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MoU with B.K. Geosoil Engineering

Stepping up efforts on academia-industry partnerships, UTAR collaborated with laboratory soil testing expert B.K. Geosoil Engineering Sdn Bhd (GSE) in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony held at Sungai Long Campus on 6 February 2015.

The MoU established a basis for UTAR and GSE to explore collaborative areas, including the development and improvement of laboratory equipment for advanced soil testing, and advancing more knowledge in soil testing. UTAR students and the academics will also benefit from the co-operation through participation in industry training, research opportunities and industry-based projects.

UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr Chua Huan Teik said, “Today’s MoU is most timely and in line with the educational excellence of UTAR in providing quality and industry relevant programmes. With the present environmental issues of floods, soil erosion and landslides, it is very critical that our Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) students gain the latest expertise on the fundamentals of soil testing and the practical skills to carry out quality soil testing with accurate test reports.” He also added that UTAR Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction would also tap on GSE’s expertise for research studies on natural disaster risk management.

GSE Executive Chairman Agilan Muniandy said, “We at B.K. Geosoil Engineering Sdn Blvd, an advanced soil testing company with quality, believes that this new venture with UTAR on research, invention and knowledge sharing basis will benefit both the students and researchers in terms of first hand industry experience for further quality education promoting innovation.” He also pledged a donation of RM10,000 to the UTAR Education Foundation on behalf of GSE.

MoU with Huazong

UTAR in collaboration with Silverlake Global Payments Sdn Bhd (SGP) officially launched the UTAR SilverCard at Heritage Building, UTAR Perak Campus on 26 January 2015.

The UTAR SilverCard was offered to all staff and students of UTAR Perak Campus. It would serve as an ID card and e-wallet which could be readily used for purchases and transactions at the cafeteria, library, bus and other facilities within the campus.

Perak State EXCO Member Dato’ Dr Mah Hang Soon officiated the launching of the UTAR SilverCard. Also present at the launching ceremony were Executive Chairman of Silverlake Group Goh Peng Ooi, UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr Chua Huan Teik, Director of Silverlake Global Payments Ambassador Dato’ Redzuan Khusairi, Group Managing Director of Silverlake Group of Private Entities Choo Soo Ching, Managing Director of Silverlake Global Payments Aaron Tan, Vice Presidents of UTAR Prof Ir Dr Lee See Wei and Prof Dr Ewe Hong Tat, UTAR Council Member Hiew Fen Yee, deans, staff and students.

In his address, Dato’ Mah applauded both UTAR and SGP for the timely collaborative efforts in bringing about a cashless payment system that is tailored for the campus community. Prof ChuaH remarked in his speech that, “The UTAR SilverCard offers an accurate and reliable mode of payment via SGP digital platforms and I am confident that our students will welcome this lifestyle with conveniences of e-payment.”

Goh added that the e-wallet payment instrument aimed to transform the university into a cashless environment and to enrich the student’s campus life style with usage of the latest contactless payment technologies. He also announced that Silverlake would donate to UTAR, any profit generated from the transactions of the current UTAR students. After the launching ceremony, there was a presentation of SilverCards to 20 UTAR students as well as a transaction demonstration in the UTAR bus by Dato’ Mah, Goh and Prof ChuaH.

Launch of ID-cum-stored value SilverCard

The first UTAR Agriculture Science Journal was unveiled during a launching ceremony at Heritage Building, UTAR Perak Campus on 26 January 2015. The quarterly journal aims to provide and share agriculture information by treating each topic as a subject for intelligent enquiry and exploration.

The journal was launched by Perak State EXCO Member Dato’ Dr Mah Hang Soon. He was accompanied by UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr Chua Huan Teik, Dean of UTAR Faculty of Science (FSc) Assoc Prof Dr Lim Tuck Meng and Honorary Editor of UTAR Agriculture Science Journal Dr Francis Ng.

Unveiling of UTAR Agriculture Science Journal

In his speech, Prof ChuaH said, “UTAR wants to contribute to the food sector and therefore, started the Department of Agricultural and Food Science under the FSc. Today’s launch of UTAR Agriculture Journal is indeed a milestone for the faculty” and I am confident that our students will welcome this lifestyle with conveniences of e-payment.”

Dr Lim added that the journal would be a key driving force for Malaysia and tropical agriculture. He elaborated that the journal would be impactful due to its strong editorial management, good information content, total free access by internet and strong presence in the agricultural libraries of the world through complimentary distribution.

After launching the journal website, Dato’ Mah presented prizes to the winners of the Journal Design Competition.

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UTAR Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT) organised the launch of AppAsia Mobile Challenge 2015 at Lecture Complex II, UTAR Perak Campus on 21 January 2015. AppAsia Mobile Challenge is a competition that requires students to use their knowledge, ingenuity and creativity to create original mobile applications.

The challenge was jointly launched by UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dat’i Dr Chuah Hean Teik and Executive Director of AppAsia Bhd Calvert Wong Ngai Poo. Present at the launching ceremony were FICT Dean Assoc Prof Dr Liew Siong Yue and UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee. In his speech, Prof Chuah emphasised on how technologies have a great impact in shaping the way we live, study and communicate with one another and encouraged students to use their creativity and innovation by participating in the challenge.

In his address, Calvert Wong shared his experiences on the mobile industry and encouraged students to acquire positive thinking, the right mindset and passion in order to achieve their dreams. The ceremony also saw Wong handing over a mock cheque of RM12,500 from AppAsia Bhd to Prof Chuah, who received the sponsorship for the Mobile Challenge on behalf of UTAR. There was a short training session on mobile applications development after the closing ceremony.

U TAR and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) jointly organised a training programme titled ‘Leadership Breakthrough’ at UTAR Perak Campus from 20 to 21 December 2014. A total of 60 motivated youths from UTAR and USM participated in the collaborative leadership training programme.

The two-day training programme aimed to nurture budding leaders and empower them with leadership qualities through leadership building sessions that included workshops, outdoor activities and games. With the guidance of facilitators and experts at these leadership training sessions, participants from various backgrounds came together to learn, exchange ideas, and to put into practice the essential leadership skills that they have learnt.

At the opening ceremony, UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng said, “This training programme is a platform for UTAR to have more collaboration with public universities, and for students to meet highly motivated leaders from other parts of the country.” Deputy Vice-Chancellor of USM Prof Dat’i Dr See Ching Mey, who conveyed her message through the student representative Goo Chuan Chew, said that both USM and UTAR share similar goals in producing more well-rounded leaders and hoped that the participants will gain leadership qualities, problem solving skills and the skills of negotiation at the training programme.

The participants attended the workshops and participated in outdoor activities such as a captain ball and an excursion to Gua Tempurung, Kampar. There was also the presentation of certificates and souvenirs to the participants at the closing ceremony. The main sponsors for the training were Gua Tempurung Outdoor Camp and Restaurant Jia Kampar.

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The objectives of the joint workshop were to encourage networking and knowledge exchanges among the participants from South Korea, China, Indonesia and Malaysia, making it a valued platform for discussions on the recent technologies and knowledge updates on computer vision, image processing, visualisation, graphics and interactive arts.

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Sponsorship for sports

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Norlaily Mohd Ali and Boo Lily, both PhD candidates from Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, won two out of three Best Poster Awards at the International Medical Conference and Healthcare Technology (IMCG) 2014, which took place from 3 to 5 December 2014 at Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

IMCG 2014 was organised by the Medical Genetics Society of Malaysia with the aim of highlighting the advances in the medical field to improve cancer care with the latest DNA technologies such as targeted treatments, self-discipline and time management in juggling assignments and related workload. They also expressed their appreciation to friends as well as to their mentor, FICT lecturer and experienced SAP consultant Su Lee Seng who gave invaluable advice on how to refine their competition ideas.

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National champion in SAP Lumira Challenge 2014

The UTAR winning team then represented Malaysia to compete in the regional round of the competition, against top three winners from South East Asia countries comprising Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Philippines.

Both Tan and Lee are third-year Bachelor of Information Systems (Hons) Business Information Systems students of the UTAR Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FICT). They bagged home a trophy, a Samsung Tab and a certificate of participation each.

The winning duo attributed their win to adopting a learning attitude with the aims of gaining exposure to new technology and the joy of participation. Their preparations for the competition required teamwork, self-discipline and time management in juggling assignments and related workload. They also expressed their appreciation to friends as well as to their mentor, FICT lecturer and experienced SAP consultant Su Lee Seng who gave invaluable advice on how to refine their competition ideas.

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Best Poster Awards in IMCG 2014

Tan (right) posing with SAP Malaysia Managing Director Bernard Chiang (second from right), Su and SAP staff Alice Woo. Lee was not present at the award presentation ceremony.

Publication in clinical neurology journal

Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) Department of Mechatronics and Biomedical Engineering Asst Prof Dr Tee Yee Kai co-authored a research paper which was published online on 6 January 2015 in Brain, one of the most reputable clinical neurology journals.

The paper titled “Identifying the ischemic penumbra using pH-weighted magnetic resonance imaging” was also featured as the Editor’s Choice for Brain’s January issue. The paper aimed to establish the proof of principle for clinical use of pH-weighted MRI in patients with acute ischemic stroke, revealing that cerebral intracellular pH - a marker of metabolic stress, is associated with eventual outcomes issue.

“This recognition is definitely a motivation for me to strive for excellence and to continue publishing in reputable journals. Such a publication in this reputable journal re-affirms our University’s research culture and I thank my alma mater, the University of Oxford in UK, for the support in facilities and funding,” said Dr Tee.

Dr Tee also expressed his gratitude to his former colleagues and collaborators at Oxford University; his PhD supervisors, Oxford Acute Vascular Imaging Centre and the staff of Oxford Acute Stroke Programme for making the publication possible.
Actuary Today 2015 proved to be a resounding success in nurturing the awareness of actuary with the supportive presence of industry experts, academicians, students and even professional actuaries from Hong Kong. It attracted student participants from a total of 47 institutions of learning inclusive of UTAR and secondary schools. It also attracted the presence of industry experts, actuary with the supportive presence of both the public and younger generation in actuarial science.

The event, held at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus from 28 January to 1 February 2015 was organised by the UTAR Actuarial Science Society with the partnership support of the Society of Actuaries (SOA) and the Actuarial Society of Malaysia (ASM).

Aptly themed as ‘Embrace the Uncertainties’, the event held at UTAR Kuala Lumpur Campus from 28 January to 1 February 2015 was organised by the UTAR Actuarial Science Society together with the partnership support of the Society of Actuaries (SOA) and the Actuarial Society of Malaysia (ASM).

The organising committee together with the judges and speakers during closing ceremony. The judges for Actuary Today 2015 were Kelvin Hii Chee Yun from ASM, Simon Lam Yam Tung from Munich Re Hong Kong branch and Alvin Lim Jun Sum from Lonpac Insurance Berhad. The judges for Actuary Today 2015 were Kelvin Hii Chee Yun from ASM, Simon Lam Yam Tung from Munich Re Hong Kong branch and Alvin Lim Jun Sum from Lonpac Insurance Berhad. The judges for Actuary Today 2015 were Kelvin Hii Chee Yun from ASM, Simon Lam Yam Tung from Munich Re Hong Kong branch and Alvin Lim Jun Sum from Lonpac Insurance Berhad.

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The guests and VIPs during the opening ceremony.

Spotlight on Am Malaysia. In his speech, Dato’ Seri Ong emphasised the importance of actuarial science and said, “Actuary Today 2015 is a very timely and important activity to complement the government’s aim of enhancing human capital in the creation of knowledge based society. As the country advances to developed nation status there will be more career opportunities for actuaries,” he said, after lauding the efforts of the organising committee.

Prof Ewe in his address added that the event exemplified UTAR’s commitment to quality education by drawing on its academic resources to benefit students and the community in promoting the awareness on actuarial science. Students learned leadership skills, teamwork and coordination through organising Actuary Today 2015 which involved participation from schools, universities, actuary societies and industry partners.

The lecturer-in-charge of the event was the Chairperson for the Centre for Mathematical Sciences Dr Chua Kuan Chin. Forty UTAR Actuarial Science student volunteers, led by the organising chairman Chua were actively involved in fund-raising, logistics and promotional activities for Actuary Today 2015.

Chua, a third year UTAR Actuarial Science student enthused that one of the main goals in organising the event is to clear the misconception of the public towards actuarial science and to motivate the current Actuarial Science students, including the juniors to pursue their dream paths to be actuaries. “Actuary Today is a big event and we started planning since July 2014. By organising this event, my team...
**Life is Beautiful, Integrate It**

UTAR students gained significant insights during the ‘Life is Beautiful, Integrate It’ event held at Heritage Building, UTAR Perak Campus from 19 to 22 January 2015.

The four-day event comprised the ‘Life Hacks’ exhibition, a non-smoking campaign, a safety campaign, a flea market and the ‘Protect, Save and Integrate’ talk series. The ‘Life Hacks’ exhibition offers strategies and techniques on how to manage our time and daily activities in a more efficient way. The safety campaign exposes reasons why people get involved in drugs and the consequences of drug addiction.

During the ‘Protect, Save and Integrate’ talk series, professional insights were given by speakers from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Royal Malaysia Police (Police Diraja Malaysia), Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation and Malaysian Intellectual Property Association.

A talk titled ‘Cybercrime Awareness and Challenges’ was delivered by DSP Yap Yoke Peng from the Cybercrime Investigation Division, Commercial Crime Investigation Department of Royal Police Malaysia.

DSP Yap explained on the types of computer crimes such as cross border intellectual property, licensing issues, and organised crime networks such as human trafficking, drugs and terrorism utilising the internet for communication and the challenges to control the cross border transfer of intellectual property such as the subscription to pornography and gambling sites by Malaysians.

Organised by the Crime Prevention Society of UTAR Perak Campus, the ‘Life is Beautiful, Integrate It’ event aimed to impart knowledge regarding safety and share tips that make daily life more convenient for the UTAR Community.

**Chinese New Year celebration came early for a group of Public Relations (PR) students as they ushered in the festive season in conjunction with the Soft Launch of PR Campaign 2014/2015. Volunteerism IV at UTAR Perak Campus on 2 February 2015.

Themed “Togetherness”, the soft launch was organised by the same batch of PR students who earlier kick-started a series of scintillating fund-raising activities in November 2014 for the upcoming PR Campaign.

The VIPs invited to grace the soft launch included UTAR Vice President for Student Development and Alumni Relations Assoc Prof Dr Teh Chee Seng, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS) Dr Alia Azalea and Head of Department of Public Relations Pong Kok Shong, who were greeted by the 24 Festive Drummers and Lion dance performances by UTAR Wushu Club members.

The campaign’s main director Chia Yi Jing first extended her gratitude to the VIPs and proceeded to introduce PR Campaign 2014/2015: Volunteerism IV as part of their coursework. “The main objectives of this campaign are to improve the lives of Kamparians and to make Kampar a better place. We will focus on volunteerism work and activities on five different aspects of social needs, namely Road Safety, Food Tourism, Vandalism, Environment and Charity.

All five groups will organise an in-campus and an outreach event respectively ranging from musical drama, food exhibition to community projects to raise awareness based on the five sub-themes.” She also added that the soft launch acts as a warm up to the grand launching ceremony at the end of February 2015.

Dr Alia commended that the PR Campaign serves as a golden opportunity for the students to be exposed to real life situations while planning and managing events and to groom them for their career advancement in the future. Dr Teh concurred and said, “In UTAR, students don’t just graduate with certificates but also with the sense of giving back to the community.” He also stressed that such activities will enable UTAR graduates to leave their alma mater with a sense of pride for they know they have achieved something in life which is more important.

The soft launch also saw the introduction of the five Campaign Mascots, namely Group One’s ‘Ant-Traffie’ for Road Safety, Group Two’s ‘Ant-Chefie’ for Food Tourism, Group Three’s ‘Ant-Fixie’ for Vandalism, Group Four’s ‘Ant-Greenie’ for Environment and Group Five’s ‘Ant-Lovie’ for Charity. According to Chia, ants signify diligence and unity. These values are shown through the continuous efforts of the students in carrying out the campaign and at the same time, displaying the value of togetherness, which is also the theme of this Chinese New Year event.

Following the introduction of the iconic mascots and several animated performances was a special guests appearance session which saw local Chinese movie “The Dream Boys” Director Ryan Lee and casts including Alvin Chong, Fuying and Sam, Rayz Lim, Teddy Chin, Joe Chang promoting their upcoming movie which premiered on 13 February 2015. The soft launch concluded with an autograph session.
National Sanda and Tuishou Open Championship

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Students in Action

Run with Nature Trekathon 2014

UTAR Department of Student Affairs Sports and Recreation Unit organised this year’s Trekathon with the theme of ‘Run with Nature’ at Taman Botani Selangor, Shah Alam on 16 November 2014. The event attracted more than 700 participants comprising students, staff, lecturers and others from the UTAR community. The objectives of the Trekathon were twofold, to promote a healthy lifestyle amongst the UTAR community and to raise funds for UTAR Sports Exchange Programme which benefits the UTAR sports teams in terms of cultural exchanges and friendly competitions with teams from other institutions of higher learning in different states as well as the neighbouring countries.

Daniel Lai and Lin Chew Ying both from Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science (LKC FES) were the respective winners for UTAR Student Men and Women Categories. Muhammad Albarr from Faculty of Creative Industries was the winner for UTAR Staff Men Category and the winner of Creative Industries was the winner for UTAR Staff Women Category. The winners for UTAR Student Men and Women Categories, Science (LKC FES) were the respective winners for Open Men and Women Categories.

Fostering more togetherness and friendship at the event were the lively and entertaining wushu performances by the UTAR students. The sponsors for this year’s event were Permatan CNA Development Sdn Bhd, UTAR Canteen Management and Fotolux.

Visit to Divine Mercy Boys’ Home

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The purpose of the community service was to help Maria, a single Malay woman to clean her house and give her a better living environment.

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The volunteers who arrived at Maria’s house early in the morning rolled up their sleeves to start the cleaning chores while the students for organising such a meaningful activity as the children at the home are either orphans or they come from broken homes with little opportunity for education. The visit ended with a photo session and lunch.

Giving Back Campaign

Students from Klang Valley Campuses joined hands in organising a successful Giving Back Campaign from 4 to 7 November 2014 and from 10 to 12 November 2014.

The volunteers, comprising students from the Faculty of Creative Industries, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Faculty of Accountancy and Management and Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science, were enrolled in UTAR’s compulsory co-curricular units, namely, Community Project, Social Entrepreneurship, Arts and Cultural Performance Project, and Theatre.

The Community Project and Social Entrepreneurship students visited non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as Tanma Women Centre, Jumble Station, Beautiful Gate Foundation, Women’s Aid Organisation, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Kechara Soup Kitchen, Rumah Shalom and Rumah Hope. These students have earlier spent some time with their chosen NGOs to understand the respective services such as spring cleaning at the orphanages and volunteering to distribute food to the homeless.

The students also helped to organise fund-raising activities such as selling flowers and postcards, candies and cookies, and handmade soaps by refugees in UTAR’s compulsory co-curricular units. The students were also introduced to the art of writing Chinese phrases and proverbs. And Woon brought smiles and laughter to the children with his talent in customising balloons into different shapes.

Julie said, “It is wonderful to have students coming over to share Chinese culture with the children as these activities are educational.” She thanked the students for their organisational skills.

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Students getting down to work.

All smiles with the calligraphy scrolls.

All smiles after the run from Kuala Lumpur and Siti Nur Aisyah from UNITEN were the respective winners for Open Men and Women Categories.

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Perayaan Ponggal atau lebih dikenali sebagai perayaan menuai, pada kebiasaannya diraikan oleh masyarakat Tamil India selama empat hari berturut-turut bermula 13 hingga 16 Januari mengikut kalender Gregorian. Perayaan menuai ini disambut meriah sebagai tanda penghargaan kepada Suriyan Bhagavan (Dewa Suria) kerana Suriyan atau matahari ialah sumber tenaga utama dan kebanyakan tenaga yang digunakan di Bumi terutama dalam pertanian berasal daripada matahari.

Majlis tersebut dimulakan seawal jam 7 pagi dengan aktiviti memasak Ponggal menggunakan ramuan seperti beras baru, susu, gula dan minyak sapi. Selepas memasak Ponggal, majlis tersebut diteruskan dengan upacara sembahyang sebagai tanda penghargaan kepada Suriyan Bhagavan.

Serentak dengan majlis tersebut, pihak penganjur turut menganjurkan beberapa acara permainan tradisi India termasuk permainan seperti mengigit tebu, menganyam toranam (daun kelapa) dan uri addithal (memecah belanga dengan menutup mata).

“Aktiviti ini merupakan satu aktiviti yang cukup baik kerana dapat memberi pendedahan kepada pelajar tentang budaya masyarakat India di negara ini seterusnya mencerminkan perpaduan yang terjalin dalam kalangan pelajar UTAR yang berbilang bangsa,” kata Shivaraj.

Beliau juga menambah, “Walaupun majlis ini tidak melibatkan ramai pelajar daripada kaum-kaum lain, namun penyertaan pelajar Cina dalam permainan mengigit tebu dan uri addithal amat bermakna bagi persatuan kami dan ia turut memeriahkan perjalanan aktiviti kami pada hari tersebut. Saya juga berharap pelajar-pelajar UTAR akan terus memberi sokongan dan menyeru semua aktiviti anjuran persatuan tanpa mengira kaum supaya dapat berkongsi budaya dan mengeratkan hubungan antara satu sama lain.”

Sebelum bers Catal, para hadirin disajikan dengan makanan daun pisang berkonsep vegetarian dan juga dengan manisan yang dikenali sebagai laddu.