

Sunway University e-Bulletin

July 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from all of us at the Branding and Corporate Communications Department.

We are pleased to be emailing you the latest e-Bulletin for Sunway University and would like to express our thanks to all who have contributed articles to the bulletin.

Please do forward this e-Bulletin to all of your local & international business associates, colleagues, friends and family members.

For the third consecutive year, no other non-government-linked private university ranked higher than Sunway University in the recently released Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2023.

Story to be highlighted as well is Sunway University's newly launched "Community In Action" drive aims to educate and raise awareness among students and the broader community on crime prevention.

Congratulations go to all the academics and students who won awards and recognitions from all across the globe.

Please help to share the news of the great activities & achievements happening at our University.

The e-Bulletins run by monthly and alternates between the University and the College.

Sunway University Maintains Top Position as Malaysia's Leading Private University for Third Consecutive Year



Sunway University is thrilled to announce its exceptional achievement of being ranked as the Malaysia's highest-performing private university for the third consecutive year, according to the recently released Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2023.

Sunway University has once again secured its place in the top ranks, maintaining a global rank of 301-400. The fifth edition of THE Impact Rankings, which encompasses 1591 universities from 112 countries, serves as a global assessment of universities' social and economic impact based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Sunway University's participation in seven SDGs has yielded outstanding results across the board. Notably, the institution is now ranked within the Top 200 in SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), exemplifying its dedication to ensuring universal access to sustainable water and sanitation. Additionally, Sunway University has achieved a commendable standing within the Top 200 in SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), underscoring its commitment to equal opportunities in the workplace and fostering diversity based on the principles of performance pay and gender equality. The University has also showcased its strong partnerships, securing a position within the Top 200 in SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals), which highlights its collaborative efforts with external stakeholders.

Furthermore, Sunway University has made significant strides in other SDGs. It ranks within the Top 800 in SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), emphasizing its dedication to promoting healthy lives and well-being for all. The University also stands within the Top 400 in SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), actively supporting research and initiatives that promote clean and accessible energy sources. Moreover, Sunway University has achieved a ranking within the Top 300 in both SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), highlighting its

commitment to maintaining a state-of-the-art campus that harmonizes with its surrounding social and community environment, as well as promoting sustainable consumption patterns.

Professor Sibrandes Poppema, President of Sunway University, said, "Sunway University, along with the entire Sunway Group, places strong emphasis on Sustainable Development and Planetary Health. Hence, we are delighted to secure Malaysia's highest rank for a private university in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking for the third consecutive year."

The Impact Rankings serve as a dynamic and ever-evolving benchmark, as more universities worldwide seek to demonstrate their commitment to advancing the SDGs. Universities are evaluated based on their continuous improvement and their ability to introduce new policies and present compelling evidence of progress each year.

Sunway University's consistent top ranking in the prestigious THE Impact Rankings is a testament to its unwavering dedication to delivering transformative education, driving impactful research, fostering partnerships, and making significant contributions towards sustainable development.

Sunway University's Crime Prevention Drive to Foster Safer Community



Sunway University's newly launched "Community In Action" drive aims to educate and raise awareness among students and the broader community on crime prevention through a partnership with Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF), Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) and National Anti-Drugs Agency (AADK), among others.

The launch was witnessed by Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah AO, Sunway Group founder and chairman as well as MCPF Selangor chapter chairman, Dato' Hussein bin Omar Khan, Selangor police chief, Dato' Sri Ayub bin Yaakob, MCPF executive committee (EXCO) member, as well as Subang Jaya state assemblywoman (ADUN) Michelle Ng.

This campaign forms part of Sunway Education Group's wider efforts to inculcate a community-based approach towards crime prevention throughout Sunway City Kuala Lumpur, which is home to 60,000 students across three universities, colleges, international schools, public primary and secondary schools.

Through its long-standing partnership with MCPF, 5,000 CCTVS with facial recognition capabilities operating 24/7 and a team of 1,100 security personnel conducting joint-patrol sessions alongside the Royal Malaysia Police force on a regular basis, Sunway City Kuala Lumpur is regarded as a safe city that welcomes 42 million visits per year and serves a vibrant community of more than 200,000 people living, working, playing, and studying in a safe, healthy and connected environment.

Sunway University Sends Off Special Olympics Malaysia Team to Berlin World Games 2023

By [Cynthia Ignatius](#) - June 12, 2023



Given its ever growing reputation as a Campus With A Conscience, Sunway University was proud to be selected as the venue host for the Special Olympics Malaysia (SOM) Team send-off ceremony as they embark on their journey to the Berlin World Games 2023, which is happening on 17th to 25th June. The event was graced by the presence of YB Hannah Yeoh, Minister of Youth and Sports, Law Saw Yin, President of Special Olympics Malaysia and Professor Dato' Dr Elizabeth Lee, Group CEO of Sunway Education Group, as well as athletes, families, coaches, and volunteers who gathered to express their support and best wishes for the Malaysian athletes.

The SOM Team, comprising 16 exceptional athletes with intellectual disabilities, has been preparing for this opportunity for the past 10 months since the National Games. This international platform presents a once-in-a-lifetime chance for these athletes, who will be participating in the world's largest all-inclusive sports event, involving more than 7000 athletes from approximately 190 countries.

The journey of these athletes has been filled with unique challenges long before the National Games, and their presence in the auditorium, proudly donning the national colours, marks a moment of great pride for the nation, their families, and everyone involved. Aligned with its highly acclaimed "Campus With a Conscience" values, Sunway University acknowledges the dedication and commitment of the athletes' local programs and respective trainers.

YB Hannah Yeoh, Minister of Youth and Sports said, "For the Malaysian athletes today who is wearing the jerseys today, when you go to Berlin, I want you to know that Malaysia stands behind you, supporting you. Most importantly, have fun and gain experience, look at what other people are doing

around the world and learn from them.” YB Hannah Yeoh also expressed that the ministry will continue to support Special Olympics Malaysia on a regular basis beyond the world games.

Law Saw Yin, President of Special Olympics Malaysia said, “We are very happy today as we have the other four strong pillars here witnessing the accomplishment of the special athletes: the families, the coaches, the volunteers, and the sponsors and partners. The sponsors, partners and every one of you are important and are the crucial support that elevates our Special Olympics athletes to fulfil their potential, helping them to go beyond disability, to abilities.”

The Malaysian team proudly represents the three regions of Malaysia: Peninsula, Sarawak, and Sabah. These athletes are accompanied by dedicated coaches and unified partners who have trained and played alongside them in unified sports. The presence of unified partners, six of whom were present at the send-off ceremony, highlights the power of inclusion and the role that individuals without intellectual disabilities play in fostering a sense of belonging within the community.

Professor Dato’ Dr Elizabeth Lee, Group Chief Executive of Sunway Education Group said “Sunway Education Group is committed to the UNSDGs, as part of our commitment, we constantly make efforts to pave the way forward for a shared vision of peace and prosperity for people and planet. We are privileged to be given this opportunity to give our 22 athletes a grand send-off to the Special Olympic World Games Berlin 2023. Give your best and also take back the best of experiences, memories and friendships.”

Sunway University School of American Education Celebrates US Independence Day

By [Cynthia Ignatius](#) - July 4, 2023



Sunway University celebrated US Independence Day with some real American pazaz as the United States Ambassador to Malaysia, Brian D. Mcfeeters, Chris Hill, Chief Strategy Officer and Head Of Asia Pacific of Cintana Education, Professor Dato' Dr Elizabeth Lee, Group Chief Executive of Sunway Education Group and Professor Sibrandes Poppema, President of Sunway University all came together to enjoy a thrilling All American show on the campus.

The celebration featured dance performances by talented staff and students from the Sunway University School of American Education. These performances showcased the vibrant American culture and its rich diversity, providing a memorable experience for all attendees to the 4th of July Celebrations.

In conjunction with this joyous occasion, Sunway University also took the opportunity to announce the official renaming of the Sunway University Centre for American Education to the Sunway University School of American Education. This renaming reflects the institution's growing commitment to US studies and its dedication to enhancing the educational experience for students pursuing an American-style education in Malaysia and ensuring that students can transfer seamlessly to America to complete their studies.

The American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP), offered by the School of American Education, enjoys a remarkable reputation when it comes to providing students with a flexible credit transfer system and a globally recognized transfer degree. It is with immense pride that we share over 75% of ADTP students successfully transfer to prestigious Tier 1 universities in the United States, further strengthening the relationship between Sunway University and American Education.

The US Independence Day celebration at Sunway University highlights the strong bond between Malaysia and the United States. It serves as a testament to Sunway University's commitment to fostering academic excellence, globalisation and cultural diversity.

MSNMMI Young Investigator Award 2023



Sunway University Student Honoured:

MSNMMI Young Investigator Award 2023

from the Malaysian Society of Nuclear
Medicine & Molecular Imaging (MSNMMI)



MR CHEN EW-JUN

We're extending our heartiest congratulations to Mr Chen Ew-Jun, Nuclear Medicine Radiographer from Sunway Medical Centre and PhD in Biology student (supervised by Dr Chew Ming Tsuey from the Research Centre for Applied Physics and Radiation Technologies)! At the Malaysian Nuclear Medicine Annual Conference 2023, the Malaysian Society of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging (MSNMMI) awarded Mr Chen with the MSNMMI Young Investigator Award 2023. This award is to honour his professional achievements, as well as the remarkable effort and ingenuity he puts into his research in the Nuclear Medicine field. Congratulations to Mr Chen!

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Sunway University Professor Honoured: First Malaysian University Scientist to Have an International Congress Held in Their Name



Renowned scientist and Head of the Centre for Applied Physics and Radiation Technologies at Sunway University, Professor David A. Bradley, is to be keynote speaker at the International Congress on Solid State Dosimetry (ISSSD) 2023 in Montería, Colombia, notably with the meeting held in his honour. This recognition comes about as a result of a lifetime of dedication to research in solid state dosimetry, a field that in particular provides for measurement of radiation dose to the human body, not least in regard to medical applications.

Prof. Bradley expressed his gratitude for this recognition, stating that “This amazing honour from an American group, came completely out of the blue. In my seventh decade, I am so very grateful for the recognition being paid towards highlighting a considerable part of my life’s work’. Carried out with numerous colleagues throughout the world, he wishes to make it clear that the work has been one of steady progression rather than the leap forwards of the more gifted scientists.

Organised by a group of researchers interested in solid state dosimetry, the International Congress on Solid State Dosimetry (ISSSD) began as a national congress in Mexico City in 1986, later leading to the formation of the scientific society Sociedad Mexicana de Irradiación y Dosimetría (SMID). Over time, the event has grown in popularity, attracting researchers from around the world. The ISSSD series of meetings are held annually, several of the more recent events having been held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For ISSSD 2023, the SMID decided to dedicate the event to Prof. Bradley, recognising his outstanding contribution to solid state dosimetry and his role in training young researchers. The event will be held in a hybrid format, providing for both live and online presence.

Prof. Bradley was certainly the first Malaysian University scientist to have participated in this series of meetings, notably in his role as the Secretary to the International Radiation Physics Society (IRPS) and later as its President, also for a time as Editor-in Chief (Scientific) of the British Journal of Radiology,

the oldest journal of radiology in the world. He has since attended several ISSSDs in person as well as presenting online during the pandemic. Although to-date he has been one of only two Malaysian University academics to have presented at the conference in person, nevertheless he notes that interest from Malaysia has increased significantly, with many national academics and PhD students presenting online.

Prof. Bradley, an Emeritus Professor of Surrey University, would like it be known that he has spent much of his life in Malaysia, having enjoyed Permanent Resident status for more than 25 years. He pays enormous gratitude to the late Tan Sri Ani Arope, also to Tan Sri Gauth Jasmon, noting the invaluable guidance that they both offered in the development of his career, also to Sunway University for their faith in him, giving him the opportunity to extend his career into his 70s. This recognition of having an international conference held in his name is surely a first for Sunway University and possibly for Malaysia. In particular, Professor Bradley is proud to have played a part in highlighting the global presence of Malaysia in scientific research.

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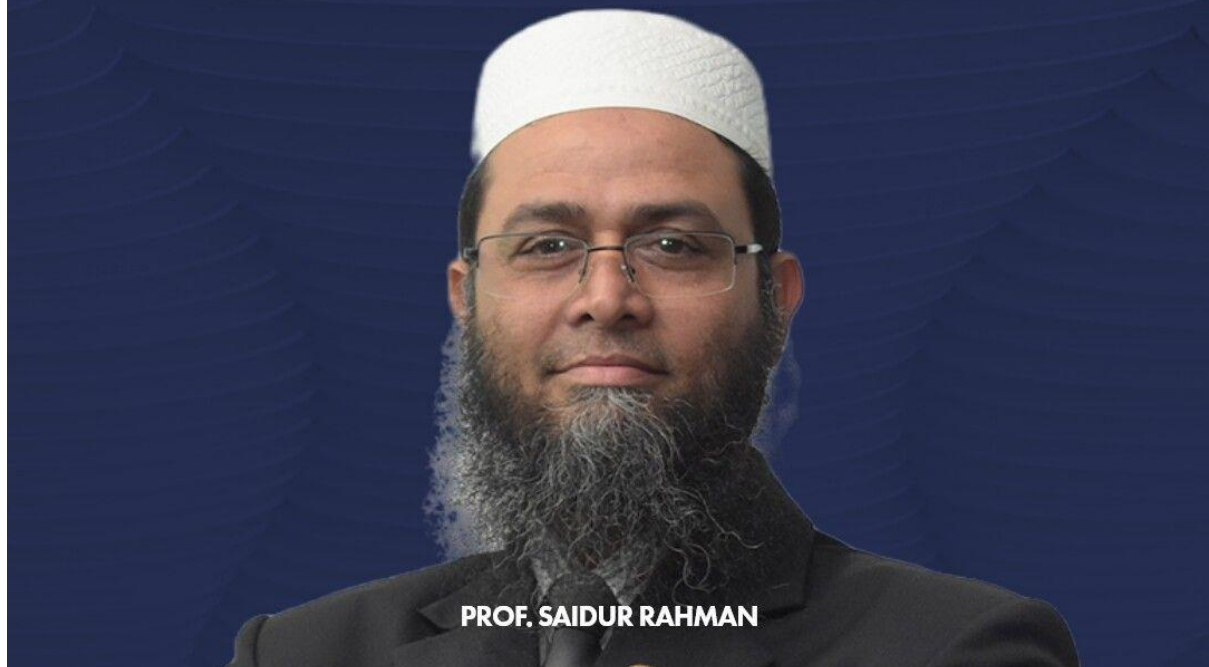
2023 Highly Cited Researcher in Malaysia by AD Scientific Index



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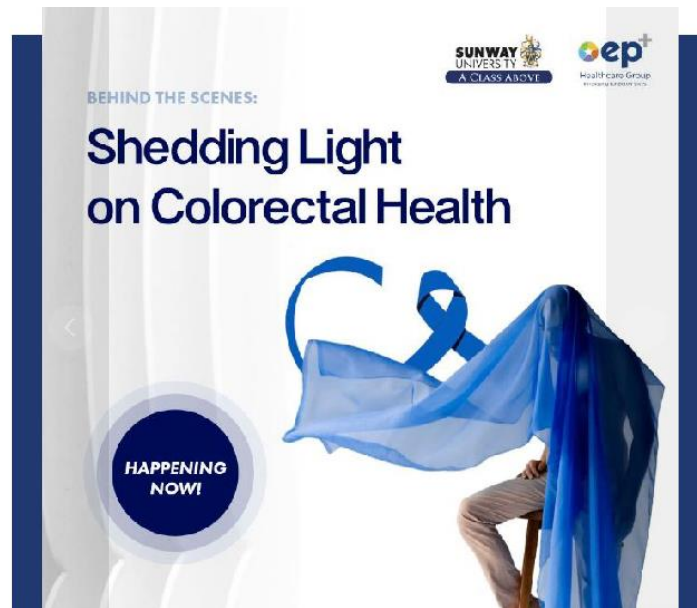
by AD Scientific Index



Congratulations to Professor Saidur Rahman, Head of the Research Centre for Nano-Materials and Energy Technology (RCNMET), for ranking number one in the AD Scientific Index record of Highly Cited Researchers in Malaysia 2023!

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Colorectal Health Public Forum: “Behind the Scenes: Shedding Light on Colorectal Health”



The Colorectal Health Public Forum: “Behind the Scenes: Shedding Light on Colorectal Health” was organized by the School of Medical and Life Sciences, Sunway University and EP Plus Group on the 17th of June 2023. This event was officiated by Dr. Nor Saleha binti Ibrahim Tamin, the Senior Principle Assistant Director, Head of Cancer Prevention and Control Unit, Ministry of Health Malaysia on behalf of the Director General of Health.

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/SunwayUniversity/videos/221595274087138>

CEO Global Alumni Engagements: Bangladesh & Vietnam



In March, we embarked on exciting journeys to Bangladesh and Vietnam to reunite with our beloved Sunway Alumni residing in these countries. This international reunion was part of the CEO Global Alumni Engagement initiative, which was led by our Group CEO of Sunway Education Group, Professor Dato' Elizabeth Lee. Her official visits to these countries were not only to catch up with our alumni, but also to provide them with the latest updates on the happenings in Sunway.

Sand Mandala of Compassion for World Peace exhibition at Sunway University



We recently celebrated Wesak with the Sand Mandala of Compassion for World Peace exhibition at Sunway University! The exhibition, crafted by the Buddhist Culture Preservation Society and Sunway Buddhist Society, featured the ancient Tibetan art form of creating mandalas out of coloured sand. It aims to promote cultural awareness and appreciation, as well as peaceful and compassionate values, while working towards the Sustainable Development Goals of Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education, and Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. Tomorrow is the last day of the exhibition, so do visit the Graduate Centre and witness this amazing art form. We hope everyone who visited the exhibition was inspired by the beauty and message of the Sand Mandala.

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Establishment of Sunway Centre for Electrochemical Energy and Sustainable Technology (SCEEST)



School of Engineering and Technology, Sunway University has successfully established a new Research Entity Sunway Centre for Electrochemical Energy and Sustainable Technology (SCEEST) under the leadership of Professor Mohammad Khalid, (FHEA), (FRSC), which approved by Academic Senate on 16 June. The establishment of a SCEEST, the upgrade of Graphene and Advanced 2D Materials Research Group (GAMRG), is to address the pressing global challenges related to energy production, storage, and environmental sustainability. The SCEEST will bring together leading experts, state-of-the-art facilities, and collaborative partnerships to conduct cutting edge research and develop innovative solutions in the field of electrochemical energy and sustainable technology. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the team SCEEST!

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Congratulations to Dr Rabita Mohd Firdaus Achutan, CCDCU



Congratulations to Dr Rabita Mohd Firdaus Achutan, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow from Research Centre For Carbon Dioxide Capture and Utilisation (CCDCU) on winning the French Government Scholarship Award from the Embassy of France. The scholarship award is the recognition of her outstanding achievement in completing a dual PhD programme.

Sunway University Cheerleading Team are the Champions



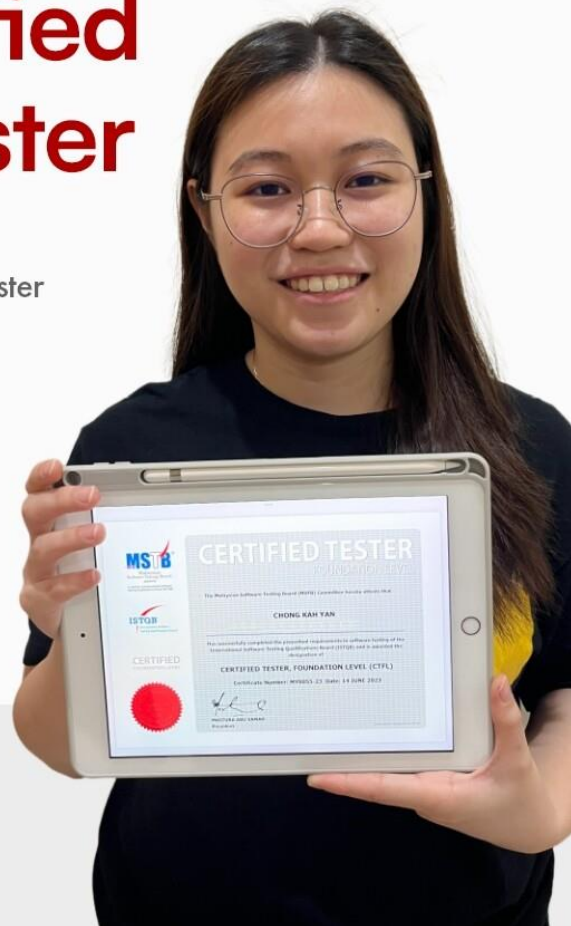
A huge congratulations to our very own Sunway University Cheerleading Team for being champions in the Coed Elite Large division of the 2023 Korea Open Cheerleading Championships!

Their hard work and dedication have paid off beautifully, and we are so proud to have such a talented team representing us.

Sunway University Student Honoured:

ISTQB Certified Software Tester

from International Software Testing
Qualifications Board (ISTQB) Certified Tester
Foundation Level (CTFL) examination



CHONG KAH YAN

Bachelor of Software Engineering
(Honours) alumni

Join us in extending our warmest congratulations to Chong Kah Yan, an exceptional graduate of the Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours) program!

We are proud to announce that Kah Yan has not only completed her degree in March 2023 but has also achieved great success by passing the International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB) Certified Tester Foundation Level (CTFL) examination with flying colours. Her dedication and expertise have earned her the well-deserved title of an ISTQB Certified Software Tester – Foundation Level.

Kah Yan's achievements are a testament to her unwavering commitment to excellence and her passion for the field of software engineering. We are confident that her journey ahead will be filled with continued success and remarkable opportunities.

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