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# Highlights: News and events



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# Dean's Message

**As** an individual, the end of the year is always the best time to reflect on our achievements. Unfortunately, for most of us, the past 20 months has disrupted our lives socially and economically due to Covid-19 pandemic. However, its business as usual for IPSis in terms of recruitment and promotion for new postgraduate students as well as other academic matters with some adjustment to the new normal.

The new intake for 2021 has set a new record for IPSis with 5026 students and this has made us on top of the list compared with other public universities in Malaysia. Consequently, our postgraduate enrolment has increased to 10822 (as of 31 December 2021) which is the highest since IPSis establishment. This year, we have also surpassed our target of 1000 international enrolment with 1262 students.

The challenge now is to ensure all the new students complete their studies and graduate. Although there will be some attrition along the journey, we hope that with excellent academic program, research facilities, effective supervision and intervention from faculties, this attrition rate will be very minimal. Synergy between IPSis and faculties, state campuses and academic centers is essential to achieve this aspiration.

Happy New Year to all...May 2022 be a great year for all of us!

**Prof. Ir. Dr. Zuhaina Hj Zakaria**





# Editorial Board

**Welcome** to the 3<sup>rd</sup> PGS Post of UiTM. This volume is focusing on what we have done for the past 2021 and the future planning for UiTM PG Students. In line with transition from pandemic to endemic of COVID-19, a lot of activities has been planned for students to boost students' potential and to increase enrolment of new students using various method to accommodate students current situation.

Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) has embarked on a five year strategic plan, UiTM2025, which is expected to transform the university into a Globally Renowned University. UiTM2025 is a five year (2020-2025) framework document which will outline the university's transformation agenda as it aims to become a leading global university of science, technology, humanities and entrepreneurship by 2025.

Hence, all students' activities created starting from 2022 are all aimed to transform the students to proactively respond to changes, developments, and current needs such as the Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR 4.0), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2015-2025 (Higher Education) and the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030. It is also to ensure that UiTM PG Graduates remains relevant to the current needs and changes affecting higher education nationally and globally.

On behalf of the editorial board, I would also like to thank all who have contributed to the success of this volume. We hope all of you will enjoy reading this 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of the PGS POST.



# Virtual Postgraduate Open-Day

**Postgraduate** open days will give an idea to potential student to make a confident, informed decision about the course that best suits to learning style, and meets the respective faculty representative to have a better introduction about the courses. Despite of COVID-19 global pandemic, Institute of Graduate

Studies (IPSis) make a move by provide a platform for the faculties to promote their postgraduate via booth exhibition virtually in Virtual Postgraduate Open Day. Support from faculties were tremendously good. among all faculties, five were selected for the most interactive booth display virtually. Thanks to all the faculties for your support and

Congrats to the winners!!!!.





# Gearing up for 2022 enrolment....

**2022** will be another challenges for postgraduate enrolment. Institute Graduate Studies (IPSiS) is strategized to improve the numbers in order to achieve the target. Among activities which carried out before embark on the 2022 was PhD Fast Track sharing session. This program offers the opportunity for outstanding First-Class Bachelor students to pursue their studies to the Doctor of Philosophy level. Another was collaborating with Research Management Centre (RMC) to give a glance on financial support opportunity to potential students via secured research grants by UiTM researchers. E-pursuit is another platform to assist graduates and final year UiTM students to apply postgraduate programmes without having to purchase a pin number. PG VOW (Postgraduates Virtual Open Week) is one of the activity conducted to provide a platform for potential students to get information regarding on the postgraduate programmes. Starting December 2021, physical exhibition to promote postgraduates education programmes was permitted. Thus, Institute Graduate Studies (IPSiS) took this chance to be involved in the physical exhibition at PWTC to get more crowds. The feedback was considered promising with 148 guests visited the booth. Finger cross for the better numbers achievement next year....All the best everyone!!



# Light, Camera, Action...

**Institute** Graduate Studies (IPSiS) was grateful to be invited as a guest in LENSEA IPT, one of RTM program. Dean's IPSiS (Professor Ir Zuhaina Zakaria) and Head of Recruitment and Admission (Dr Faiz Izwan Anuar) were shared the input topic entitle “Perkasa Medan Maya, Harungi Cabaran Pandemik”.



## LENSA IPT

### BUAL IPT : PERKASA MEDAN MAYA, HARUNGI CABARAN PANDEMIK

bersama :

**PROFESOR IR DR ZUHAINA  
HAJI ZAKARIA**  
Dekan  
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**DR FAIZ IZWAN ANUAR**  
Ketua Pengajian Siswazah,  
Institut Pengajian Siswazah (IPSiS), UiTM

**16 OKTOBER 2021  
SABTU | 4:30 PETANG**

**SYAIRUL ISLAM BASMULLAH**  
Pengacara












# We serve you!!!.....

## Welcome New Students Semester October 2022

**About** 1300 new postgraduate students were welcome with our warm hospitality. A brief introduction about campuses and rules as well as regulation was delivered in Induction Day session which presented by all new students locally and internationally. A warm welcome by the Dean of IPSis and followed by briefing related to process and procedure by IPSis management team.

This was not only limited to wishes and online briefing, it's also involve our personal touch with international new students by inviting them from quarantine center to their accommodation.

To all new postgraduate students, welcome and wish you all the best



# Vice Chancellor on-site.

It is indeed a privilege and an honour for us to have YBhg Vice-Chancellor of UiTM, Professor Ts. Datuk Dr Roziah Mohd Janor to pay a short visit to Institute Graduate Studies (IPSis) on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022. This work visit provides opportunities for the IPSis to share the achievement as well as challenges faced. In this visit, YBhg Prof. has reminded members of IPSis about the UiTMs GRU2025 strategy and the importance of inculcating the strategy to achieve the target. The Vice Chancellor also had shared also shared some ideas and assure the full support in achieving the target.



## Sharing session with UiTM Senior Chief Deputy Registrar



UiTM transformation into a globally renowned university is a projection towards UiTM2025. The sustain organisational excellence through effective and efficient governance is one of objective underlined in 2025 UiTM Strategic Plan in order to support the agenda. Parallel to the objective, Puan Alfina Bakar, KM.M (Senior Chief Deputy Registrar, UiTM Selangor) was invited to share the talk entitle "Budaya Kerja Tangkas". It is a fruitful session about agile leadership in UiTM in transforming better and agile governance.

# Thesis Writing **Booster**

**Thesis** Boot Camp is one of the activity conducted by IPSis to boost thesis write up among targeted group of postgraduate students for various faculties. There were 41 postgraduate students with 3<sup>rd</sup> semester onwards involved in this activity. Among all, 6 of the students were selected for their best performance in terms of thesis completion phase. A positive and constructive feedback were received from supervisors and students involved. The activity will be continued in 2022 as part of IPSis plan strategy in PGS Graduates Sprint project.



## Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony between UiTM and Jiangxi Environmental Engineering Vocational College, China

**Letter** of Intent Signing Ceremony between the Institute of Graduate Studies (IPSis), UiTM and Jiangxi Environmental Engineering Vocational College (EVC), China was held at IPSis on 25 November 2020 at 2.30 pm. This letter of intent has been signed by the Dean of IPSis, Professor Ir Dr Zuhaina Haji Zakaria and Director of Jiangxi Environmental Engineering Vocational College, Mr Zhong Xiaohong. The ceremony was witness by Assoc Prof Dr Siti Farhana Zakaria, IPSis Deputy Dean and Dr Faiz Izwan Anuar, Head of Graduate Studies from Recruitment & Admission unit from UiTM. Meanwhile representative from (EVC) was Mr Huang Guangming (Dean of Landscape and Architecture), Zhong Ming (Director of Comprehensive Section of International Exchange Center), Jiang Li- Secretary of International Exchange Center) and lecturers Forestry Faculty.

Congratulations.





# A minute with AKCTC award recipient

By **DR AZAITUN AKMA BINTI SHAHRIN**

Doctor of Dental Surgery (USM), Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Orthodontics (UiTM), Membership in Orthodontics RCS (England)

**First**, and foremost, all my gratitude belongs to Allah. With His grace, I was able to complete my study successfully within the stipulated time. My gratitude and thanks go to the Ministry of Health of Malaysia, for the sponsorship of my DClinDent in Orthodontics journey.

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight. It is an involuntary action that gives a warm welcoming but I believe not all do experience it. Poor appearance of malocclusion makes certain individuals feel inferior which can limit their smiling curve even at one level, unconsciously resulting in low self-esteem. Aesthetics are very important but that is not what I am concerned about most, as I am interested in Orthodontics beyond that capacity. Orthodontic treatment has recognised benefits such as improvement of dental health, function, appearance and self-esteem but it also has potential hazards. The challenge in the decision for treatment which requires comparisons of the potential risks and the potential benefits provides a good refreshment and stimulant to me. I have witnessed and have been impressed by the work of many outstanding Orthodontists and from them, I have learned that having a preconceived notion of what to expect and looking for the obvious while overlooking other critical findings are important.

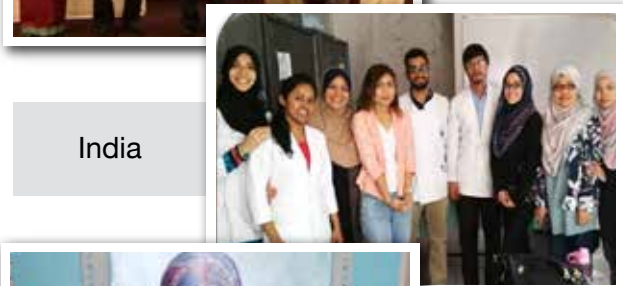
My PhD course is mixed-mode that involves clinical sessions, examinations and research. I would say it was tough, a real roller coaster journey on bumpy roads, with lots of ups and downs. The key points are to stay focused on your track and you must refresh and achieve every monthly target, persevere and prioritize your tasks and responsibilities. Time management is crucial, plan your steps ahead of time and just give the best of you. On top of that, I believe that work-life balance is very important in order to make the challenging journey more bearable, meaningful and even fruitful.

I would never have done this alone and I would like to convey the most profound appreciation to my supervisors and lecturers; remarkable gratitude to my dear husband, who is my backbone; my late beloved father, my lovely mother and my parents-in-law, who are my strength and personal motivators, for their continuous prayers along the way; my postgraduate colleagues and fellow UiTM staff for their assistance, insight and expertise, which greatly aided my research.

Finally, this success is for everyone and merely the start of my adventurous new life.



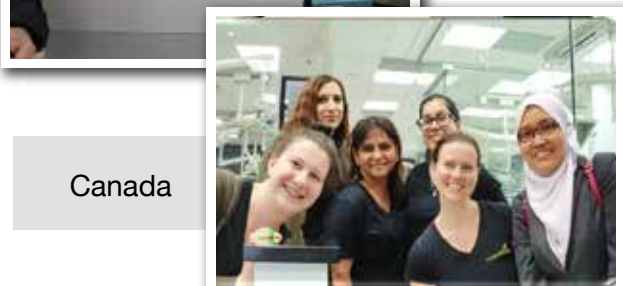
Gold Award  
at IiDentEx



India



Online  
Viva Voce



Canada



# 2021 Achievement

## STATISTICS OF POSTGRADUATE ENROLLMENT 2021

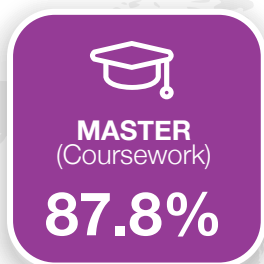


Total:  
**10822**

Local : **9513**

International : **1309**

(Data as of 31 Dec 2021)



**% ACHIEVEMENT**  
GRADUATE ON TIME (GOT)

(Data as of 31 Dec 2021)

# WELCOMING

## FBM Postgraduate International Students

**Congratulations** for your admission to the 2nd semester of 2021 academic calendar. Please be proud that you are officially a student at one of the largest university in Malaysia, that have written many great and distinguished achievements in the past and continues to make strikes for now and in the future. You have entered a lively, challenging, diverse and warm community.

Clearly we are still in the uniquely fluid situation and 2021 obviously showing not much different from last year, Covid-19 is still threatening our life and causes miseries to many of us and 7 billion life of world population today. Despite this situation the entire team lead by Dr Azilah Anis at the Department of Postgraduate and Professional Studies is determined to deliver exciting academic and non academic experiences to all of you. We want to make sure that you can integrate successfully with academic life and had a very smooth transition to studying and living here.

Let us begin writing the journey with good memory. Let us go forth in the spirit of friendship, brotherhood exploration and adventures, be kind and proactive. Please remember the whole both academic and administrative team here would like to assist you by whatever possible ways that we can. Because YOUR SUCCESS is OUR SUCCESS too.

Feel the diversity and let's learn from each other and make good memories together.

**BEST REGARDS**  
**DPPS TEAM**



# Our heartiest congratulations to the recipients of “Research Excellence Award”

- Mohd Safwan Ghazali (PhD)
- Maily Patrick (PhD)
- Sarah Roslan (MSc)
- Nur Zafira Akma Rozlan (MSc)
- Mohd Ahadan Md Nooh (MSc)
- Norfaridah Ali Azizan (MSc)
- Shaira Arwine Shairi (MSc)

We are celebrating your perspiration, as we relate to Thomas Edison said about achieving success “Genius is 1 per cent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration”. Perspiration is more than working hard, it is working relentlessly and passionately.

Reckon to those days of struggles, those days of twists and turns as well as many whimpers, those days of learning in between, those days of planning ahead and dreaming about the future, even the moments of taking a break to take care of yourself. Everything you did on this journey just proves how unstoppable you are.

We know an amazing future is waiting for you, take it and slay it. Everything good is yours!

Best wishes for next adventure.

Department of Postgraduate and Professional Studies (DPPS)  
Faculty of Business and Management  
UiTM







# Congratulations!

**Ringin**g in the new year is always cause for celebrating what's next, but it is also a good time to reflect on everything we have accomplished in the last 365 days.

We take the time to step back and look at 2021 as a whole. Department of Postgraduate and Professional Studies (DPPS) FBM has done incredible things despite every thing that was going on.

We are proud to share our accomplishment with you

While we are a king pride in our work as it is absolutely essential for organizational success, but we are fully aware that there wouldn't be any success without the help of people who came before, those who have worked with us along the way. We did not achieve this all on our own, there were so many incredibly dedicated people that made up amazing supervisory team.. Our heartiest thank you to all cool supervisors, co supervisors, examiners for your dedication and students for your perseverance. Your contributions are significantly important to us.

May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

Truly honored and humbled,



**Department of Postgraduate and  
Professional Studies (DPPS)  
Faculty of Business and Management, UiTM**

# My journey with UiTM...

by **ALAA IMAD ABDULRAZZAQ**  
**Master of Applied Microbiology**  
**Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**Indeed**, the need of knowledge to every human being even who has the highest level of scholar is significant success which can help to reduce the illiteracy in society earlier. Worldwide countries always keen on to lesser the illiteracy level in their homeland. Most of Asian countries doing campaigning to improve literacy for achieving life goals in great approach. Therefore, globally, educational system trying to make it easily access of education for everyone in the world. Malaysia is one of them which provide easily accessible approach of higher education for many Asian countries.



The last two years which were the worthies' period of pandemic in around world, Luckily, I have been enrolled for studying in this pandemical period in UiTM Malaysia. It was grateful opportunity for me in UiTM that I have achieved it through IPSis as acceptance student in faculty of Applied Science. Even it was very difficult to study in pandemical period, but UiTM provided the most precious and considerable services for students that I have great experience in UiTM which has good educational service specially in Applied Science. I have great experience and adorable advice from my supervisor, who had motivate in my research process. Moreover, the staff and equipment's of laboratories are more influenceable which helped more in each step of my research procedure in best approach.

Currently my program close to complete. In future I have plan to have my further education in my fields in same university that can be more convincible period of studying at UiTM. To enhance, as a student of UiTM I'm acknowledging to all international students that UiTM can help provide the best access strip for your future in enhancing of knowledge.



# New IPSis' family in the house!!!

**Heartiest** congratulations to Dr. Zurina Ismail to be part of IPSis and become our family as Admission and Intake Coordinator starting on 1 September 2021. We hope she is enjoying her moment with us in IPSis.

