Taylor’s Home-grown Associate Professors

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TAYLOR’S RATED ‘EXCELLENT’ IN SETARA ’09

“We are indeed honoured to have been rated as 'Tier 5: Excellent' by the Ministry of Higher Education in the 2009 MQA Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education Institutions (SETARA '09) announced on 13 July, 2010. This acknowledgement truly reflects our status as a premier institution of higher learning” said Professor Dato’ Dr Hassan Said, Vice Chancellor, Taylor’s University College.

Look out for the details in the next issue of Insight!
NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As the new Lakeside Campus takes further shape and form, Taylor’s is also gaining momentum in another direction. It is rapidly emerging as a premier higher institution of learning in the region. Over the past three months (April-June), various activities and accolades have further positioned Taylor’s as one of Asia’s most sought after universities in Malaysia.

Our first batch of home-grown Associate Professors was appointed recently. This is history in the making at Taylor’s as we move towards a full-fledged university. In this issue, we have profiled the achievements and research strengths of these four scholars.

In pursuing our research aims, we have not forgotten our Purpose Statement which is, "To educate the youth of the world to take their productive place as leaders in the global community". The "1-Taylor’s Bario Project" is highlighted in this issue. Though very much a corporate social responsibility project, much research has been undertaken to reconnoissance the site and strategise a series of fund-raising activities to ensure the construction of the hostel project is a success and of enduring benefit to the local indigenous community in Bario, Sarawak.

For this quarter, a series of research related events/talks was organised to further inculcate the research culture at Taylor’s. Some of the events include Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS) talk, SAS Academic Programme demo and talk, launch of Taylor’s PhD programme, Industrial Research Presentation for the Computing School, Foundation in Science (FIS) Integrated Science exhibition, ERITA Asia Seminar, Engineering School Innovation Fair, Architecture Symposium, 12th Malaysian Finance Association (MFA) Conference, MASSA Research by Design, and many more. Details of these events are contained in this issue of the bulletin.

Also, stay tuned for the next issue of Insight on the complete story on Taylor’s recent recognition given by the Ministry of Higher Education in achieving Tier Five or "excellent" status in the Rating System of the Malaysian Higher Education 2009 (SETARA). Taylor’s University College was privileged to be rated at the same level as established universities in Malaysia namely International Islamic University, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Malaya, Monash University and Nottingham University.

Please do not keep embedded any innovative ideas that can further enhance the research capabilities of Taylor’s. Feel free to discuss them with me. Cheers.

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