FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

Greetings to all! Happy New Year. May the year 2010 bring us greater happiness, peace and prosperity and may it be an important milestone in the 40-year history of Taylor's.

Yes, we are moving or have moved to the long awaited Taylor's Lakeside Campus and are simultaneously aligning our academic activities towards a full-fledged University status. Thus, 2010 is going to be an interesting and challenging year for research and development at Taylor's University College and soon to be Taylor's University (God willing).

In this final issue of the bulletin for 2009, I would like to draw your attention to the five key priorities that have been set to further drive the research initiatives in 2010, namely Growth & Expansion, Becoming a University, Awesome Customer Experience, People & Culture and Enhancing Customer Perception. Check out the centre-spread of the bulletin for the details of the R&D key deliverables and key performance targets. As in any university, publications and sourcing for external research grants will become an important target for all Schools. Hence, do work closely with the Centre for Research & Development and Taylor's Press to assist you to achieve your targets.

With the appointment of Associate Deans for Research & Development for all Divisions, we hope there will be better alignment in the setting of targets and strategies to inculeate research interest among the staff. This is the path we will have to tread if we are to produce top-notch researchers and scholars who will emerge as an authority in their field of expertise.

Indeed, 2009 has been a fruitful year as far as research and development is concerned. Within a short time span, Taylor's Press released a good number of publications, eleven including four research bulletins for the year. Prowess in research has also been rewarded - our academics have been bestowed five awards! We are confident that 2010 will be another fruitful year for research at Taylor's.

Cheers.
Vic Nair

Global Higher Education Forum 2009
TUC's Top Leadership Honoured

Vice Chancellor & President of Taylor's University College, Professor Dato' Dr. Hassan Said, was accorded the honour of chairing a parallel session on “Alternative Models of Higher Education Futures” in the prestigious Global Higher Education Forum 2009, 13-16 December, organised by the National Higher Education Research Institute (IPPTN) in Penang. The event was officiated by the Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, with acclaimed ex-UM Economics Professor, Dr. Jomo KS presenting the keynote paper. Dr. Jomo is currently based in the United Nations Department of Economics & Social Affairs (UNDESA).