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9 February 2021 - Professor Dato' Ir. Dr. Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor conducted a live Zoom webinar presenting the Universiti Malaya (UM) Strategic Plan for 2021 – 2025 to the campus community, in conjunction with his first 100 days as UM Vice Chancellor.

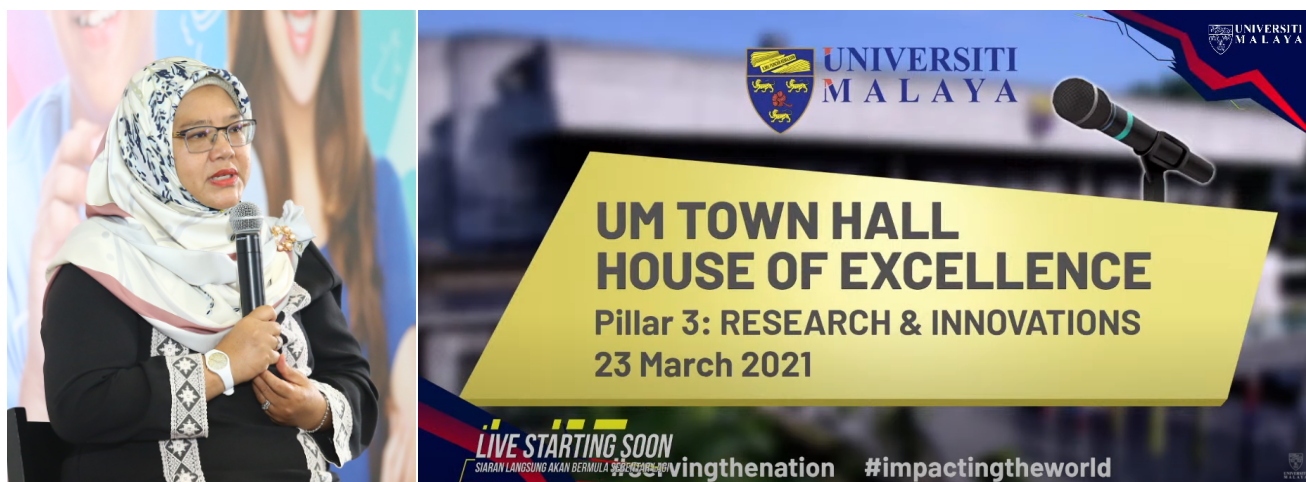
He shared our vision of becoming a global university impacting the world and our mission to push the boundaries of knowledge and nurture aspiring leaders. The focus is on UM's five (5) Pillars of Organisational Excellence – Income Generation, Teaching & Learning, Research & Innovations, Talent and Entrepreneurship. He also encouraged UM to embrace our core values of Passion, Oneness, Integrity, Sincerity and Empathy (POISE).

UM is the educational flag bearer of Malaysia with the QS World University Rankings recently has listed UM as No. 59 university in

the world and the only OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation) member country – out of 57 – to be in the top 100 of the QS World University Rankings as of 2021. UM aspires to fulfil its fullest potential through leveraging on untapped strengths, talents, research and future leaders. In spite of Covid-19 disruptions changing the way of doing things, UM is intended to continue to make the nation proud.

To transform dreams into reality, UM has established a Project Management Office (PMO) to oversee the transformation journey which includes UM Strategic Plan, UM Transformation Plan and UM Health Initiatives. UM aims to move towards a self-sustaining university that produces future leaders for the nation. UM will become a dynamic learning organisation and a centre of excellence for knowledge and research solutions.

THE HOUSE OF EXCELLENCE – RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



For more information, please refer to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qorGyN36qZk&t=7s>

23 March 2021 – Professor Dr. Noorsaadah binti Abdul Rahman, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) presented the Universiti Malaysia Townhall Strategic Plan 2021 – to 2025 House of Excellence Pillar 3: Research & Innovations on live streaming.

Research & Innovation is one of the five pillars supporting UM's mission of organisational excellence; to address the decline in the intake of postgraduate students by research over the years, four (4) new initiatives will be implemented – Research Fund Opportunities, WoS Publication Rewards, Research Ecosystem and UM Scholarship Programme.

Research Fund Opportunities – Granting 50% of student fees to supervisors to use as starting research funds (currently applies only to new PhD recruits starting September 2021) and formulating a matching fund for industrial and international grants (RM1 given to UM for every RM3 grant). Other initiatives include developing a platform/database of funders and calls for proposals, planning meetings with stakeholders and creating system records for copyrighting top-drawer proposals.

WoS Publication Rewards – Allocating rewards earned from published papers as a top-up grant based on the indexing category – Science, Social Sciences and Arts & Humanities. The reward goes to the principal investigator (PI) who (if the paper is a team effort) assigns the necessary amount to UM co-authors. Currently, the total allocation is RM3mil with a maximum of RM15,000 (cumulative) per researcher per year.

Research Ecosystem – Creating a Research Impact Strategic Unit to enhance publication quality and citations, transform publications into books, increase citations to improve academic impact and push UM's journal into the WoS and Scopus index. This also includes Researcher Empowerment to improve research communication and negotiation and impact beyond academia.

UM Scholarship Program – Introducing competitive scholarship program for PhD aimed towards highly qualified recruits in September 2021. This program provides full (100 students, RM4.5mil allocated) and partial (200 students, RM3mil allocated) scholarships with 3 years maximum duration.

MALAYSIA TECHNOLOGY EXPO

MTE 2021 AWARD WINNERS



22-26 March 2021 - UM has won 2 Special Awards, 3 Gold and 5 Silver Awards at the Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) 2021 held virtually this year.

Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) started off as a platform for innovators to showcase their findings in year 2021 and now it has grown to become one of the region's most recognised and respected international innovation exhibitions, each year connecting participants with industry players. In fact, MTE has built a culture of excellence, being known for its prestigious awards and continues to welcome over 500 exhibits annually. It provides a one-stop platform for innovators, designers and entrepreneurs to showcase their latest inventions, ideas, prototypes, products and designs to investors, manufacturers, distributors and marketers in Asia and beyond, paving the way to connect them with those who are seeking new ideas, as well as technology commercialisation and collaboration.

UM has eight (8) innovations participated in the International Innovation Awards under four (4) sub-categories: i) Building; ii) Healthcare, Personal Care Technology, Biotechnology and Life Sciences; iii) Protection of the Environment, Energy, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation & Green Technology; and iv) Agriculture, Livestock & Horticulture, Aquacultures & Fisheries.

Researchers that represented UM in MTE 2021 are Gold, Silver and Special Awards Winner - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ubagaram Johnson Alengaram (Faculty of Engineering), Gold Awards Winners - Ir. Dr. Lai Khin Wee (Faculty of Engineering) and Dr. Iswadi Jauhari (Faculty of Engineering). Other Silver Awards Winners also include Assoc. Prof. Dr. Poo Balan a/l Ganesan (Faculty of Engineering), Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Lim Kok Sing (Photonics Research Centre), Dr. Azmin Azliza Aziz (Faculty of Business and Accountancy) and Dr. Leo Bey Fen (Faculty of Medicine).

UNIVERSITI MALAYA RESEARCH WEBINAR SERIES

UMR WEBINAR SERIES #1

Harnessing Our Talents to Produce IMPACTFUL RESEARCH

Professor Dr. Ng Kwan Hoong, a Malaysian pioneer in medical physics whose research on radiation medicine has brought light and hope to fight against breast cancer. Prof. Ng's significant contributions in breast cancer research and remarkable academic leadership have won Prof. Ng multiple international awards. In 2020, Prof Ng was granted the prestigious Merdeka Award!

In this session, Prof. Ng will be sharing his success story with us. Specifically, Prof. Ng will explore with the audience a few ideas to embark on successful impact-oriented interdisciplinary research:

- Initiating and nurturing collaboration
- Mentoring for leadership
- Doing more with less
- Being innovative

Come and join us for an invigorating session with Prof. Dr. Ng Kwan Hoong!

UNIVERSITI MALAYA

PROF. DR. NG KWAN HOONG
2020 MERDEKA AWARD RECIPIENT

18 FEBRUARY 2021
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Webinar link to join:
<https://zoom.us/j/96636692619>

Co-organized by:
UM Research Clusters
Centre of Research Services

UM Research Webinar Series is a webinar series organized by Centre of Research Services (PPP) in collaboration with various internal or external agencies with the aims: i) to provide useful information, knowledge and skills for research enhancement and academic career development; ii) to expose researchers to a wide range of current and emerging topics, trends and technology in research, and opportunities for research and career development; and iii) to encourage and motivate researchers to continually progress towards research excellence.

At this moment, the UM Research Webinar series are held bi-monthly. PPP will invite speakers and experts to share their expertise and experience on wide range of current and emerging topics related to research.

UMR WEBINAR SERIES #2

The Malaysia Grand Challenge
Constructive Alignment to the 10-10 MySTIE Framework for Impact-Driven Research

Date: 9 April 2021 (10am - 12pm)
Platform: Zoom / FB Live

Registration:
<https://forms.gle/wbo5K5j6Tp8raeqAA>

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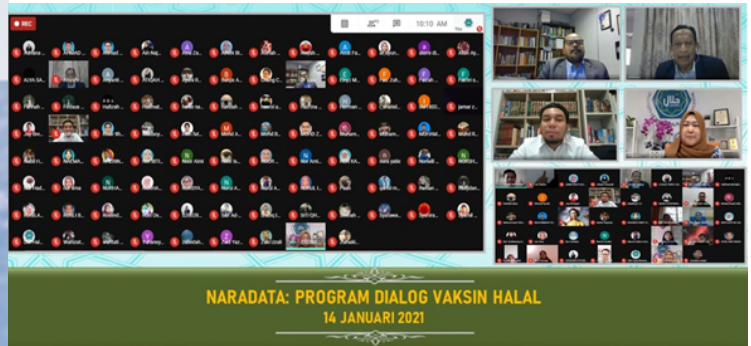
The first UM Research Webinar co-organised with the Research Clusters Office was held on 18 February 2021. Professor Dr. Ng Kwan Hoong from Faculty of Medicine has been invited to give a talk on "Harnessing Our Talent to Produce Impactful Research". The session was moderated by Professor Dr. AS Md Abdul Haseeb, Coordinator for Research Clusters Office, UM and attended by 107 participants locally and internationally.

The second UMR Webinar series will be held on 9 April 2021 over Zoom or Facebook Live. In this webinar #2, we are honoured to be able to invite Professor Datuk Dr. Asma Ismail FASc, the President for Academy of Science Malaysia (ASM) to give a talk on "The Malaysia Grand Challenge: Constructive Alignment to the 10-10 MySTIE Framework for Impact-Driven Research".



To join us in the UMR Webinar #2, please scan and register here.

DIALOGUE PROGRAM ON HALAL VACCINE



14 January 2021 - UM Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and Halal Research Centre (UMHRC) has organized a webinar "Dialogue Program on Halal Vaccine" on 14 January 2021 via Google Meet.

With the outbreak of COVID-19 and now the production of vaccines for COVID-19, the halal status of the vaccine becomes the main concerns especially for the Malay community in Malaysia. As such, with the role of UMHRC to offers services including halal research, coaching, and training related to halal as well as the function of UMCCD to promote global peace and sustainability of human civilization through dialogue, it is highly desirable for these two centers to co-organise the above-mentioned webinar to channel knowledge and provide exposure to the community about vaccine use from the point of view of fiqh and its importance.

The dialogue program moderated by Dr. Zalina Zakaria (Head of UMHRC) has invited three (3) panels to discuss the topic related to the halal vaccine. The panels are: i) Tuan Haji Amrahi Buang (President for the Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society); ii) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saadan Man (Head Department of Fiqh & Usul, Academy of Islamic Studies UM); and iii) Mr. Johari Abu Latiff (Assoc. Member of UMHRC).

Each panel that specializes in different areas related to vaccination has given their insightful views on the topic. Tuan Haji Amrahi Buang elaborated his knowledge on the vaccine itself whereas Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saadan Man who is from the Usul al-Fiqh background analyses the aspect of Islamic rulings on the issue. The take-home message of the webinar is an eye-opener: vaccination is a very essential need for the sake of respecting one's life and the lives of others who co-exist with them.

There are more than 85 participants from various agencies (universities schools, and industries) from local and international have participated actively in the webinar.

JOURNAL OF RESEARCH MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE (JRMG)



1 January 2021 - We are proud to present to you the publication of Journal of Research Management & Governance (JRMG) Volume 3 by the Universiti Malaya.

Journal of Research Management and Governance (JRMG) (e-ISSN: 2637-1103) is a peer-reviewed journal published annually by UM. JRMG aims to provide a platform for sharing and dissemination of knowledge in research management areas, especially at the tertiary level. Articles published in JRMG cover all aspects related to the management and administration of research in universities, research organizations and funding agencies including (but not limited to) strategies and policies in research management and administration, research management professionals and human



resources, research output and outcome in terms of impact and Return on Investment (ROI), open science (open access and open data), as well as the changing landscape of research environment and research funding.

From the outset, the Journal's main aim was to provide fast and efficient online publication tools to the scientific community, while keeping that community in charge of every aspect of the peer-review and publication process, in order to ensure the highest quality standards.

Consequently, the Advisory and Editorial Boards, composed of distinguished and active scientists in the field, jointly establish with the Scientific Director of the Journal's scientific policy and ensure the scientific quality of accepted articles. Editors and referees generally operate anonymously but are free to reveal their identity to the authors.



For more information about JRMG and manuscript submission, please scan here.



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HUMBOLT AMBASSADOR SCIENTIST ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION, GERMANY



Prof. Dr. Azirah Hashim, Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, has been appointed to the position of Humboldt Ambassador Scientist, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany for the period February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2024. Humboldt Ambassador Scientists support the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/>) by

promoting and sharing information on the Foundation's sponsorship programmes and by acting in an advisory capacity to the Foundation.

As an alumna, Azirah will be giving talks on the Foundation's programmes, organising networking events and sharing her Humboldt experiences during the three-year appointment. Her first research stay was at Free University Berlin in 2009/2010 hosted by Prof. Gerhard Leitner with whom she has collaborated extensively on research on Language Contact and Multilingualism.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation places special emphasis on working with alumni, return visits to Germany and organising events abroad, and thereby nurturing a worldwide network. The Humboldt fellowship brought Azirah back to Germany where she is based at the University of Freiburg. The Foundation promotes scientific collaborations between excellent foreign and German researchers. It supports qualified researchers from all over the world in several of their programmes.

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