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The focus of Issue 3 of the bulletin is the historic upgrade of Taylor's to a full-fledged University on 27 September 2010. This day has been declared as 'Taylor’s Day' by Dato’ Loy Teik Ngan, the Group CEO of Taylor’s Education Group. Indeed, it is a proud moment for all staff at Taylor’s.

As succinctly stated by Dato’ Loy, “An organisation can only be as successful as its cohort of dedicated and committed staff. From the members of our various boards and committees, to the advisors who sit on our many panels, down to all levels of our staff, carrying out their duties and responsibilities, this accolade belongs to all of us. We must not forget too, our many business and university partners who have helped us in our quest to become a better education institution.”

Indeed, he was spot on with his thoughts.

In retrospect, the momentum towards a full-fledged university had actually been initiated with the announcement by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) that Taylor’s was rated ‘Tier 5: Excellent’ in the 2009 SETARA rating.

Another development that is history in the making is the award of the first Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS) to Taylor’s under the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia. Five out of the 14 applications for the FRGS were successful in securing grants totaling RM231,730. With a success rate of more than 30%, we are considered as one of the more successful recipients among the public and private universities.

The number of publications, both journals and books, has also risen over the past few months. This is indeed a positive trend. Taylor’s staff have clearly reaped benefits from the research budget that the management has invested over the past few years. The return of investment (ROI) for research, unlike other activities, takes time. A research culture cannot be built overnight. In this issue, I have written an article on the kind of ROI that should be expected from research. It may or may not contribute to the institution’s Profit and Loss (P&L) in the short-term, but there is more to it. Read on to get the details.

As we continue our journey to be a leading provider of quality higher education, we will remain committed and focused on generating high impact research.

Cheers.

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