

# 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 gratitude to all who have contributed articles to the bulletin.

Please do forward this e-Bulletin to all your local and international business associates, colleagues, friends and families.

This month's edition leads with Professor Mohammad Khalid, Head of Sunway Centre for Electrochemical Energy and Sustainable Technology (SCEEST) winning the Gold Award at the International Research and Innovation Symposium and Exposition (RISE) 2023.

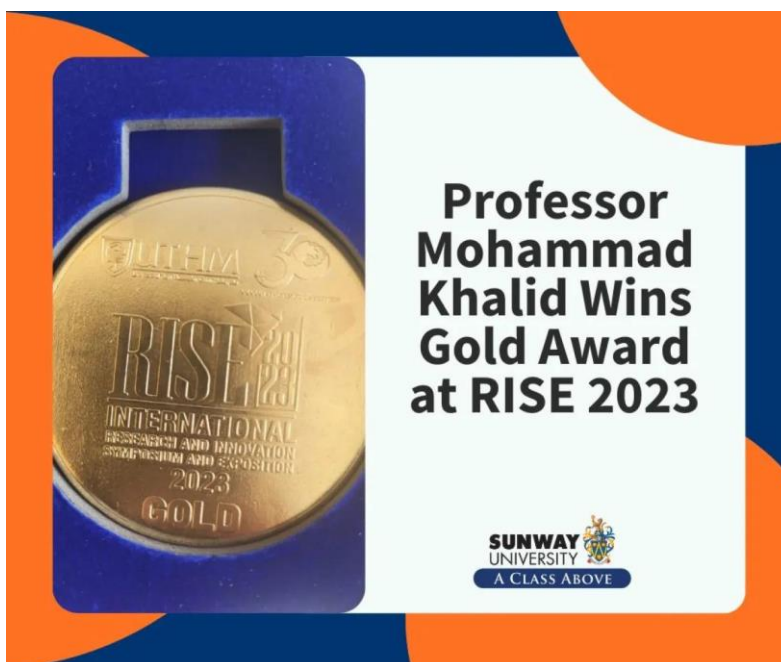
Sunway University achieved another key milestone with 26 scientists being recognised in Stanford University's highly-cited Top 2% list.

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

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

The e-Bulletin runs bi-monthly and alternates between the University and the College.

## Professor Mohammad Khalid Wins Gold Award at RISE 2023



Sunway University extends its heartfelt congratulations to Professor Mohammad Khalid, Head of Sunway Centre for Electrochemical Energy and Sustainable Technology (SCEEST) and his collaborators from Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM), who won the Gold Award for the Invention / Innovation of “XT Ultra Nano Engine Oil” during the International Research and Innovation Symposium and Exposition (RISE) 2023. RISE 2023 was held on 18 & 19 October 2023 at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia.

RISE 2023 is an exhibition to showcase innovative products and technologies in institutions of higher learning (IHL), which brings together researchers and inventors, enabling the sharing of knowledge and experiences. In addition, it facilitates the process of business matching and commercialisation of the showcased products and technologies.

For more information on RISE 2023, refer to the link below.

[RISE 2023](#)



## SHSM Hosts Workshop with MACEOS

The Art Beats Festival 2023, a collaborative event by Sunway University and Lancaster University, concluded on 20 August 2023. This innovative celebration of art, film, and culture received support from Lancaster University's Global Advancement Fund (GAF), uniting global academics and artists for diverse creative ventures. Sunway University's School of Hospitality and Service Management held a 2-day Incentive Travel Workshop in collaboration with the Malaysian Association of Convention & Exhibition Organisers & Suppliers (MACEOS) for the School's BSc (Hons) in Conventions and Events Management (BCEM) Year 3 students.

MACEOS, also known as the Malaysian Association Of Convention & Exhibition Organisers & Suppliers is an events association in which the School of Hospitality and Service Management works closely with to promote and advocate for a sustainable growth in the Business Events industry.













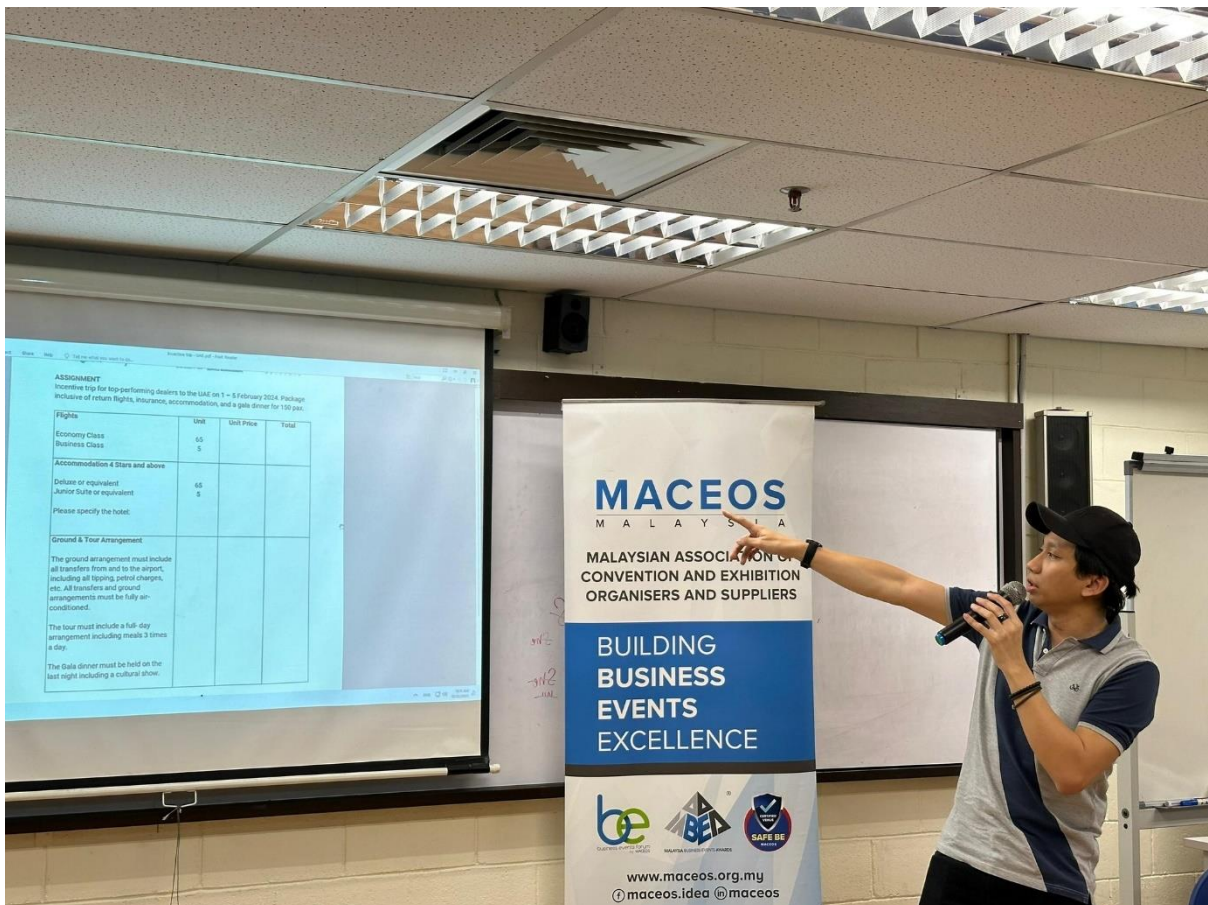
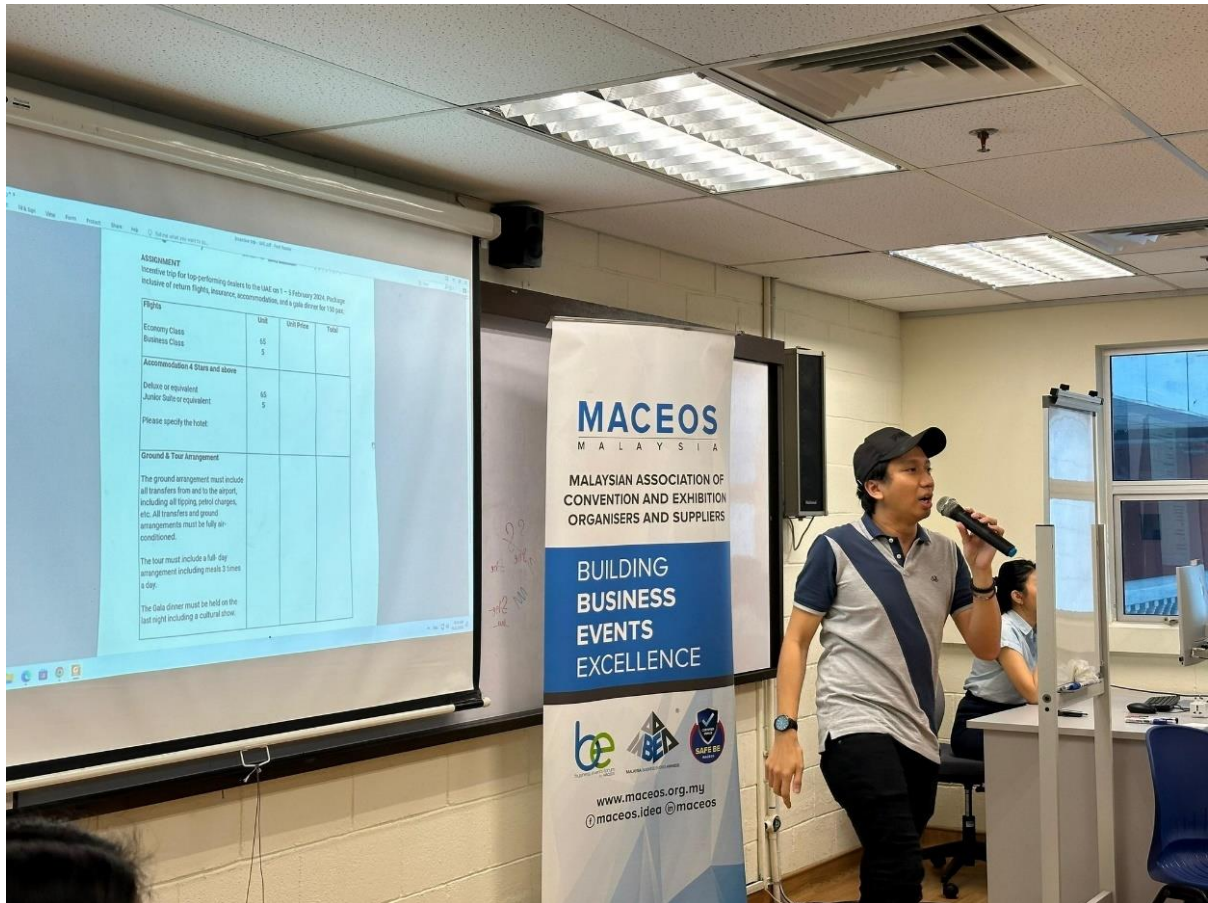




















**Incentive Trip (UAE)**  
①: 1-5 February 2024

**ASSIGNMENT**  
Identify trip for top performing leaders to the UAE on 1 - 5 February 2024. Package inclusive of return flights, insurance, accommodation, and a gala dinner for 100 pax.

Flights	Unit	Unit Price	Total
Economy Class	65		
Business Class	5		

Accommodation 4 stars and above  
Deluxe or equivalent  
Junior Suite or equivalent  
Please specify the hotel

**Ground & Travel Arrangements**  
The ground arrangements include all transfers from and to the airport, including all transfers, etc. All transfers and arrangements must be coordinated.  
The tour must include arrangement including a day.  
The gala dinner must be last night including a day.

**FLIGHTS: Saudia Airlines**  
KUL → DXB  
EC: RM1348  
BC: RM1192

DXB → KUL  
RM1276  
RM5800

①: 1-5 February 2024  
KUL → DXB  
EC: RM1348  
BC: RM1192

②: 5-8 February 2024  
KUL → DXB  
EC: RM1348  
BC: RM1192

**ACCOMMODATION:** @Movenpick Grand Al Bustan Dubai  
RM1905.58 - 100M MAX - US1595.16 → RM1905.58 - 100M MAX - US1595.16  
RM19248.19 - 100M MAX - US2048.16 → RM19248.19 - 100M MAX - US2048.16

**GROUND ARRANGEMENT:**  
E-pax 91 Petrol: D/3.26/Mile  
VIP coach: 35.50/pax (include driver and fuel)

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Allianz Travel  
USD10/pax  
Total: USD7.700  
RM35,356.70

**LUNCH**  
1: Gozaiba Restaurant - 1000  
2: The House Dubai - 1112.75  
3: SEWHAATC - 26,224.30  
4: AED 10000 - 10000

**DINNER**  
1: The House Dubai (1000)  
2: The House Dubai (1000)  
3: The House Dubai (1000)  
4: The House Dubai (1000)

**GALA: Grand Al Bustan**  
RM120,550  
RM30,850

**PRIVACY**  
RM120,550  
RM30,850

## Duo from Sunway University Named in Top Research Scientists Malaysians (TRSM) 2023



We are delighted to announce the well-deserved accomplishment of two outstanding individuals: Professor Bey Hing Goh of the School of Medical and Life Sciences, Sunway University and the extraordinary Professor Weng Marc Lim of Sunway Business School. They have been named among the Top Research Scientists Malaysians (TRSM) for 2023.

This award genuinely shows their persistent dedication, hard work, and passion for pushing science and knowledge forward. Their achievements serve as a beacon of excellence within our Sunway community, contributing to a positive impact on our world. Congratulations once again to Professor Goh Bey Hing and Lim Weng Marc!



## SBS Hosted the “People As Competitive Advantage” Forum

On 20 October 2023 -- 📅 The "People As Competitive Advantage" forum, a collaborative event between Sunway Business School x Chartered Management Institute x Shell has been a resounding success! 🚀 We explored the profound impact of human potential on the future of organisations, and it was truly inspiring.

Our panelists for the event included:

✳️ Dr Ann Francke OBE - Chief Executive, Chartered Management Institute

✳️ Stephanie Wee - Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Learning and Asian Talent Development, Shell

✳️ Moderated by Dr Guna Seelan Rethinam - Lecturer, Sunway Business School

🙌 Special thanks to our incredible speakers who enlightened minds with their insights. Your contributions were invaluable! 🙌

📷 Check out these amazing snapshots from the forum!

🔑 Key Takeaways:

🗣️ People are the heartbeat of every organisation.

💡 The joy of work is the path to competitive advantage for both managers and employees.

💰 People or profits – it doesn't have to be a zero-sum game.

Thank you to Prof Lim Weng Marc, Dean of Sunway Business School for giving the opening speech, Prof Motoki Watabe, Head of Department of Management, and Ms Stella Ong Kim Yoke, Programme Leader Global Supply Chain Management for attending the event.

Let's continue to champion better management practices and create a thriving, engaged community.





















## Sunway University Alumni Becomes Bowling World Champion!



School of American Education alumni Natasha Roslan and Sin Li Jane met in the final of the women's singles event in the World Championships, held at the Kuwait Bowling Sporting Club. The two teammates faced each other, and Natasha won the duel, ending Malaysia's 12-year wait for a singles gold at the event. The score for the final was 259-194, 162-238, and 185-165.

Sunway University is incredibly proud of both young women for representing Malaysia on such a large stage and finishing as the top two. The University hopes that their achievements serve as an inspiration to all Sunwayians.

## 26 Sunway University Scientists Placed In Top 2%



26 scientists from Sunway University were named in Stanford University's highly-cited top 2% list. This achievement means that 6% of Sunway University's academic staff is listed, three times as much as the world average. Stanford University's list assesses researchers based on two criteria. The first is their career-long citation impact. They are also assessed on their single-year citation impact. This means that Sunway University's scientists are extremely impactful in their respective research disciplines, and they are actively contributing to the existing knowledge available in academia.

Sunway University would like to congratulate all 26 individuals on this remarkable achievement.

This achievement has been featured in publications such as [BusinessToday](#).



## Career Fair Prep Days at Sunway University!



Sunway Career Services hosted the Career Fair Prep Days this past week at the Career Hub & University Foyer.

The event featured booths by Sunway Career Services' esteemed Career Partners, including Sunway Career Peer Advisor, GRADUAN®, Hiredly, Internspoon, JobStreet Malaysia, Nestlé, Starbucks, Milo and SEPHORA. The partners' invaluable guidance and unwavering support helped to make the event a success.

Sunway Career Services would like to extend special thanks to all the students who actively participated in the Prep Days.

In other news, the Get Hired Career Fair is just around the corner! Join us on the 17th & 18th of October at the Jeffrey Cheah Hall. Register at the link below!

[Get Hired Career Fair](#)

## Sunway University Students Win Nationwide Blockchain Hackathon!



Students from the School of Engineering and Technology made Sunway University proud as they won the Nationwide Blockchain Hackathon. With over 400 applications received from Universities across Malaysia, 4 Sunway University students made it to the Top 5, winning a total of USD 650. They achieved this feat with their project called "Mint Cycle", which aims to enhance the ESG footprint of companies in Malaysia by utilising a smart recycling machine. The world is gradually recognising Malaysia as a burgeoning hub for blockchain tech companies, and Sunway University's students are proving to be among the best in the country in this field.

- Deaberniswarar Sharmaa - Bachelor of Information Systems (Honours) (Data Analytics)
- Sasitheran Pathmanathan - Bachelor of Information Systems (Honours) (Data Analytics)
- Low Kwok Chung - Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computer Science
- Kirthyiban Nair - Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computer Science

The hackathon was co-organised by the Asia Pacific University's Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Club (APUBCC) and Superteam Malaysia Pop-up, powered by the Solana Foundation, with other strategic partners such as Jupiter Exchange.

In addition, team "Mint Cycle" will also represent Sunway University in the international blockchain hackathon, called Hyperdrive. This open-to-all, online hackathon requires the participants to upload a slide deck of their web3 idea to stand a chance to win up to USD 50,000 per project. "Hyperdrive allows participants to dip into the USD 1 million prize pool and get access to the biggest Venture Capital firms on the planet. Most hackathon track winners get venture-funded," Says Henry Lee, Superteam Malaysia Pop-up's Tech Lead and Sunway iLabs Entrepreneur-In-Residence. For more information on Hyperdrive, you may visit the link below.

Once again, congratulations to the winning students, and may they continue to make us all proud in future competitions!

[Hyperdrive](#)



### SHSM Students Visit MENA Climate Week 2023



Recently, the School of Hospitality and Service Management's Degree students made their way to MENA Climate Week 2023 in Riyadh with an invitation from the Sustainable Development Solutions Network - sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism Saudi Arabia.

The students (Daryl Loh, Lim Hui Wen, Pua Jin Yin, Pauline Hutabarat, Momoka Yamaguchi and Phan Ngoc Tuong Vi) are under the Youth Summit initiative that has brought together over 500 young people from more than 100 countries. Sunway University's School of Hospitality and Service Management are incredibly honoured to be a part of this global effort to address climate challenges!

## Sunway Student Volunteers at the Larian FIT Malaysia Marathon

On 24th September 2023, 17 volunteers participate in Larian FIT Malaysia that organised by Jabatan Belia dan Sukan Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur. Our job scope is to assist in the water station. 17 of us divided into two groups and went for different water station to prepare 100 plus and mineral water for the runner.

Marathon water station play a critical role in the success and safety of the event. They provide a vital lifeline to weary runners. With unwavering enthusiasm and a commitment to ensuring proper hydration, they cheer competitors on provide refreshing breaks, and offer encouragement during grueling races. Their generosity and support not only fuel runners but embody the spirit of community and camaraderie that defines these endurance challenges.















## **Professor Ts Yap Kian Meng Registered as Chartered Engineer with MIEI**



Congratulations to Professor Ts Yap Kian Meng, Head of the Research Centre for Human-Machine Collaboration (HUMAC), who has successfully been registered as a Chartered Engineer with Member of Engineers Ireland (MIEI)

For more information on MIEI, you may refer to the link below.

[Engineers Ireland](#)



## PhD Student Nur Syahirah Receives MTSF Research Grant



Sunway University would like to congratulate Doctor of Philosophy in Sustainability Science and Technology student Nur Syahirah Binti Mohamed Hatta, who has been selected as one of the recipients of the Year 2023 Malaysia Toray Science Foundation (MTSF) Science & Technology Research Grant of RM12,000.00.

She was awarded this grant for the research project entitled "Fabrication of heteroatom-doped porous carbon using various green amino acid salts for CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption". The Malaysia Toray Science Foundation (MTSF) is a charitable science foundation established to promote science and technology in Malaysia. The grant was presented to Nur Syahirah during the 30th Prize Presentation Ceremony at the Intercontinental Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. Nur Syahirah's PhD supervisors are Professor [Mohamed Kheireddine Aroua](#), [Dr Farihahusnah Hussin](#) and Associate Professor Dr [Jane Gew Lai Ti](#).