

## **Inaugural Biomedical Science Alumni Series**

Three Biomedical Science alumni returned to UTAR to share career paths and offered insights to aspiring graduates. Held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, the talks are inaugural effort by the Department of Biomedical Science to provide the current students with the perfect opportunity to understand the diverse career paths after a Biomedical Science degree.

Dr Cheong Huey Chiat, Ms Vinny Len and Ms Stephanie Yong Tshun Yee graduated from UTAR with a Bachelor of (Hons) Biomedical Science in May 2010. Since then, the trio has achieved success in their career paths. Dr Cheong received a medical degree from Tzu Chi University in Taiwan and is currently a practicing and certified medical doctor. Ms Vinny Len is the Managing Director of Science Valley Sdn Bhd, Marketing Manager of NeoScience Sdn Bhd, and Managing Director of Neogenix Laboratoire Sdn Bhd. She is also a consultant to various companies. Ms Stephanie Yong has seen success after success in her career. Currently, she is the Global Product Manager at Medtronic, the world's largest medical device company, headquartered in Minneapolis, USA. All three included presentations on humanitarian and charity efforts overseas as a medical student, the challenges of running a company, and the art and skills of surviving in a competitive global working environment. They also shared with the juniors the key behaviours to success in life: positive thinking, taking calculated risk, having clear goals in life, willingness to keep learning and striving in new frontiers, and building effectively on any constructive criticism.



(Left) Dr Cheong sharing a touching moment on the Silent Mentor programme in his medical degree. (Right) Dr Cheong receiving a token of appreciation from DBMS HOD, Dr Chee Huei Phing.



(Left) Ms Vinny Len in action "From Zero to Hero". (Middle) With DBMS HOD Dr Chee. (Right) The speakers with family members.



(Top Left) Ms Stephanie Yong telling the crowd one of her motivation for choosing Biomedical Science as her first degree. (Top Right) Stephanie introducing her company to the crowd. (Bottom Left) With Deputy Dean Dr Gideon who presented her with a token of appreciation. (Bottom Right) A group picture with the audience.