



Universiti Teknologi MARA

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In August 1999, the then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed announced the change of name of ITM to Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

With this acknowledgement from the government, a major restructuring exercise was carried out in order to consolidate the University's resources for optimum productivity.

UiTM aspires to be world-class in all its endeavours and forges ahead in a direction that is in tandem with the latest developments in the world.

As UiTM moves forward, it remains focused on academic excellence, innovativeness, socio-economic goals, worldwide accreditation, globalisation and new technologies and contributing to industry and national development.

Shah Alam main campus

UiTM's main campus started with the laying of its foundation stone on 14 October 1967 by Tun Abdul Razak and by mid 70s, the campus was already in full operation. It acts as the focal point of development and expansion to a network of 21 other campuses. In the year 2003, Shah Alam campus had 35,823 full-time and 6,269 part-time students. There are 13 residential college within the campus that house no less than 16,800 students. Apart from that, many homes around the university also open their doors to off-campus students.

UiTM constitutes an uncommon community of about 4,000 academics, scholars and researchers, all dedicated to education and research. Here, we find scholarship and research that will become that tools of personal and professional development. They are a new breed of knowledge innovators and paradigm bashers who are not afraid to transcend traditional boundaries between disciplines. The great diversity in disciplines and expertise is reflected in the university's niche areas and centres of excellence.

Centres of Excellence

UiTM's Centres of Excellence are the embodiment of the dynamic and progressive co-existence between scholar and scholarship. They comprise superior consultancy work by our own figures of international standing and reputation.

Malaysia Institute of Transport (MITRANS)

National Soil Erosion Centre (NASEC)

Institute of Research, Development and Commercialisation (IRDC)

Institute of Knowledge Advantage (InKA)

UiTM-MIGG Corporate Governance Centre

Asian Centre for English Language Teaching

Centre for Consultancy and Testing
'Halal-Haram'

Computer Aided Design Engineering and
manufacturing

Microwave Technology Centre

Financial Reporting Research Centre

Institute Kajian Zakat Malaysia

Institute of Biotechnology

Institute of Journalism



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THINGS ARE LOOKING UP: UiTM students rejoice after their convocation.

UiTM grads in great demand

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STUDENTS dressed in robes and mortar boards formed a long queue while nervously waiting for their turn to enter Dewan Sri Budiman, Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Shah Alam.

As they slowly took their seats in the hall, gamelan music filled the air.

Nervous giggles and excited murmurs stopped and heads turned as Yang-Di Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin walked into the hall.

The experience of being conferred your first degree or diploma is something that will be remembered always.

At UiTM, two students from the faculty of Architecture, Planning and Surveying will be awarded a doctorate. They are among 12,483 students who will be graduating with diplomas, degree and doctorates at UiTM's 59th convocation.

Held between April 15 and April 24, the convocation is also UiTM's 6th commemorative convocation as former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be awarded an honorary doctorate of Government and Political Science.

UiTM deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Datuk Dr Ahmad Zainuddin said the university had a warm and meaningful



AHMAD: Students have excellent communication skills.

relationship with Dr Mahathir as it was he who declared the then Mara Institute to be a fully-fledged university in 1999.

"We appreciate Dr Mahathir's efforts in developing Malaysia, especially in terms of education.

"He has always encouraged universities to create linkages with the industry. This way, our graduates will be prepared to enter the working world," he said.

This year, UiTM produced 105 first-class graduates compared with 77 graduates in October.

"We hope to increase the number of first-class graduates by 30 to 40 per cent in the near future.

"As it is, about 4,000 students manage to be on the dean's list every semester. However, not many can maintain their grades as they progress to their final year," he said.

Therefore, he said, the university constantly encouraged lecturers to pay attention to excellent students.

"However, this doesn't mean that other students are ignored," he said.

Faculty members redefine what they teach and how they teach it, ensuring that the best traditions of the academy are merged with the most latest updates.

Seventy-six students will receive the vice-chancellor's award for their achievement in maintaining a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 and above.

UiTM is one of Malaysia's 17 public institution of higher learning. It has experienced a

phenomenal growth since its inception in 1956.

It has expanded nationwide with three satellite campuses, 12 branch campuses, six city campuses and 25 franchise colleges.

It has a broad range of disciplines that can be divided into three categories: Science and Technology, Social Science and Management Science.

These categories include UiTM's 24 faculties and over 200 academic programmes.

Its curriculum takes into account the abilities and skills of its students. Most of its students are hired well before their convocation.

"In a questionnaire distributed to our graduates, we found out that within the first six months of finishing their studies, a lot of them managed to find a job related to the programme they studied.

"Our graduates are ready for the job market as our programmes equipped them with a strong theoretical foundation, coupled with hands-on experience that they acquired while doing their practical attachment in reputable companies," he said. Besides that, UiTM students have excellent communication skills.

"Our medium of instruction is English. Therefore, most of our students don't have problems adapting to an international working environment," he added.

For details, log on to: www.uitm.edu.my

East London committed to international education

UNIVERSITI Teknologi Mara's (UiTM) diploma students should have no problems finding a reputable university to further their tertiary education in as the university recently signed an MoU with the University of East London (UEL), UK.

UiTM and UEL have agreed to collaborate in facilitating undergraduate and postgrad-

uate studies for UiTM students and staff, sharing expertise, development of research and awarding of scholarship.

Diploma students can enter one of UK's top universities and get their degree within a year of study. UiTM degree holders are also recognised and are welcomed to complete their master's degrees at UEL, a dynamic university

with campuses in Docklands, Barking and Stratford.

UEL has a 100-year history and offers courses under its nine schools: Architecture and Visual Arts, Health and Bioscience, Business, Cultural and Innovation Studies, Education and Community Studies, Computing and Technology, Law, Psychology and

Social Sciences.

It is committed to international education. More than 110 nationalities are represented at UEL and international students account for 20 per cent of the 18,000 population.

It also provides scholarships for UiTM-supported PhD students. For details, log on to: www.uitm.edu.my or www.uel.ac.uk

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS



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Y.A.Bhg. TUN DR MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMED

Upon receiving the
Honorary Doctorate of Government & Political Science
during the
UiTM Commemorative Convocation Ceremony
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From

UEL
University of
East London

Universiti Teknologi Mara Diploma holders can obtain a degree from the University of East London in one year following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities.

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