where students will be exposed to various financial training basics and will be instructed by full-time trainers and bank experts in interactive lectures, simulated games and question-and-answer session with experts.



(l to r) Dr Mabel and Dato' Hamidah Naziadin signing the MoU.

PARLIAMENT VISIT



Contributor:
Carrick Tan Kah Wae
Foundation In Business Student

The objectives of the visit to Parliament Malaysia were to encourage understanding and appreciation of the governance in Malaysia, to raise awareness amongst students on the rights and duties of a citizen and to let students gain better insight on current issues. Firstly, our group moved to the entrance of the shorter building, where the House of Representatives (Dewan Rakyat) assembled. Then, we made our way to the lobby, where we saw live recordings of the debate session through the television screens. We were then given a briefing by the parliament officers.



VISITS FROM PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



Contributor: Ernie Chitra Dzureen

The objective of these visits was mainly for potential collaboration for franchised programmes i.e. University of Central Oklahoma visited on 19 September 2019 for the 4+0 programme and Murdoch University on 20 November, 2019 for the 3+0 programme. Meanwhile, Maynooth University visited on 3 October, 2019 to discuss manpower planning for the Maynooth International Engineering College based in China, while Fuzhou University representatives made a courtesy visit on 19 November, 2019.



Visit from University of Central Oklahoma representatives.



Visit from Maynooth University representatives.



Visit from Murdoch University.



Visit from Fuzhou University.

As we entered the hall, we could hear a Member of Parliament arguing over the development in Sabah. For around an hour, we sat in silence observing the debate. One practice, was the stomping of tables by other members of parliament. The stomping of tables usually indicates support and agreement toward the Member of Parliament currently speaking. We then had a brief tour of the Parliament's in-house museum. Among the items displayed were the British wig formerly adorned by the Speaker, a replica of the songkok adorned by the Speaker, and a book from Britain as a gift to the then-newly independent Malaya.

◀ An eventful day at Parliament Malaysia.

SETTING UP YOUR OWN PRESCHOOL ENVIRONMENT



Group photo with the 3D layout settings.

Contributor: Siti Sara Mohd Ariff



As a part of the assessment for the Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE) programme, in the subject Planning and Organising Early Childhood Care and Education Settings (DCE 2103), students were required to design their own preschool or daycare

environment layout in 3D to ensure that the objectives of the module are achieved.

Through this exhibition, students created a miniature version of an early childhood environment, conditioning children and giving an impression of a real-life situation reflecting the programme's goals and values. They were four different types of preschool and daycare settings created by the DECE students. The materials that they used in designing their projects were recyclable and students were very committed in preparing the 3D layouts before the exhibition day. They thoroughly enjoyed participating in this creative educational activity.



One of the 3D layout settings created by students.

FUND RAISING AND VISIT TO SHALOM EDUCATION CENTRE



Contributors: Lilian Khu and Lian Ming Hwei

The UCSI Community Service Club paid a visit to the Shalom Education Centre (SEC) to cultivate awareness among club members as well as students to care for the poor and needy. SEC is a home for the refugee children from Myanmar. This centre provides food and a shelter for 80 to 100 children ranging from 4 to 16 years old.

Students were encouraged to donate clothes, toys as well as money. The funds raised were used to buy food and stationery for the children of SEC. Our members organised some games to be played with the students where they were divided into 6 groups. Each group came up with a name and slogan. Then each group



Happy faces: A group picture of the children.

went to different stations to play the games, including "Pick Me", "Face The Cookie", "Watch Out", "Rubber Up", "Wiggle Wiggle", and "Step By Step".

After enjoying the games for an hour, everyone helped clean up the centre and enjoyed lunch together. The final event of the day was the prize-giving ceremony with gifts for everyone. At the end of the event, there was a sense of fulfilment among members as they got the chance to do their part for the betterment of society.

BULAN AKADEMIKA 2019

Penyumbang: Nurul Ain Ahmad Sani



Seperti yang kita ketahui, 5 Oktober telah diiktiraf oleh UNESCO sebagai Hari Akademia Sedunia. Oleh itu, Menteri Pendidikan Malaysia Dr Maszlee Malik, telah menobatkan Bulan Oktober sebagai Bulan Akademia peringkat kebangsaan. Selaras dengan sambutan ini, pihak Kolej UCSI telah menganjurkan Anugerah pensyarah pilihan di kalangan para Akademik, Kolej UCSI.

Tujuan penganugerahan ini adalah untuk menghargai sumbangan dan pengorbanan para Akademik yang telah berhempas pulas dalam mendidik dan membentuk para pelajar untuk menjadi masyarakat yang berketenterampilan, berperibadi unggul dan sekaligus menjadi tunggak negara di masa hadapan.

Bagi merealisasikan pertandingan ini, para Akademik dikehendaki untuk menulis 100 patah perkataan tentang pencapaian dan sumbangan rakan sekerja pilihan kepada Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif, Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo. Para Akademik yang terpilih telah diiktiraf sebagai "Star Academic Staff Award (SASA) 2019" dan memenangi baucar AEON bernilai RM100 serta Sijil Penghargaan.



(kiri-kanan)
Assistant Professor Adeline Tan Hui Ling dan Nurul Ain Ahmad Sani - Pemenang-pemenang Anugerah Pensyarah pilihan di kalangan para Akademik, Kolej UCSI 2019.



ALANNA BRINGS BACK THE GOLD



UCSI College's Alanna Jane Yap Wei Shan, recently won the gold medal in the 2nd Borneo Judo Cup 2019 for the Sparring Event. A Diploma in Mass Communication student, she said it was a "surreal" experience winning the gold and is a source of motivation to work as hard in the future.

"I owe my success to my coaches, specifically Coach Jafa and Coach Jihad, for never giving up on guiding me. I also owe it to my parents for supporting this hobby of mine; also to my team mates for their continuous support along the way," she said.

"To be honest, I feel as though every time I am competing, I am going up against myself and I need to prove to myself that I can win. Your biggest opponent would be yourself so I strive to improve however I can," she added.

For Alanna, with UCSI College granting her a sports scholarship for her diploma programme, she is motivated to continue playing this combat sport which she likes. It also helps take the burden of college fees off her parent's shoulders at the same time.

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE BY KAN YEE BING



In the Diploma in English Language Teaching (DELT) programme, students are required to carry out a three-and-a-half-month practicum. I find that teaching is like a sport. Teachers have to exhibit professional-

ism to tackle issues with calmness and integrity. Teachers exert themselves physically, mentally, and emotionally on a daily basis to educate students. As an English Language teacher, it is important to demonstrate good intonation, stress and pronunciation and a wide range of vocabulary as well as grammatically correct sentences.



Kan Yee Bing with her Year 2 students.

Specifically, I have taught English to Year 2 students of Sri UCSI Primary School. The first week was spent on getting used to each other. Additionally, I experimented on the pace of the lesson and types of teaching and learning activities that they would enjoy.

Teaching young learners poses a bigger challenge for teachers to control the classroom. My solution for this obstacle is to use a variety of interactive activities. For instance, integrating the game, 'Simon says' into a lesson, increases concentration and attention. Finally, I would like to thank all DELT lecturers for molding me into a competent teacher and a better person today.

COURSENETWORKING (CN) TRAINING SESSION

Contributors: Dr Lian Ming Huei and Nur Shurbaniah Saad



On 18 November 2019, CourseNetworking (CN) CEO Professor Ali Jafari, paid a short visit to UCSI College and provided training to the lecturers. The objective was to raise awareness regarding the importance of ePortfolios which can help to improve employment opportunities for students.

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The content included methods to encourage discussion among students on CN, the latest features of ePortfolio and the ways in which CN helps improve employment opportunities for students. The session encouraged discussion among students on CN as it helped them exchange ideas and speed up the learning process. Students can also build networks with others who have similar areas of expertise through the use of CN. Lastly, students should be encouraged to update their information on their ePortfolios.



A group picture of the CN training session.

UCSI BEACH CLEAN-UP 2019

Contributor: Nurul Ain Ahmad Sani



On 19 October 2019, 70 students and 10 staff from UCSI College and UCSI International School (UIS) participated in the UCSI Beach Clean-up 2019 at Pantai Saujana, Port Dickson. The objectives of the visit were to create a clean and safe environment along the beach and to increase civic awareness among UCSI students and other participants. The visit was also to cultivate the concept of carrying capacity (related to biological species) as an environmental concern. Furthermore, each item of trash

collected was recorded for coastal conservation initiatives. The visit also inculcated cooperation and a sense of belonging among the participants.

Some of the important do's and don'ts for the volunteers were: do collect non-biodegradable items such as plastic, glass, metal or polystyrene; do report back to the weighing station to weigh your collected trash and return your completed data forms to the organiser; don't collect biodegradable items such as driftwood, coconut, seeds, seaweed, corals, shells or other vegetation; don't burn any trash you collect and don't trample on vegetation.

After the beach clean-up, volunteers were aware that a polluted beach affects the economy, a dirty beach harms the animals that live on or pass by the beach, pollution degrades the habitat of millions of marine creatures and plastic is already present in all levels of the food chain.



Group photo of the participants.

THE BEST UK DEGREES AT UCSI COLLEGE

UCSI College has established a partnership with Oxford Brookes University (OBU) to offer two degree programmes on a 3+0 arrangement. The two programmes are namely Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business and Management and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Accounting and Finance.

OBU is ranked 376 in the 2020 QS World University Rankings and has been in the Top 50 under 50 of the three recent QS World University Rankings consecutively. This collaboration enables UCSI students to obtain a UK degree by completing the entire duration of study in Malaysia.

"Through this partnership, our students at UCSI College will receive a reputable degree that will set them apart from their peers," said UCSI College President and Chief Executive Officer, Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan. "Our students will also have the option to pursue their final year at OBU to experience the difference in culture," she said, adding that this would give students a different perspective of education in a UK setting.

"Having a degree from a top UK university will improve our students' chances of securing jobs in and around Malaysia and elsewhere because here at UCSI we want to give students a global



perspective," she remarked. At UCSI College, top UK degree programmes, such from OBU, are offered to students without compromising on quality and standards. Its fee structures are comparably lower than several British universities based in Malaysia.

Visit UCSI College Kuala Lumpur campus to learn about the programmes available. To find out more, log on to www.ucsicollege.edu.my, email to enquiry@ucsicollege.edu.my or call 03-91326688.

WHAT'S NEW IN UCSI COLLEGE

FUTURE EVENTS

Open Days

- 21 and 22 March 2020 | 28 and 29 March 2020
- 11 and 12 April 2020 | 18 and 19 April 2020

FUTURE PROGRAMMES

Oxford Brookes University (Launching in May 2020)

- 3+0 BA (Hons) Business and Management
- 3+0 BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance



LOCATION MAP

 **FREE UCSI SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE**

MONDAY – FRIDAY
6.45am – 8.20pm

SATURDAY
7.20am – 1.20pm

ROUTE

(EMBARKS FROM UCSI UNIVERSITY)

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