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**A** recent news in The Guardian reported a sudden increase in postgraduate applications up to 20% as Covid and current economic situation reduce employment options. Similarly, we can see the same trend in UiTM. In 2020, there was an increase of nearly 10% in the application which also led to highest number of new students since IPSis' establishment. However, statistics also showed a small percentage of students applied for special leave or deferred their studies during this pandemic situation.

Like other universities around the globe, UiTM has also transformed the conventional physical lectures to online mode which works well for coursework programs. It seems that, the extended movement control order may give more impact on research students especially to those who just begin their experiments and data collection. Nevertheless, based on the intake for March 2021, there is still continued interest in postgraduate studies. Hopefully, as the pandemic gets under control, the demand for postgraduate education will continue to grow.

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

# *Dean's Message*





# Editorial Team



**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Khalilah Abdul Khalil**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> volume of the PGS POST of UiTM. In this volume, the focuses on the activities of PGS boost and PGS GOT sprint align with UiTM direction to boost enrolment and increase Graduate On Time. Alhamdulillah, overall, the enrolment of postgraduate students of UiTM remain in a good shape despite of pandemic and economic crisis. Undeniable, the crisis situation bring new landscape to postgraduate students in terms of academic semester performance. Thus, activities related to academic proses and procedure improvement as well as sharing session, successful stories and guidelines through webinars and interview were conducted to give insight and motivation to the students. Students are need to be highly motivated and staying motivated throughout the study to face the pandemic challenges.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> volume of the PGS POST.

***All the best and stay safe!!!!***



**Sr. Dr. Siti Mazzuana Shamsuddin**  
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**ChM. Dr. Hussein Hanibah**  
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# Orientation Day for Doctoral Studies from China

Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) – Beyond Think Creative (BTC)

by : **Dr Faiz Izwan Anuar**

The orientation program for the new international postgraduate students from China under Beyond Think Creative (BTC) agency was organized on 4th June 2021 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm through an online platform. More than 20 students have been formally welcomed via MS Teams application and introduced to the UiTM.

The orientation began with a brief introduction of the institute of postgraduate studies (IPSis) UiTM top management teams. The session was continuing with a welcoming speech by the dignitaries Professor Ir Dr. Zuhaina Haji Zakaria (Dean of IPSis). Right after the opening ceremony, a virtual photo session with our new postgraduate students was carried out.

The session was continued by Dr. Faiz Izwan Anuar, the Head of Postgraduate Studies (Recruitment and Admission) with the presentation about the Postgraduate Studies Ecosystem in UiTM. In this session, the new postgraduate students were introduced to the history and the uniqueness of UiTM as one of Malaysian largest public universities. In addition, the session also covers in detail the process and procedure that each student needs to follow until the moment of convocation. The students were also briefed about required training programs planned to develop competencies to approach the job market.

In the followed session Associate Prof. Dr. Aman Ihsan Mamat, Head of Postgraduate Studies (Research) IPSis have briefed the students with the title of the presentation Postgraduate Research – UPTracks System. During this period a detailed program structure and evaluation criteria were explained. In addition, the students also introduced the importance of paper publication, supervisor appointment, defend research proposal (DRP), and the final thesis and viva session.

The orientation day was further continued with a detailed introduction by senior librarian Madam Siti Rohayu Mohamad Yusof with the title of Library Outreach Programme @ PTAR Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR). Madam Siti Rohayu has highlight important key points about PTAR. This included the online journal material, thesis, and other facilities that can be assessed from China. In addition, she also mentions other facilities such as study room, computer, and discussion room that are available free of charge to all UiTM students.

Finally, the orientation session comes to the final slot which is an open question and answer session by our new students with all IPSis UiTM top management teams. After a fruitful discussion, the orientation ended officially.





# Postgraduate Admission Briefing Session *with* Lembaga Pengembangan Pendidikan Nusa Tenggara Barat (LPPNTB)

by : **Sr Dr Siti Mazzuana Shamsuddin**

An online briefing session with Lembaga Pengembangan Pendidikan Nusa Tenggara Barat (LPPNTB) was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. The briefing was conducted by the Admission and Recruitment Unit of IPSis. The briefing was officiated by the Dean of IPSis, Prof. Ir. Dr. Zuhaina Binti Zakaria, followed by briefings by the IPSis' admission team. The briefing was attended by 20 LPPNTB scholarship's awardees together with their coordinator.

The main objective of the briefing was to provide information and useful insights about postgraduate eco-system to the new LPPNTB scholarship's awardee. This session also provides a hands-on session on the admission process to enroll in UiTM.



LPPNTB is an established institute on education development appointed by the Governor of West Nusa Tenggara province to manage and oversee all matters related to West Nusa Tenggara Scholarship program. Last year, UiTM received 26 LPPNTB awardees from this cooperation and about 20 more scholarship awardees will be coming to enroll to UiTM this October semester.

The briefing was part of IPSis' initiative to welcome the awardees to the university and to provide a platform to guide them on their admission process. To conclude, the briefing was well-received by the participants and all participants were delighted to be a part of UiTM. Congratulations to all awardees and welcome to UiTM!





# 30 Minutes with IPSis..

by : Asmiza Supar

30 Minutes engagement session IPSis with all faculties provide a good platform to share the updated information and activities related from enrolment to viva-voce process at the UiTM Level.

Topics which have been highlighted throughout Mei –August 2021 were related to Bespoke program, Auditing and Monitoring , Academic Process and Procedures for Postgraduate programs and Data Reporting.

This session was very fruitful to all parties as the latest information delivered to all Head of Postgraduates Studies and staff at college, faculties, academic centers and branch campuses as well.





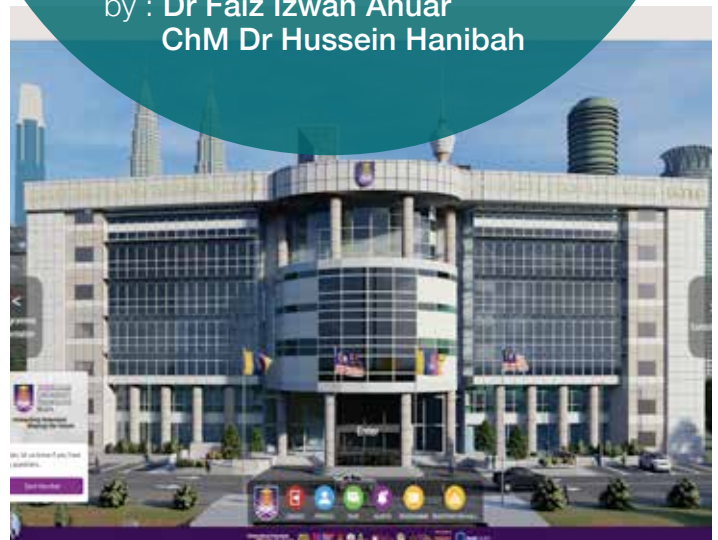
# Postgraduate Enrolment Boost..

by : Dr Faiz Izwan Anuar  
ChM Dr Hussein Hanibah

The institute of Postgraduate Studies (IPSis) equips students with a guideline and resources to aid them in planning their postgraduate journey with UiTM. To better serve the prospective students with their inquiries, we bring to you the UiTM Virtual Postgraduate Education platform aimed at providing immediate information and resources about the admission into a postgraduate program in UiTM.

The halted of face-to-face events due to the Covid-19 pandemic did not stop us from reaching out to the prospective students. As a response to the lockdown situation, we organized the Virtual Postgraduate Open-Day (VPOD), a virtual event with a in person feel, where interested individuals can come to the event through the virtual platform and have their questions answered by IPSis coordinators and lecturers. Over 3,000 unique visitors from local and international attended the event.

The VPOD event gave the prospective students an opportunity to know further about the postgraduate programs in UiTM. The event also featured 15 webinar sessions where representatives of faculties explained in detail about the programmes offered as well as opportunities for securing UiTM Endowment scholarship, and a featured professor series where we had the pleasure of having Prof. Engr. Ts. Dr. Mohamad Rusop Mahmood sharing his experiences in nanotechnology research.





# EFFECTIVE POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

by : Assoc Prof Dr Aman Mohd Ihsan Mamat

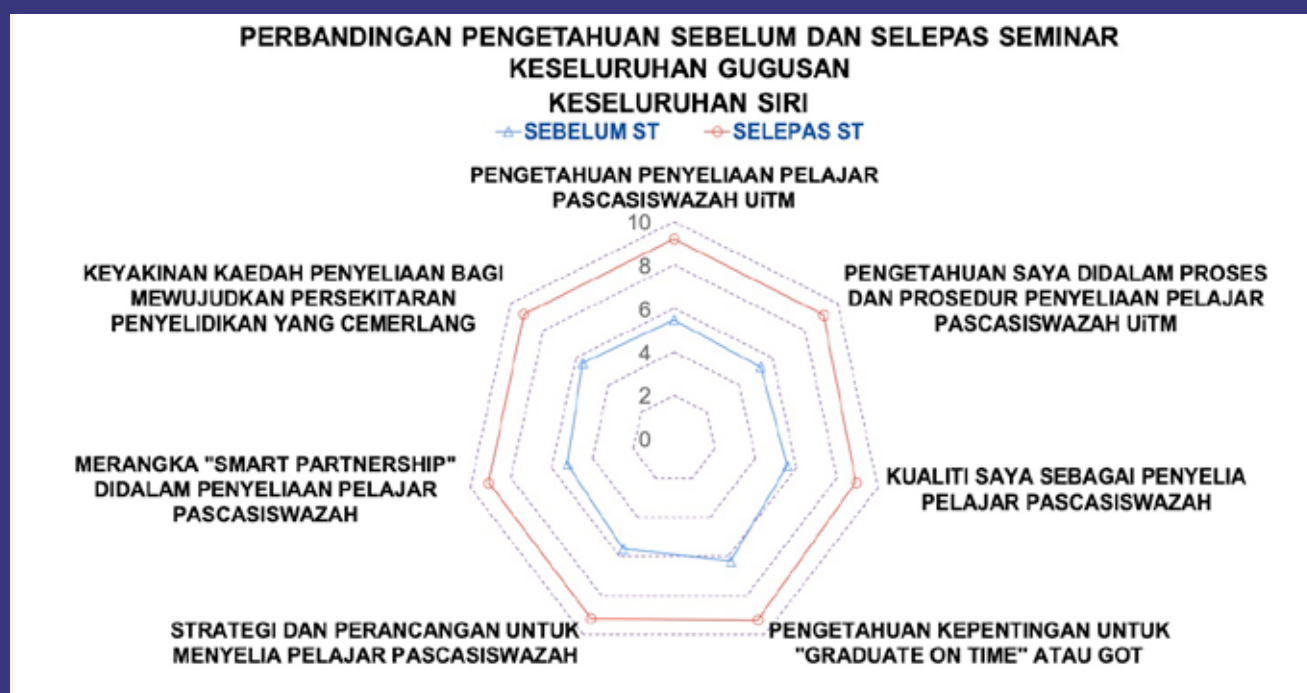
Module of Effective Postgraduate Supervision (EPS) was conducted in improving the student-supervisor relationship. Along the process, both student –supervisor must play a positive role. The supervisor must give the necessary guidance, while the student must be able to take the initiative regarding the performance of the programme. Good communication between the supervisor and the student is necessary throughout, with the expectations of both parts must be clarified and agreed....that's the gist of the module.

The activity which a collaboration between IPSis-ILD was participated by UiTM lecturers who just graduated with PhD degree after 2019 and postgraduate supervisors to be. There were four series of EPS which cover all faculties and branches members.

Overall, the module was successfully conducted with good participation by lecturers and positive feedback received.

It will be fifth sequence of EPS module which will be participated by those who fail to join the first series of EPS module, new supervisor to be and senior lecturer with PhD degree who interested to polish their supervision skills.

With good guidance and input, it will assist new supervisor to improve their supervision skill and indirectly leads to students Graduate On Time (GOT) achievement.



# Custom Content Solutions with Bespoke

by : Ts Dr Khairul Safuan Muhammad

**B**espoke Course is informal learning at Master's degree level for everyone. The objective of the course is to offer courses that meet the needs of the participants, employers, industries which focus more on a particular set of skills on short period of time as well as to encourage lifelong learning activity.

There are a lot of benefits of joining the Bespoke course. It is a platform to 'Update & Refresh' knowledge and skills. Bespoke course participant has the opportunity to join quality courses at Master's degree level certified by MQA developed from mutual collaboration with industry. The participant also has the opportunity to interact and engage with participants that share a common interest.

This coming October semester, there are 97 Bespoke courses from 16 Faculties / Academic Centre / Branch Campuses to be offered for you to choose. Click on the link to view the list of Bespoke courses and brief introduction of the course.

**<https://ipsis.uitm.edu.my/index.php/programme/bespoke>**

## List of Faculties offering Bespoke Courses for Semester October 2021:

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| 1. Academy of Language Studies                           | 13. Faculty of Art and Design                     |
| 2. Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies               | 14. Faculty of Architecture, Planning & Surveying |
| 3. Arshad Ayub Graduate Business School                  | 15. Faculty of Law                                |
| 4. Faculty of Film, Theatre and Animation                | 16. UiTM Perak                                    |
| 5. Faculty Communication and Media Studies               |   |
| 6. Faculty of Business and Management                    |   |
| 7. Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management               |   |
| 8. Faculty of Accountancy                                |   |
| 9. Faculty of Medicine                                   |   |
| 10. Faculty of Health Science                            |   |
| 11. Faculty of Computer And Mathematical Sciences        |   |
| 12. Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies |   |





# Congratulations



**AFIQQ AIMAN ABD GHAPOR**

(Faculty of Medicine)

**National Grand Champion**

&

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

(Science & Technology Category)

in the

**2021 Virtual 3 Minute Thesis  
Competition National Level**

&

**to represent Malaysia in the  
2021 Virtual Asia-Pacific  
3MT Competition**

(sponsored by Springer Nature)

**Up Close and  
Personal with  
our National**

**3MT  
Champion**

**S**hoot for the moon, even if you miss, you will land among the stars. Alhamdulillah and praise to Allah for this achievement which was made possible by the help of my family, IPSIS, trainers, supervisors and friends. Against all odds, I am glad to make UiTM proud hence made it to Asia Pacific 3 Minute Thesis competition. One thing I learnt throughout my journey was that knowledge is crucial to be shared regardless of your listener's background. Turning years of research into a short compact 3 minute speech undoubtedly wasn't an easy task to triumph. Moreover, the ones that were participated by many proficient students from other institutions. Knowledge is a lifelong investment therefore the constant pursuit shall never end even after my PhD.

Perhaps this could be the beginning of my many others contribution this blessed institution in the future. Hopefully, this paved ways to more success coming from my juniors. InsyaAllah, we can achieve tremendous things if we put our heart and mind into it.

Juggling between the lab works, writing my thesis as well as preparing for the Asia Pacific 3 Minutes Thesis competition is no joke. Despite of that, the joy of doing what I love most was the biggest drive in surviving this challenge. Challenge yourself beyond limit always my mantra to success. I still have a long way to go, but for sure the memories made here in UiTM, always put a smile on my face. To all fellow UiTM's postgraduate students, *"I hope you will simply do what you can do in the best way you know. If you do so, you will witness miracles come to pass."* – Gordon B. Hinckley

by : Zuraini Mohamed Idris





**H**eartiest congratulations to Sr. Dr. Siti Mazzuana Shamsuddin for her new portfolio as the Head of Postgraduate (Academic Development, Resources & Students) starting on 1 August 2021.

Let us wish her for the new portfolio and bring fresh start for the well-being of postgraduates.

## New Portfolio



**T**hank you for being a great colleague and good luck for your future endeavors

A farewell to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suhaily Hasnan who ended her post as Head of Graduate Studies (Academic Development, Resources & Students) at IPSis on 31 July 2021. She had started her journey with IPSis on 1st of March 2015 as Head of Graduate Studies (Research Programme) till 2017.

We, IPSis wish her admirable new path and thank you for her tenure for the last 6 years in IPSis.



*Thank You*  
**Assoc. Prof. Dr. SUHAILY!!!**  
*(2015-2021)*

# Welcome to the board

by : Zuraini Mohamed Idris



IPSis has received new reporting officer, Ms Asmiza Supar as the Senior Assistant Registrar under Academic Department in IPSis. She started her duty officially on 15 June 2021.

Hence, IPSis warmly welcoming her into this organization. We wish her for the best in IPSis.



# Farewell

by : Zuraini Mohamed Idris

Mrs Nur Aisyah Abdullah has ended her service with IPSis on 1 June 2021. She had started her new journey at Faculty of Accountancy UiTM.

We, IPSis wish her admirable new path and thank her for her contribution in IPSis.

# Pantun Merdeka

by : Khalilah Abd Khalil



“Malaysia  
Prihatin  
lawan Covid”

## Malaysia Prihatin Perangi Covid

Merdeka bersama megah dilaung  
Kanak kanak gembira sambil melompat  
Malaysia Prihatin tema dilaung  
Untuk raikan Hari Kebangsaan ke 64

Bunga raya dekat dihati  
Warnanya merah sungguh klasik  
Mari kita Bersatu hati  
Merdekakan diri dari wabak covid

Segala SOP wajib dipatuhi  
Tunaikan perkara mana yang boleh  
Pengorbanan frontliner amat dihargai  
Agar negara kembali pulih

Pelbagai bangsa pelbagai budaya  
Semangat merdeka harus kuat dan telus  
Semuga kita akan berjaya  
Bersatu hati perangi coronavirus

Berkibar megah jalur gemilang  
Negara aman terus berwawasan  
Tingkatkan azam dan terus berjuang  
Panjatkan doa demi kemerdekaan

**Merdeka!...Merdeka!...Merdeka!**