

UCSI WINGS

THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



Dear Students and Staff,

This is an extraordinary time for all of us. The Movement Control Order (MCO) due to the COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented. At UCSI College, even before the first phase of the MCO (18 March – 31 March) was announced by the Prime Minister, we had already planned for fully online classes for two

weeks, the exact same period of the first MCO phase nationwide.

When the second phase of the MCO (1 April – 14 April) was announced, we then planned for online alternative assessments to replace conventional face-to-face final exams. At this time, we do not know if there will be more extensions of the MCO. However, to us, the health and safety of students and staff are our priority.

Our lecturers are working hard, bravely venturing into fully online classes. I thank them for their enthusiasm, suggestions and cooperation as we navigate through this together. It is important for students to stay connected with lecturers through these online classes, so that there is as little disruption as possible to learning and teaching, and that there will be no delays in graduating.

I pray that all are healthy and well throughout this trying time. We will emerge stronger when this is over.

God's blessings on all.

Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo

*President and Chief Executive Officer,
UCSI College*

UCSI COLLEGE'S FIRST CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Contributor: Nurliyana Binti Salikin



344 graduates celebrated their special day during the 1st UCSI College Convocation ceremony on 17 November 2019. Graduates were from 10 programmes: Executive Diploma in Real estate, Diploma in Accounting, Diploma in Business Administration, Certificate in Business Studies, Certified Accounting Technician, Diploma in English Language Teaching, Diploma in Information Technology, Foundation in Business, Foundation in Science and Cambridge A-Levels.

The Gold Medallist was Lila Romanazan from the Diploma in English Language Teaching and the Valedictorian was Emmeline Gan from Foundation in Science. UCSI College Board of Governors Chairman, Dato' Peter Ng awarded the medals and certificates to both, the Gold Medallist and Valedictorian. Congratulations to all graduates from UCSI College! At present, UCSI College has established partnerships with various world-renowned universities and companies to offer the best for its students.



*Gold Medallist:
Lila Romanazan from the
Diploma in English Language
Teaching was the Gold
Medallist.*



*The Valedictorian was
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Foundation in Science.*

UCSI COLLEGE OFFERS OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY DEGREES



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For the first time ever, UCSI College will offer degrees comprising the British curriculum as a result of its partnership with Oxford Brookes University, beginning May 2020.

The degrees for two 3+0 programmes, namely Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business and Management and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Accounting and Finance offered at UCSI College will be awarded by Oxford Brookes University for studies completed in a span of three years.

"We are very proud to have collaborated with Oxford Brookes University and to go one step closer towards realising our dreams. I hope students will seize this opportunity to move forward in this competitive era," said UCSI College President and Chief Executive Officer Dr Mabel Tan during her speech at the launching ceremony of the Oxford Brookes University 3+0 Degree Programmes at UCSI College.

UCSI College's Vice President of Academic Affairs, Associate Professor Dr Chong Aik Lee said the three-year programmes allow

students to learn in a more independent setting and build character before entering the workforce.

The launching ceremony was also attended by UCSI College Chairman Dato' Peter Ng, Deputy High Commissioner of the British High Commissioner's Office Kuala Lumpur, David Thomas as well as Oxford Brookes Business School's Head of International Cooperation, Dr Sara Hannam who delivered a speech via Skype.

To symbolise the launch, Dato' Peter Ng and David Thomas planted two trees as a symbol of cooperation between UCSI College and Oxford Brookes University.



The audience at the Oxford Brookes Launching Ceremony.

CLOTHES COLLECTION AND RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

Contributor: Lim Pui Yee



The human race is facing a monumental global crisis and our question to you is, "What are you doing about it?"

Saving the environment is not rocket science. It can be as simple as reducing your usage of plastic, switching off electricity when not in use or even donating your unwanted clothes to the Arts and Crafts Club of UCSI College. We recycle these clothes to be reproduced into new garments or industrial wiping cloths.

Malaysians are guilty of producing up to 2000 TONNES of textiles and wearable products A DAY. If these numbers are not daunting enough, it only makes up 5% of the solid wastes in landfills. When all this decomposes, it releases a potent greenhouse gas.

The Arts and Crafts Club took the initiative to organise a recycling campaign, which was rather successful as we collected a considerable number of bags of clothing. These were then given to the Kloth Cares organisation (an organisation aiming to divert 2 million kg of unwanted fabrics from ending up in landfills). The Arts and Crafts Club cares about the environment and so should you!



Items collected by the Arts and Crafts Club of UCSI College.

UCSI BEACH CLEAN-UP



Congratulations to the 70 students and 10 staff members of UCSI College and UCSI International School on being awarded the Gold Award for the Green Award Certification from the UCSI SDG Secretariat Office. This award was granted to them upon having conducted the UCSI Beach Clean-Up 2019 at Pantai Saujana, Port Dickson on 19 October 2019.



UCSI STUDENTS WIN MEDALS GALORE AT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to UCSI students Kevin Lim Kit Min (Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering with Honours), Karla Lim Kay Yee (Foundation in Business) and Khiew Tze Yean (Diploma in Management) for winning silver and bronze medals at the 56th MILO/ PRAM Malaysia Invitational Age Group Swimming Championships 2020 held at the Bukit Jalil Aquatic Centre from 5 -8 March 2020.

Kevin won silver awards for both the Men's 18 and over 4X100m Freestyle Relay and Medley Relay while Karla won a silver for the 200m Backstroke and a bronze for the 100m Backstroke. Tze Yean won the silver for the 200m Backstroke, bronze for the 100m Backstroke, two silver medals for the the 4X100 Freestyle Relay and Medley Relay.



(left to right) Khiew Tze Yean, Karla Lim Kay Yee and Kevin Lim Kit Min.

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK 2020

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The Harmony Forum.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2020 was launched to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith. The launching ceremony was organised by the Department of National Unity and Integration (JPNIN), co-organised by UCSI Group and Malaysian Youth Council to promote harmony in our society.

Our Sekretariat Rukun Negara (SRN) College committee member Madhanaraj A/L Saravanan, participated in the opening ceremony as a flag bearer to honour the occasion. During the event, a Harmony Forum was held to stress the importance of love in creating a peaceful and harmonious society. Representatives from the different religions gave their opinions on the importance of love according to their respective religions.

SRN College and University committee members Kheshavar A/L Gopalan, Madhanaraj A/L Saravanan, Justin Yeap Jia Qing, Carrick Tan Kah Wae, Darren Anthony John and Mohammed Taha also participated in transcribing the speeches of each panellist in the Harmony Forum. The process of transcribing helped the committee members to learn the importance of love to create a peaceful and harmonious society.



Flag bearers represented by UCSI students from different countries dressed in traditional attire.



Moderator of the Forum, Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria.



◀ Puan Aldrina @ Mimi O.P. Andu, Deputy Head Director for Planning from the Department of National Unity and Integration.

BECOMING A REGISTERED ESTATE AGENT IN MALAYSIA



Contributor: Dr Shubashini Ganisen

On 10 March 2020, the Diploma of Real Estate department conducted a talk titled 'Pathway to Becoming a Registered Real Estate Agent in Malaysia'. Our honoured guest speaker was Christopher Chan who is an Associate Director and Registered Estate Agent with Hartamas Real Estate (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. Christopher is currently an Industry Advisor of the Executive Diploma in Real Estate (EDRE) and Diploma in Real Estate Management (DREM) programmes at UCSI College. The talk was attended by current real estate programme students and lecturers of UCSI College, parents, potential students and real estate negotiators.



Guest speaker Christopher Chan giving his talk.

First, Christopher gave an overview of the Malaysian Real Estate industry. According to Christopher, Real Estate Negotiators (RENs) are individuals working alongside licensed Real Estate Agents (REA) but do not have full qualifications and accreditation. RENs are still accredited in their own way and must be registered with the Board of Valuers, Appraisers, Estate Agents and Property Managers (BOVAEAP).

Christopher also explained the process of becoming an REA. Individuals planning to become a REA must obtain the Diploma in Estate Agency or any other related diploma or degree provided by higher institutions accredited by BOVAEAP.

After obtaining the diploma, candidates are required to undergo two years of post-qualifying practical training under the supervision of an REA and submit their work log to BOVAEAP. The candidate will be required to sit for the oral examination (Test of Professional Competence) conducted by BOVAEAP. Chris ended the talk with a question and answer session. It was a very informative and insightful talk.



Christopher explains how to become a Registered Estate Agent in Malaysia.



A group picture of the talk.



REFLECTIONS ON POST-COVID-19: SOME THOUGHTS FOR MALAYSIA

*By: Emeritus Professor Dato' Dr Lim Koon Ong
Board of Governors, UCSI College*

In a matter of a few months, practically the whole world is being affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19). As a result, major lockdowns or restricted movement of people have been imposed in most of the affected countries. News of the virus, whether in the mainstream or social media, has hogged the limelight. Many have also expounded their take on scenarios of the world post-Covid-19 especially from the perspective of geopolitics and economics. Perhaps what is certain is that the world would not be the same but views on the extent of change differ.

From the geopolitical perspective, we may have reached the tipping point. The reactions to this global crisis by the world's two leading powers, the US and China will definitely result in a global shift of influence. Whether it is going to be in the US or China's favour will depend on how and when the invisible enemy can be beaten. To be sure there are advocates for each of the two countries (some may wish to label them as two ideologies). The blame game and propaganda machinery have been taken to a new level, especially by the US, as can be seen in both the mainstream and social media. Whatever the outcome, the way nations are run will be subjected to close scrutiny and governments the world over must be prepared for the challenges ahead.

From the economic perspective, the outcome will be more definitive, in that global growth will be very low if not negative, with some countries suffering more than others as envisaged by both the IMF and the World Bank. Recovery from this depressed state also hinges on geopolitical outcomes. Manufacturing and production practices, service industry activities and norms as well as the way businesses are run will change. This is more so in light of Industry 4.0.

Should there be no resurgence of the virus in China and should the US continue with the blame game instead of tackling the pandemic, it is envisaged that China will progress faster and further in technologies associated with Industry 4.0, thus causing further tensions in the technological race. If China is able to construct a 1000 bed, 34,000sq m hospital in less than 10 days, what is stopping the country from quickly constructing storage facilities to take advantage of the current super weak price of crude oil; perhaps this is already being done on the quiet.

There are reports that with lockdowns and movement controls, the environment has benefited from less pollution and in some cases even animals are seen to roam deserted streets. The latter may bring with it a new set of problems, should these roaming animals bring new diseases to town. Having said that, perhaps more will now subscribe to the notion of sustainable activities and life styles so that whatever improvements that have been attained can be maintained for the sake of planet Earth. This aspect ought to be seriously looked into, the sooner the better.

From the social perspective perhaps a new normal will emerge. What is considered a necessity and a must in our lives will now be looked at in a different light, as many will realise that most necessities and musts are merely human constructs. This will cut across the board; from sports to cultural practices to religious rituals and dictates. Race relations may worsen in countries that play the blame game but improve in those that stay united in this war. Mind-sets will change,

some for the better and some perhaps for the worse.

In the huge education sector, there will be a rethinking on the way education is imparted as well as what are to be imparted, disseminated and assessed. This will be a good opportunity for a revisit of the system of education, especially in countries that are slow in embracing Industry 4.0. For some countries a complete overhaul of their education system may be the way forward. Education providers, be they public or private, will have to be prepared for changes.

There are many other important areas that also need attention; such as food security, immigration and border control, foreign workers (in the case of Malaysia, the Malaysian Employers Federation estimated that currently there are about 5.5 million foreign workers in the country, of which only 2.2 million are documented, the rest illegal), refugees (records show that as of Feb 2020, there are about 178,990 refugees and asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR in Malaysia. Of these 154,080 are from Myanmar) and relation with neighbours and with international agencies. The list goes on.

On the local front, it is heartening to note that the response of Malaysians to the Government's call to fight this pandemic is indeed commendable. According to reports, more than 90% are in compliance with the Movement Control Order (MCO) imposed on businesses and the general public. The MCO is a strategy to break the transmission chain.

The MCO has also made us reflect on our approach to life, our livelihood and our common values. Not only are most people staying indoors, a lot of caring, supporting and encouragement messages are being posted in the social media. We also encounter messages thanking Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, the Health Director General and his team for doing an excellent job in trying to contain the spread of the virus. Kudos have also gone out to other front-liners, like the police, the firemen, the army, the civil defence force as well as other agencies and volunteers for their efforts in helping the government maintain order and ensure compliance of the MCO. NGOs and charity groups have gone all out to help the poor and the homeless to stay alive during this difficult period.

All of the above are done by and for fellow human beings, regardless of race, religion or creed. It is hoped that the powers that be take cognisance of this spirit of unity among the people. You can imagine the chaos, if the people are not united and refuse to follow the MCO imposed by a government that was not voted in. The government perhaps should reciprocate this goodwill. For a start, it can put a complete stop to some influential and well connected people harping on non-existent enemies. The people have matured and to some extent mind-sets are beginning to change for the better.

In light of the above, how best should the country prepare itself for life after Covid-19? The powers that be ought to think hard, real hard on this. Business as usual with archaic mind-sets will not augur well for the country. Less rhetoric, less politics and less blame game, as these will not solve problems, would certainly be a welcome change. Like our collective response to the pandemic, all of us ought to continue approaching the future with an



REFLECTIONS ON POST-COVID-19 (Continued)

open heart and an open mind. Learn from other countries that have weathered the storm and have moved forward successfully. Despite many of us are suffering from the pandemic, it is indeed a good opportunity for us to catch up on time lost.

There are real talents and expertise in both the government and the private sectors. These should earnestly be consulted and tapped. Politicians should realise that trying to solve national problems based on their agenda and with just their cronies can indeed be unreliable. The country's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic is laudable and ought to be used as a yardstick for all our future endeavours in moving the nation forward. The new normal should not be superficial, like in the shaking of hands and in the use of face masks. The new normal in Malaysia should instead have a deeper meaning. It should be about a new approach; being bold, being forward looking, being open and being broad-minded. This new mind-set that prioritises knowledge and talent will surely see the country emerge from Covid-19, a stronger, more progressive and united nation.

E-LEARNING: WE ARE SATISFIED!

Feedback from Students

I feel much more comfortable and less stressed learning at home. In my opinion, it's easy to understand the lectures online because I feel less distracted. I can join the online classes right on time or earlier.

Thank you to all lecturers for putting in the effort to conduct online learning. I can see they are doing their best to help us for final exams. My love to all Mass Communication lecturers.

Technology allows us to continue with our syllabus, even though we're not in school. This helps us not to fall behind.

Thanks for the lecturers' hard work who are still able to teach us properly online.

Great effort put in by all lecturers especially Mr Tai who bought a tablet and also Mr Lee who conducts the lessons very well in a creative way.

Ms Sharmila and Ms Janice are very patient in replying any problems and gives us time to ask questions.

COVID-19: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

How is UCSI College responding to the Covid-19 outbreak?

UCSI College is vigilantly monitoring and responding to new information about the Covid-19 outbreak. Following the Movement Control Order (MCO) implemented by the government, only 'essential-services' should be operating on campus. In line with our coordinated and informed approach, we have introduced a range of precautionary measures that we consider to be necessary.

Have any UCSI College students been exposed to Covid-19?

There is no positive-tested Covid-19 case at UCSI College to date.

When will the College reopen?

We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19, following the directives from the Government. The college will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so.

When can I register for May 2020 intake?

The last day of admission for the May 2020 intake is on 21 May 2020. Visit <https://apps.ucsicollege.edu.my/ucportal/ApplicantLogins.aspx> for online registration.

What is the best way to get updates on what's happening at UCSI College?

You can get regular updates on our website or social media such as Facebook and Instagram.

- Website: <https://www.ucsicollege.edu.my/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ucsicollege/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ucsicollege/>

How will the final examinations be administered?

Online final examinations are administrated via Course Networking and Microsoft Teams. However, for physical final examinations, we will ensure proper safety measures are adhered to.

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 PROGRAMMES

Oxford Brookes University (July and September 2020 intake)

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



LOCATION MAP



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