



## New Strategic Plan for FASS in Place

On 17 January 2019, the Dean's Office held a one-day workshop on Strategic Planning at Hilton Hotel, Petaling Jaya.

This workshop exposed participants to the New Strategic Plan of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, aligning the Faculty's goals to this larger vision.

It was also a platform for faculty members to identify gaps in services, physical infrastructure and human resources in order to improve standards.

The workshop was facilitated by Datuk Professor Dr. Danny Wong Tze-Ken, Dean of the Faculty.



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## Summer Enrichment Programme a Blast

From 21 January to 15 February 2019, 17 international students from Pukyong National University, Kongju National University, and Tottori University attended the Summer Enrichment Programme (Phase I) at FASS.

Participants attended English language classes and were also introduced to the traditional music, dances and cuisine of Malaysia.

Highlights of this programme included visits to iconic places in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Melaka as well as a short stay with a local community.

Throughout the Summer Enrichment Programme, participants were paired with local students from our faculty in order to further cultivate international ties.





## Journey to the Philippines

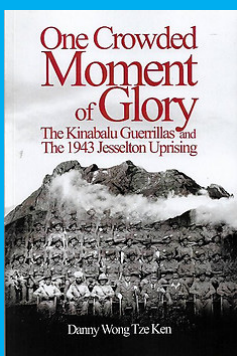
by Mary Susan Phillip

Associate Professor Dr. Susan Philip, Head of the English Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences was invited to the De La Salle University Dasmariñas as a Visiting Professor, to teach on the PhD in Language Studies (with specialisation in English) programme.

She taught a module on Language and Literature, from 4-8 February 2019. She also presented a public lecture on 'Hybridity in the English-Language Theatre of Malaysia' on the 9 February.

The lecture was attended by staff and postgraduate students of the De La Salle University, as well as staff from the University of the Philippines Diliman.

## Staff Publications



**Title :** *One Crowded Moment of Glory: The Kinabalu Guerrillas and the 1943 Jesselton Uprising*

**Author:** Danny Wong Tze-Ken

**Publisher:** UM Press

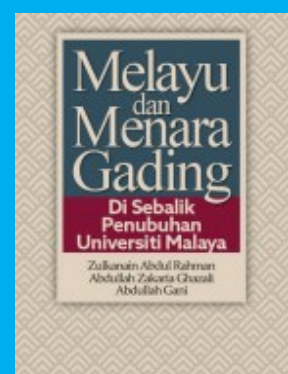
This book is about the Jesselton Uprising, which saw the Kinabalu Guerrillas resisting the Japanese Army in the state of Sabah. This historic event took place on 9 October 1943 during the Japanese occupation.

**Title:** *Melayu dan Menara Gading: Di Sebalik Penubuhan Universiti Malaya*

**Author:** Zulkanain Abdul Rahman, Abdullah Zakaria Ghazali, Abdullah Ghani

**Publisher:** UM Press

An important contribution to scholarship on the university, this book highlights the role of the Malays—Malay rulers, scholars, teachers, dignitaries and other individuals - in establishing University of Malaya in 1949.





## Community Engagement: Reaching Out to Society

On 12 February 2019, students of the FASS along with international students from Korea and Japan visited SMK Abdul Jalil, Selangor.

This was part of a community engagement project, aimed at nurturing continuous ties between the university and schools. They were welcomed by the school principal, Puan Sofia Nor Molhit and watched a dance performance by the school students.

Following that, our international students staged a creative piece, incorporating drama and storytelling. The day ended with much fun and laughter over a round of folk games.

## Book Launch: *One Crowded Moment of Glory*

Datuk Professor Dr. Danny Wong Tze-Ken, Dean of the Faculty launched his new book *One Crowded Moment of Glory: The Kinabalu Guerillas and the 1943 Jesselton Uprising* on 21 January 2019.

The book confronts one of the few anti-Japanese movements in Southeast Asia led entirely by civilians in an occupied territory.

The event was blessed with the Opening by Datuk Seri Panglima Yong Teck Lee, former Chief Minister of Sabah.

In conversation with Datuk Danny, he said that the book has been stories of the times the Jesselton Uprising was launched against the Japanese Army on 9 October 1943 and how the movement contributed to the making of Sabah.



## Seminar on Hakka Research

The University of Malaya Malaysian Chinese Research Centre (MCRC) and the Department of Chinese Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences held an academic lecture on 28 January 2019.

The lecture was delivered by Professor Zhang Han Bi of National Central University on “Hakka Research in Southeast Asia” pertaining to the position of Hakka research in Southeast Asian studies and she also explained the development of Hakka research in Taiwan from the 1980s to the present.

In addition to analysing the focus among scholars in the Hakka study at different stages, she also shared the Hakka research programme currently being conducted with the team in Malaysia.





## GLIMPSE OF HISTORY

Starting with this issue, we feature a historical image of the Faculty and its members.

*The newly completed original buildings of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya at Lembah Pantai, Kuala Lumpur, 1959.*



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This e-newsletter is an essential communication link between the FASS, UM and the wider community. It is imperative that the newsletter is accurate, informative and contain information that will mutually benefit both Faculty and community members.