

Sunway University e-Bulletin

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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.

This month's bulletin leads with Sunway University ranked "#1 in Graduate Employability in Malaysia" for two consecutive years.

Story to be highlighted as well is Sunway University and Carsome Academy officiated their partnership to co-develop soft skill modules for the automotive as well as Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) for Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM) programmes.

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 ranks #1 in Graduate Employability in Malaysia for two consecutive years

26 April 2023



Congratulations to Sunway University on its noteworthy accomplishment of being ranked "#1 in Graduate Employability in Malaysia" for two consecutive years!

Following a comprehensive evaluation, we applaud the academic programs at Sunway University that have garnered unanimous support from employers, reinforcing its position as one of the most sought-after educational institutions in the region.

The recognition granted to Sunway University reflects its commitment to providing high-quality education and preparing students for successful careers. The institution's solid performance across various fields of study, as indicated by the cumulative score, demonstrates its dedication to academic excellence. This accolade acknowledges Sunway University's role as a prominent institution within the nation and as a viable choice for parents and students seeking a reputable education.

Talentbank's National Graduate Employability Index (GE Index), a benchmark used to assess the employability of graduates from higher education institutions in Malaysia, employs a quantitative research methodology. By gathering feedback from employers, the GE Index offers valuable insights into diverse aspects of graduate employability. This research provides essential information about employers' university preferences, the number of graduates hired from these universities, and their plans to continue recruiting from their preferred institutions in the future.

As we continue our mission to provide comprehensive information on graduate employability, we will soon be announcing employability ratings for more universities, highlighting a variety of exceptional educational institutions that play a pivotal role in fostering the development of highly skilled and employable graduates.

Sunway University and Carsome Academy partner to enhance employability

11 April 2023



From left : Sunway University President Prof Sibrandes Poppema and CARSOME Co-Founder and CARSOME Academy CEO Teoh Jiun Ee at the Partnership Agreement Exchange between CARSOME Academy and Sunway University at Selangor

Sunway University and Carsome Academy officiated their partnership to co-develop soft skill modules for the automotive as well as Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) for Sijil Kemahiran Malaysia (SKM) programmes.

The partnership aims to develop automotive talent through equipping them to be industry ready with critical soft skills and training.

Both groups will culminate in an online curriculum to enhance employability of Carsome Academy's TVET graduates.

Carsome co-founder and its academy's CEO Teoh Jiun Ee said students cannot depend on technical skills alone to succeed in future careers.

"They must work with others to solve problems, develop new services and achieve organisational goals," he said during the announcement of the partnership on Tuesday.

He added that the programme will drive up their chances for successful job placement and productivity to drive Malaysia's economy.

The curriculum comprises soft skill modules, namely Basic and Intermediate English; Basic Concepts of Information Technology Communication Skills; Principles of Management as well as Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills.

It will be delivered by Carsome Academy both online and physical classes.

“We will evaluate the students within one year. It will be 30% classroom and 70% practical.

“Once they finished the 30% classroom, they will go into industry training for example through the Carsome centre,” Teoh added.

Meanwhile, Sunway University president Professor Sibrandes Poppema said the collaboration is in line with the government’s calls to improve the value of TVET graduates in Malaysia.

“Our focus is on holistic education. It is about knowledge and skills which include communication, digital skills and leadership skills and values,” he said.

Recently, Carsome Academy together with the Selangor government announced scholarships to students who are successfully admitted to the institution.

The Biasiswa TVET Selangor Untuk Pelajar Carsome Academy 2023 is offered to Malaysian youth aged between 18 and 40 years old who are born in Selangor.

It is also open to residents of the state who have lived there over the past five years.

The scholarship will be available for 30 deserving students accepted into Carsome Academy in 2023.

Prof Khalid & collaborators win the Gold Medal at MTE 2023

26 April 2023



Congratulations to Professor Mohammad Khalid, Head of Graphene and Advanced 2D Materials Research Group and his collaborators on winning the International Innovation Awards: Gold Medal under Protection of the Environment, Energy, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation & Green Technology category, during the Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) 2023! This innovative project is titled “Magnetic Functionalized-Multi-Wall-Carbon-Nanotubes-Based Buckypaper”.

School of Hospitality and Service Management at the International Conference on Cultural Tourism and Education 2023

08 May 2023



The School of Hospitality and Service Management at Sunway University recently participated at the International Conference on Cultural Tourism and Education (ICCTE) 2023, joining forces with the Malaysia-China Cultural Tourism Association for a collaboration that promises to break new ground.

At this event, Professor Marcus L. Stephenson (Dean of the School of Hospitality and Service Management) delivered a keynote speech on "Tourism, Creativity and Destination Dubai".

Sunway University was also presented with the Tourism Education Contributor Award, which was received on behalf of Assoc Prof Dr Daniel Chong (Associate Dean - International) and Ms Hairani Nur (Principal Teaching Fellow).

Assoc Prof Dr Daniel Chong also joined in discussions and shared his insights in this event on international cooperation in education.

This is indeed a unique opportunity to extend the University's global partnerships and make a real impact in the world of cultural tourism and education.

**Prof. David Andrew Bradley awarded with silver in the International Innovation Award
08 May 2023**



Congratulations to Prof. David Andrew Bradley, Head of Research Centre for Applied Physics & Radiation Technologies, Multimedia University and Aлыпz Sdn. Bhd for being awarded with Silver in the International Innovation Award under the Protection of the Environment, Energy, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation & Green Technology category at the Malaysia Technology Expo 2023.

Prof. Bradley and his research team members have been recognized for their innovation in the radioluminescence-based survey meter facility which could help make changes for industries. Once again congratulations to Prof. Bradley and all the research team members!

BSE student recognized as an ISTQB Certified Software Tester
07 April 2023



With hard work comes great success. Congratulations to our Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours), Venessa Ngu Qian Hui who has successfully passed the International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB) Certified Tester Foundation Level (CTFL) examination and has been recognized as an ISTQB Certified Software Tester – Foundation Level.

Once again, congratulations to Venessa!

Dr Savier has been selected as Early Career Editorial Board (ECEB) for Separation and Purification Technology (SPT), Elsevier
06 April 2023



We would like to share a good news that Dr Savier from Department of Engineering has been selected as Early Career Editorial Board (ECEB) for Separation and Purification Technology (SPT), Elsevier. SPT is a Q1 journal with impact factor of 9.136. Congratulations and we are very proud of your achievements, Dr Savier!

For more information about the journal: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/separation-and-purification-technology>

**Vermicomposting workshop held during Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW)
08 May 2023**



We are thrilled to conclude that the Vermicomposting Workshop held during Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) on 15 April 2023 was a huge success! The workshop was organized by Associate Prof Dr Jane Gew, Dr Grace Yap and Dr Wu Shin Ling, from the School of Medical and Life Sciences. It is fully sponsored by the American Chemical Society (ACS) Malaysia Chapter, and they received RM1,600 to conduct this workshop.

CEO Global Alumni Engagements: Bangladesh & Vietnam
08 May 2023



In March, we embarked on an exciting journey 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 at Sunway.

Clubs & Societies Training 2023
08 May 2023



A Clubs & Societies Training, organized by Student Leadership and Engagement, as well as the Sports Unit of Student LIFE, was specially catered to all the Clubs & Societies leaders in Sunway College and University, to prepare them to run exciting events and activities on campus. Besides that, our leaders also learned how to become mentors to the newer population of Sunway students.

The Blue-White Dot Short Story Writing Competition winners announced!

19 April 2023



We are thrilled to announce the winners and other top stories of The Blue-White Dot Short Story Writing Competition, the groundbreaking literary initiative to promote the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the art of storytelling. The competition has been a resounding success, receiving almost 200 entries from talented writers of all ages from all over the world. Our panel of judges—Prof Graeme Wilkinson, Prof Dr Leong Choon Heng and Prof Stephen J Hall from Sunway University; and authors Syamsuriatina Ishak and Shih-Li Kow—pored over every single entry and had a difficult yet rewarding time deciding on the winners, owing to the outstanding quality of the entries received. The winners of The Blue-White Dot Short Story Writing Competition are:

- 1st Place: The Pathbreakers by Guy Russell
- 2nd Place: Tug-of-War by Paul Gnanaselvam A/L Pakirathan
- 3rd Place: Harsh Winds by Ksatria Baskara Prasetya

We extend our warmest congratulations to the three winners! They have demonstrated exceptional storytelling skills and understanding of the SDGs, and illustrated the power of writing to make us reflect on our responsibilities on Earth and inspire change to make the world a better place. In addition to the winners, we would like to congratulate the other top stories that have been selected as the best among the many outstanding entries we received. The top stories listed below are in alphabetical order:

1. A Sea Nomad Speaks by Matthew Yap
2. Brittle Wings by Philip Stenström
3. Darwin by Fadzliah Johanabas bin Rosli
4. Droplets of My Earth by Ryoka Tanoi
5. Nusantara Crimes by Aneeta Sundararaj
6. Of Dugong and Seagrasses by Ismim Putera
7. Old Kong by Yap Li Tyng
8. One Step Is All It Takes by Iram Moazzam
9. The Climbing Gardener by Katy Wimhurst

10. The Colour Green by Mulki Ahmed
11. The Daycare by Ivan Kwok Hsien Yao
12. The Entertainer by Edwin Kee Kah Wee
13. The Last Loaf of Bread by Ntebeti Ntini
14. The Peculiar Boy by Aqil Rifqi
15. The Thumb Sucker by JM Parlingayan
16. The Trials and Tribulations of a Small-Scale Fisher in a Changing World by Stephen T Homer
17. Tomatoes in the Pantry by Ayva Times
18. Under the Waves by Ferryn Foong Xi Min

Winners and writers of the top stories can look forward to attending a ceremony to celebrate their achievements and having their stories published in an upcoming anthology. We will release the details about the ceremony and the publication in due course. We would also like to thank all the participants, schools, colleges and universities who have supported this competition. Let us continue to use our creativity to promote the SDGs and make a positive impact on the world!

Trident Games 2023

07 April 2023



Trident Games, formerly known as Trident Cup, is a biennial sports carnival that aims to foster unity and friendship among Bandar Sunway communities. On March 15, 2023, our SEG CEO, Dato' Prof. Elizabeth Lee, officially launched the third edition of Trident Games and Jeffrey Cup. In addition to the three major universities: Sunway University, Monash University, and Taylor's University; Asia Pacific University and International Medical University were invited to participate. A total of 439 athletes (390 students and 49 staff) competed in 14 sporting events.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah, Founder and Chairman of Sunway Group, and Prof. Sibrandes Poppema, President of Sunway University, present the medals and trophies to the winners during the Trident Games Awards on March 18, 2023. The Asia Pacific University football team won the Jeffery Cheah Cup in the Trident football game.



Kazakhstan-Sunway friendship football tournament
07 April 2023



On the 25th of February 2023, 5-7pm at Sunway University Football Field, Sunway University hosted a friendship football tournament with the Embassy of Kazakhstan. Six teams (Muras, Al-Nassr, Nomad, Sunway FC, Sunway Mix, and Rojak FC) and 64 players competed for the champion trophy. Sunway FC was crowned champion, Sunway Mix came in second, and Nomad FC came in third.

His Excellency Bulat Sugurbayev, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Malaysia presents a gift to Professor Sibrandes Poppema, the President of Sunway University during the gift exchange session.



Artistic Autistic Art Exhibition

18 May 2023



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended 'Artistic Autistic' art exhibition that was organised by our alumna and Miss Malaysia 2022, Wenanita Angang earlier today.

The event was a huge success, with highlights including a mesmerizing music performance by Amira Dania Saiful Amri from MAESTRO, and opening speeches delivered by our past SSV Vice-President and Ms World Malaysia 2022, Wenanita Wences Angang. We also managed to sell some of the paintings during the event.





