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## A MESSAGE TO OUR ALUMNI



Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullai Wa Barakatuh

I would like to congratulate the editorial board for successfully publishing and circulating this first issue of Alumni Magazine (REACH) for 2019.

It gives us immense pleasure to continue ties with you. We hope and pray that you are doing well in your endeavours.

We assure you that we will strive to connect you with IIUM and with other alumni as we believe that together, we will be able to create a bigger impact to the world at large, and the Ummah in particular. This is inline with our new tagline ACE: Advocate. Collaborate. Engage.

Alumni are our ambassadors and we are calling all alumni to help advocate the mission of the University – the IIICE.

We also hope you will assist the University in advocating the Sustainable Projects that the University is embarking on. For example, the Kulliyyah of Engineering has a flagship, the River of Life. So we hope you will support the Kulliyyah to materialize the project. - We want to advocate the importance of Sustainable Development Goals to the world. Collaborate – the Alumni Division will be focusing on collaboration so that we do not work in silos. Collaborations will be able to maximize positive impact. Alumni Relation Division will empower the Kulliyyahs to collaborate with local and international alumni in pursuit of IIUM vision and mission to be a leading University.

Advocating and Collaborating through Alumni Engagement.

Engage - the University, through the Alumni Relations division, would like to engage alumni in the development of the University. For example, alumni could contribute back as mentors to the students - The university is encouraging the Kulliyyah to get assistance from the alumni by engaging them in kulliyyah's activities. Next year the Alumni Division will be awarding the Alumni Engagement Award (Kulliyyah Level) during the Quality Day (we call it Takrim Day) so if you wish for your Kulliyyah to win, come back and offer whatever that you can - with your experience and expertise, your affiliation with your workplace, I am sure there are many ways for you to assist the Kulliyyah and your "younger brothers and sisters" - the existing students.

Recently the University Management Committee has approved our proposal to convert 2 principal houses into an alumni house. This house will serve as a welcoming cozy place for alumni to get together and go down memory lane whenever they come back and visit the university. One of the rooms of this house will be allocated for the establishment of "Rumah Ngaji". The main objective of this programme is to provide tahfiz and quranic recitation classes for Alumni and community surrounding the Gombak campus.

To all IIUM alumni, I hope you will enjoy reading our first issue of REACH Magazine for 2019 as much as we have enjoyed publishing it.

Yours truly, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Azam Othman Director, Alumni Relations Division

## REACH MAGAZINE

Assalamualaikum and greetings from the ALUMNI office. Welcome to this edition of REACH magazine.

It was indeed an honour to be given the task to lead the editorial team for 2019's edition. This year's issue will showcase some of the most prominent people in the university. It will start with a special interview with the 6th Rector of IIUM. Distinguished deans and former deans are featured under the professor's corner. A special highlight on IIUM Alumni is also included in this issue. Many alumni activities were captured on camera and visits to the alumni offices were recorded and compiled for this edition as well. Read on to celebrate the current success of IIUM and reminisce the glory from yesteryears.

REACH magazine has been telling and sharing stories of change, growth and success for years and this is what we intend to continue doing. It is a reflection of our campus, our community and our world. IIUM has always advocated strong values and we celebrate the success stories of all our alumni. Hence, the world will continue to recognize our graduands for achievement in their respective disciplines.

It is the hope of the editorial team that this magazine will be the bridge to bring together IIUM and its alumni. Once again, I would like to express my unwavering appreciation to all contributors. Your generous support has made it possible for us to collaborate and advocate IIUM's aspiration to be the leading university for the betterment of the ummah. Jazakallah Khaira Khatira

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## INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA (IIUM) 1983- 2019

The International Islamic University Malaysia also known as IIUM or UIAM is a public institution of Higher Education in Malaysia. The main campus is located in Gombak, Selangor (about a half-hour drive from the capital city of Kuala Lumpur). Its centre for Foundation Studies is located in Gambang, Pahang while its medical and health-related campus is located in Kuantan. The university is sponsored by the Malaysian government and backed by eight governments from the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). Founded on Islamic principles. Islamic values are inculcated into all disciplines. The university offers bachelor, masters and PhD degrees at its 14 faculties, also known as kulliyahs.

Since its inaugural convocation in 1987, there have been 93.463 undergraduate and postgraduate students who have successfully completed their studies here. Out of this, a total of 79,036 came from Malaysia while the remaining came from 127 other countries. IIUM strives to keep in touch with its graduates as part of its mission and vision for the betterment of the ummah. This is supported by various offices of IIUM such as the ALUMNI and Global Networking Division (AGND), responsible for the publication of REACH.

#### FEATURE

## Exclusive Interview With PROFESSOR EMERITUS TAN SRI DATO' DZULKIFLI ABDUL RAZAK

Appointed as the 6th Rector of IIUM on August 1, 2018, Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Dzulkifli Abdul Razak remembered how he first stepped into office with the value of trust and refused to be judgmental of others. From his perspective, the mutual feeling of trust requires very little supervision so that everyone can honour the trust, which is a hallmark in a good Muslim. This should come naturally in IIUM as we are all Muslims who understand Amanah as a great virtue. In fact, the lyrics in IIUM song emphasizes significantly the word Amanah. In leading the way, Tan Sri Dzulkifli spoke of the university's aspiration to be the institution in championing the concept of Rahmatan lil Alamin. Tan Sri Dzul, as he is fondly referred to among the staff and students, stressed that the concept is based on the Islamic worldview since the beginning of time and IIUM has always been promoting the idea by translating it into action. The community engagement and involvement of IIUM in helping the Orang Asli who are neighbouring the campus, is a classic example of how the university is giving back to the society. More importantly, he said, IIUM is also learning from how this community sustains itself in the era of modernity.

In keeping the history alive and honouring the founding fathers of IIUM, Tan Sri Dzulkilfi reminded us that we must always stay on track with the IIUM's vision and mission. He stressed the importance of studying and remembering the past so that we can achieve better in the future. The renaming of the Rectory building, for example, is to commemorate and honour IIUM's first Rector, Tan Sri Muhammad Abdul-Rauf (IIUM Rector 1983-1988). The founding Rector was a scholar and a humanitarian who contributed immensely to the development of Islamic Studies in Malaysia and the development of a large class of ulamas steeped in the true Islamic tradition of being moderate and temperate.

> "Amanah is a great virtue"

#### "IIUM alumni must be ready to be the change agent"

In the same manner, IIUM alumni should always uphold the spirit of IIUM even after they have graduated and become members of the society. Those who have returned to their home countries must disseminate and inculcate the values that were instilled in them while studying here in Malaysia. As leaders in their respective communities, they must strive to produce other leaders too. This is in tandem with IIUM's aspiration to produce graduates who live to serve humanity and thus to earn the pleasure of the mighty creator. This will keep the IIUM legacy alive wherever the graduates are.

Tan Sri Dzul invited the editorial board to come on board his project of compiling and documenting the history of IIUM. His idea is to showcase IIUM as the leading International Islamic university for others to emulate based on its history as well as current achievements. This is pertinent to exhibit what the university is good at, especially from the point of view of the alumni.

Another emphasis Tan Sri Dzul made was the culture of Iqra' which is symbolized by the Holy Quran in IIUM's logo. At the heart of it, the Quran represents the highest knowledge, the revelation which guides and inspires the pursuit of knowledge in the university. It implies that the university upholds the supreme power of our Creator's knowledge, wisdom and words above all human knowledge. It should be a reminder that Quran is the highest source of IIUM's philosophy of education. This serves as a guide to direct IIUM for future development. Bringing back the culture of Quran is pertinent to IIUM. Thus, the culture of Iqra must be embodied whole-heartedly across the IIUM community.

Tan Sri Dzulkifli touched on the aspect of internationalization as part of the university's main agenda. Being international means that the university must be involved in the global agenda. He highlighted the example of the Bosnian students whom IIUM used to help in the educational agenda. Now that the Balkan country has prospered, doing much better compared to their war-stricken days, IIUM must move on to extend its help to other nations that are much more in need. In the meantime, the IIUM graduates from Bosnia will need to build their own chapter to assist other nations just as



they have experienced while they were students in Malaysia. This should be the way forward for IIUM alumni.

Speaking on the topic of khalifah, IIUM has been producing graduates for more than 30 years who then become leaders in their own respective ways. Tan Sri Dzul reminded the graduates they do not only become leaders, they must also lead the way to change. Because of the diversity we experience in our everyday life, leaders must be able to make that change and lead that change. Regardless of the country they come from, this is the kind of positive impact graduates of IIUM must have on their society.

Students join the university with little knowledge but leave the campus as a knowledgeable person. Based on the wisdom IIUM has given to the graduates, they then must be able to bring about the change for the betterment of their society. Alumni of IIUM must realize this because by the end of their study in the university, a greater responsibility awaits them. The ummah is waiting for the change. Tan Sri Dzul reminded IIUM graduates of their time spent in the university. It gave them the exposure and knowledge to make the change. So, they must have a mind-set that is ready to be the change agent, to improve and to lead their society.



On the subject of ranking, Tan Sri Dzul stressed that the more important question to ask is whether IIUM's excellence has any impact on the community and university as a whole. IIUM is both Islamic and International. This means IIUM can neither stay idle nor be following examples of others. It does not make sense that IIUM being an Islamic university follows other universities that are unIslamic.

In the same manner, being an international university, IIUM has the international academically conducive environment within the university that sets them apart from other local universities. The way IIUM leads is distinctive in its own way, own tradition, own values and civilisation. Before ending the interview, the honourable Rector stressed that IIUM alumni should be proud of its own uniqueness without having to copy or compete with others. IIUM alumni are graduates with the quality of holistic excellence, imbued with Islamic moral-spiritual values. He is confident that alumni of IIUM can play that role in being visibly distinctive as ambassadors of the Muslim community.

> "HUM leads in its own distinctive way, own tradition, own values and civilisation"

## MEET PROF. DATO'TPR. DR MANSOR IBRAHIM

#### The Former Dean of KAED IIUM (Third Dean)

Prof. Dato' TPr. Dr Mansor Ibrahim was a former Dean at the Kulliyyah of Architecture and Environmental Design, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). He has taught many courses related to planning and environmental management like the Principles of Planning, Economic Geography, Urban Geography, Malaysian Economics, Principle Economics, Planning Techniques, Environmental Science.

Prof. Mansur obtained his Diploma in Town Planning at the University of Auckland and Bachelor degree of Arts in Economics and Commerce in University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). Before joining IIUM in 2001, he was a Deputy Dean (Research and Publication) and Head of Department at University Technology Malaysia. He holds a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning in the University of Wisconsin and later Doctor of Philosophy in land Resources from the same respective university.

Born in 1950, he encourages active volunteerism among students and emphasized the importance to partake in the society we live in. He believes tapping that could increase our sense of selflessness and broaden our perspective on lives. Prof. Mansor has always had a strong passion for environmental planning and envisioned to transform IIUM to become an environmentally friendly campus. He always aims to create a sense of awareness among our community as well as constructing a systematic and effective way of managing waste as its condition brings impact to human activity.

In 1998, he received a Consolation Award for Original Book Publication, Consultancy Excellent Group Award (1999), Consultancy Excellent Group Award (2001) at University Technology Malaysia. He also received the Research Excellence Group Award for Kulliyyah

#### **PROFESSOR'S CORNER**



Level at Quality Day 2005 in IIUM. In crafting an excellent academic profile, Prof Mansor shared that his involvement in research and publication is part of his bread and butter and this has always been his responsibility as an academician. He completed more than 20 researches along with publication. He maintained his perseverance through complying with factors that contribute to his success. His publications have a major impact and serve as academic guidelines in the respective field. He has also supervised more than 50 post-graduate students in IIUM. This includes being an external examiner to local and international universities for more than 100 students.

As a former dean, he faced enormous challenges in aligning Kulliyah of Architecture and Environmentally Design (KAED) with IIUM vision which is to integrate the Islamic elements and getting that recognized or accredited by the Ministry such as Lembaga Akitek Malaysia. The industry has always given positive feedback on IIUM graduates' performances. The professionalism has been commendable by the employers. This is a reflection of how IIUM is serious in producing graduates with a set of skills, discipline, and great work ethics. Our university has that strength and uniqueness.

Prof Mansor proposed our alumni around the globe to assemble and go digitalized. He suggested that IIUM alumni can create an online platform to track each other and focus on engagement and reach outs. Working with founding fathers in various countries to develop financial partners is one of way to realize this. Alumni can contribute to their alma mater in terms of grants. Through this support, IIUM could pool better resources for better educational experiences for the students.

## MEET PROF. DR IDA MADIEHA ABDUL GHANI AZMI

### The Dean of Center for Postgraduate Studies

Prof. Dr Ida Madieha is an alumnus of International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and is currently serving as the Dean of Center of Postgraduate Studies.

#### REACH: So, Prof Madieha tell us a bit about yourself and your educational background and what intrigued your interest in LLB?

I come from Kota Bahru and I have studied at a religious school. At the moment, I'm serving as the Dean of Centre for Postgraduate Studies. I specialize in Intellectual property under LLB. There are many other subjects I could have chosen in this field like copyrights, trademark, industry design but I chose to study this.

Quite frankly, it's a long story if you ask me how I got interested in this subject. I remember I was at Cambridge at that time and I was actively looking for an area to do my PhD. Professor Joho who is now in University of Malaya was there at that time, and I remember him discussing with me how big corporations are using intellectual properties to dominate the world, and the kinds of gains and damages they have done.

> He asked me to look into the whole equity of intellectual property and that's how I got triggered, "It was rather accidental, not deliberate". I tell my students many times, when you are facing problems choosing your specialization, sometimes you will find the accidental inspiration, and if you have not attended that course in your study, it does not mean you can't do that as your PhD.

> > REACH: Prof, you have acquired your degrees from different universities from different countries.

For instance, you have completed your PhD from the University of London, your LLM from University of Cambridge and your LLB from IIUM. How do you think each of these universities have shaped your role as a dean now?

It was interesting and ugly at the same time! This is because my time in Cambridge was very hectic, it was only for 9 months which is a very short time. Not to forget, I just had a baby at that time and I was there just after confinement and my baby was just 3 months old. All my classmates were young, single and partying! But for me, I had a baby waiting for me back home to be fed. He refused bottle so it became very tiring for me. I had to go during lunch time, feed him and then cycle back to my classes or library; which took about 20 minutes each time.

Then I would go back at night to feed the baby again. I worked really hard during my masters. It was a turning point in my life. It changed a lot of things in my life, and my classmates were all top students and I had to compete with them with a baby around my shoulder. Then, when I decided to do my PhD, I thought I'll be meeting mature people but I was wrong. Again I met with classmates who were young, single and partying. I realized that this gave direction to my life. I wouldn't waste any time, I took care of the baby and I took care of my education. I was determined, I must succeed.

When I came back, I got involved in all the legislative reforms when Malaysia was going into WTO membership over amending all laws accordingly. I got involved in all the meetings during nights and even my weekends would be spent there.

I often used to ask myself, why am I in intellectual property? Because I have noticed authors and people in the art business like actors or actresses are marginalized, they are the ones being exploited and those people with money or the label companies are in power. It is forever developing and forever moving, I ended up learning a lot of things. This has always been a nonstop dynamic learning for me. Any other kind of law would have felt boring to me because it would always require me to do documentation or paper work.

REACH: You have held many positions inside and out of IIUM, both locally and internationally. Adding to this, you have also been appointed as the board member of intellectual property and have been a former Deputy Director of Malaysian Copyright Tribunal. Among all these positions or roles, which one has the greatest impact on you and how?

Honestly, a Professor! It's the best job in the world among all these positions, because I had the time to sit and work on my book. But now as a Dean, I sit and just begin to write a title and I am notified to go to a meeting, I'm always rushing around and attending meetings. Writing takes a lot of thinking; contemplation but I have very little time. But at the same time, I cannot be too upset about it because retirement is close. So, for the time being I decided to give back to the Institution and I accepted this role to help the postgraduate students; leaving the books aside. Although I wanted to be involved in other things outside, it didn't work out for me. But I believe whatever you get is Rizqi from Allah. So I accepted this position as the Dean of CPS with open arms.

### REACH: What does it mean to you to be the dean of CPS?

I am the administrator. So this means that I would be blamed if anything goes wrong, I work with the whole administration. I have to be very particular about everything.

REACH: CPS has around 6,000 students out of which 50% are Internationals and they are from many different countries. What contribution can each bring to the university and to the Ummah as a whole? "...just come to UIA. It's full of people from different cultures, it's a melting pot!"

Their culture and their worldview. Even when I was at Cambridge, I saw how traditional Cambridge was at that time. We used to have dinners and were required to wear robes for dinner. They start dinners by praying to God and even during Exams the professors wore robes and for convocation we had actual processions because it's the University town. It was all very traditional. I used to think

Cambridge is very traditional and that's the most I would witness but when I went to London, it was even more traditional.

It's so nice to meet and see people from different cultures, they bring their language, their traditions, their culture with themselves. I tell people if you don't have enough money to experience to go to London or anywhere far, just come to UIA. It's full of people from different cultures, it's a melting pot!

#### REACH: You are an alumni of IIUM and you have attained your degree in 1989 and have been called to the bar in 1990. So, how do you see yourself as part of the big family of former students of IIUM?

You know my friends told me "Ida, you have never graduated from IIUM". I have always been here, after completing my studies, I came back here, and never felt like I had ever left. It feels like I never graduated. Even when I introduced myself, I tell people I'm from UIA because I feel all the years that I have spent here I have experienced so much. I feel a holy deep connection with UIA, and everyone who studies here should speak about their experiences here. There are so many things I aspire to do before I leave this life, I want to leave a legacy behind. It could be through my writing or anything else. There are so many things I want to do still. You know what Nazir Razak said when he retired, "I'm only 52 years young and maybe it's time to leave the organization and do something else and that's what I have been thinking". What is important is for others to remember you for your legacy.



## MEET PROF. DATUK DR. SIDEK BABA Professor in Kulliyyah of Education

Born in 1946 into a poor Melaccan family, Professor Datuk Dr Sidek Baba's journey in becoming a respected academician is anything but a smooth sail. His father was a rubber tapper who was earning little to support his six children. When Prof Sidek was enrolled in secondary school in Gajah Berang, his father only had RM18 to give monthly for Sidek's bus fares. However, using the money to pay off his school fees, Prof Sidek was left with none for his bus rides and he decided to cycle about 60km to school every day.

It was just after the country had gained independence and Prof Sidek was determined to liberate him and his family from poverty. His financial problems never obstructed him from getting the education he wanted. Unable to buy his own textbooks in secondary school, he would copy them from the library so he would have his own copy to read in class.

Prof Sidek was working as a teacher in his hometown – Kampung Pulau, Masjid Tanah before getting an offer to be trained as a teacher in Universiti Pengajian Sultan Idris (UPSI) and after completing his two-year training, he decided to sit for his High School Certificate to pursue his studies in University of Malaya (UM). Without any tuition, he sat for the exams seven times before getting his certificate. During his studies in UM, Prof Sidek was very active in student organizations, especially in Persatuan Mahasiswa Islam where his strong passion in da'wah began. In 1976, no one in the campus was covering their aurah but through usrah and da'wah, Sidek and his friends managed to fight for the normalization of covering their aurah which gradually impacted other local universities. For that, he was considered a controversial figure by his superiors but he paid no heed to them.

When he returned to Melaka, he became a secondary school teacher in a number of schools including SMK Iskandar Shah, SMK Tun Perak and Melaka High School where he taught former Deputy Rector of Student Affairs, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mizan Hitam.

Prof Sidek completed his Master's in the United States. The Director of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) wanted to send him to Harvard but he declined and settled for Indiana University Bloomington where he was active in giving da'wah to American Muslims in universities. Two years later, he was offered to continue his PhD and moved to Nothern Illinois with his family.

In 1991, he came back to Malaysia and worked as a lecturer at Insitute Aminuddin Baki and applied for a position in IIUM. He became the Deputy Dean of Matriculation Centre, Lembah Pantai in 1992.

In 1994, he was offered to be a Deputy Rector of Student Affairs, a position which he initially declined. However, rampant student demonstrations led him to accept the role in order to curb the problem. He transferred to the Gombak campus in 1996 and assumed the role for eight years.

Prof Sidek Baba has given lectures all over the world and has published more than 50 books and countless papers throughout his career. On maintaining his perseverance in writing, he points to his passion in reading. "I like to read. After subuh, I will read and then do some writing. That's a habit that I have kept until today. And, alhamdullilah, I have managed to present thousands of papers around the world because of it," he explains.

For Prof Sidek, his profession lies in da'wah. Settling in Kampung Padang Balang, he had attempted to provide access to education to the village-folks by opening free tuition classes.

He had a mission to develop Kampung Padang Balang into a good community. He wanted to help the poor by providing open access to education but unfortunately, his efforts fell short. Though people equated free to low quality which led to him to close down the classes two months later, he continues to see it as an act of amal jariah.

Prof Sidek firmly believes that education starts home. Parents nurture children in love and care at home and teachers continue the work at school. It is important to him that parents and teachers guide youth to become good citizens. As a parent and teacher himself, he calls for others to treat children as if we are their murabbi.

On alumni contributions, his main concern is actualizing the philosophy of the university. "IIUM has a big philosophy – the garden of knowledge and virtue. And we have the mission and vision of the university. So how do we actualize them?" he poses.



To answer the question, Prof Sidek looks to early graduates of the university who came back to the campus and encourages IIUM graduate to return to their alma mater to help develop a practice based on the university's philosophy.

Prof Sidek had led the Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (ABIM) in his youth where he was heavily involved in the education sector, establishing Islamic schools around Malaysia. "We started in Melaka, building a kindergarten and we developed an Islamic curriculum for younger kids. We also train teachers all over Malaysia to teach younger kids. We started that in 1974 and now it's all over Malaysia," he explains.

The problem arises when Malay parents opt to send their children to Islamic institutions and it became a big challenge to integrate Qur'anic knowledge with mainstream knowledge. When IIUM was established in 1983, it became a starting point to incite change in the ummah.

Prof Dr Sidek Baba has long become a household name within the campus, especially in the Kulliyyah of Education. He hopes to pursue his passion in reading and writing when he retires.

"Teach as best as you can to make them understand. Teaching without understanding means learning did not take place"



IIUM ALUMNI: Reflections and Achievements

OF SPEECH

The name Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman needs no introduction to the IIUM community and Malaysians at large. He earned his Bachelor of Laws from IIIUM in 2016 and went on to join politics and became the youngest Minister in Asia.

Syed Saddiq was born on 6 December 1992 in Pulai, Johor, Malaysia. He completed his high school at the Royal Military College before continuing his studies at the Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia. His father was a Singaporean, a construction worker who commutes every day from Johor to Singapore to work and his mother was an English teacher. The youngest of their four children, Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman, is determined to ensure that the struggles of his youth and his parents are not in vain. Because of his humble beginnings, he felt that it was his duty to further progress Malaysia forward as "I know how it was like to be in that position before."

He started debating at the age of 17 and won Asia's Best Speaker award not once or twice, but three times in the Asian British Parliamentary Debating Championship. During his time at IIUM, he competed in an Asian-level debate competition and successfully won the United Asian Debating Championship. Syed Saddiq once said that "debating is not about arguing in a debate room. It's actually about coming up with solutions to make the world a better place". At the age of 23, he found himself competing against universities like Oxford, Cambridge, and Harvard, and it motivated him to improve. As a result, he even won best English as Second Language (ESL) Speaker Award.

For Malaysia's millennials, the 25-year-old IIUM law graduate is seen as a voice of their generation. Tall and quick-witted, he is regarded as a prominent figure among the youths and someone who walks the talk. He is fearless in his ideas and relentless in his arguments. Syed Saddiq's articulatory talent lead him to join politics and it was not long before he won the Muar Parliamentary seat in Malaysia's 14th general election. He created history as the youngest in Asia to be appointed a Cabinet minister. Nonetheless, he acknowledged that he had big shoes to fill as the new Youth and Sports Minister in 2018.

#### ALUMNI ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD



Majlis Penyampaian Watikah Ahli Majlis Agama Islam Negeri Pulau Pinang & Watikah Pelantikan Hakim Mahkamah Syariah Negeri Pulau Pinang

22 February 2019





The Inaugural Alumni Lecture Series

25 February 2019

The Senate Hall was packed with students and alumni who were there to listen to Br. Amer Bukvic who spoke about Leadership and Entrepreneurship. Gathering Of Association Of The IIUM Graduate School Of Management Alumni 9 February 2019 AIGA had its first gathering at the LINC KL on 9 Feb 2019 to welcome the New Year and to set the agenda for all their activities for the whole year.





Launching Of Kulliyyah Of Engineering Alumni Chapter

#### 9 February 2019

Kulliyyah of Engineering Alumni Chapter was launched on 22 June 2019 in the presence of 250 people - lecturers, alumni and their family members. The event was followed by an AGM to select the inaugural office bearers for the chapter. The Chapter will be led by Br. Ridzuan Hamid (Materials Engineering, 2005).





## Charity Concert 4Nomena

#### 20 April 2019

4Nomena charity concert was held on the 20th of April 2019 at Main Auditorium, IIUM Cultural Centre. It was a collaboration between KGM Event and IIUM. The concert presented a lineup of the country's most renowned nasyeed groups which include Hijjaz, In-Team, UNIC, and Mestica.



### IIUM Alumni Rewang Raya With President of IIUM

#### 12 August 2019

Datuk Dr Mohd Daud Bakar, the President of IIUM accompanied by Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, IIUM Rector, joined our alumni in Rewang Raya on 12 August 2019.



#### Raya Lunch Sponsored By IIUM Graduate School of Management Alumni (AIGA)

#### 6 June 2019

A total of 120 students attended the Raya Lunch sponsored by IIUM Graduate School of Management Alumni (AIGA) today at Istanbul Corner, Student Mall, IIUM Gombak Campus.

#### Alumni Homecoming Dinner - IIUM Accounting

#### 13 July 2019

This event was held on 13th of July 2019. Our Accounting alumni gathered in IIUM Gombak main hall and had a wonderful evening, reminiscing memories from yesteryears.

#### Alumni Reunion -LLB Class Of 1999

#### 26 October 2019

The 20-year reunion for LLB Class of 1999 was filled with lots of laughter, it was as though they are the 23- year-olds celebrating their convocation in Bukit Jalil Stadium.



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#QuranHour is a nationwide event that aims to encourage Muslims to read, understand and practice the Quran. IIUM was chosen to be the host of this blissful event and it was an honor for IIUM Alumni to be a part of this event.



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#### IIUM Charity Bowling With The President

#### 8 December 2019

The Alumni Relations Division RM20 per alumni campaign was launched by IIUM President, Datuk Dr. Mohd Daud Bakar and Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, earlier today during the IIUM Alumni Charity Bowling Tournament at the Wangsa Bowl bowling alley in Wangsa Walk Mall.

With the launching of the campaign, the IIUM alumni will be able to contribute to the university, where RM20 individually is expected per year in support of the aim to encourage the alumni to channel their donation and contribution for the betterment of the university's management.





### Presidential Gathering with Alumni Think Tank

2 November 2019

IIUM President with 20 prominent IIUM alumni from different background met at Seri Pacific to discuss IIUM matters and to share ideas.

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#### **IIUM ALUMNI: ALUMNI VISITS**

#### Dato' Dr. Mohd Asri Zainul Abidin @ Dr MAZA

#### 8 February 2019

Tan Sri Dzulkifli handing over the alumni card to Dato' Dr. Mohd Asri Zainul Abidin @ Dr MAZA (PhD in Qur'an and Sunnah, 2003) the Mufti of Perlis after the Launching of IIUM Jamalullail Chair by HRH the Raja of Perlis.





## Br. Mohd Muazzam Bin Mohamed 18 March 2019

Director of Alumni Relations Division visited Br. Mohd Muazzam bin Mohamed (ACC, 1997), CEO Bank Islam.



## Br. Abdul Hadi Bin Alias 13 February 2019

The Alumni Relations Division visited Br. Abdul Hadi bin Alias on 13th February 2019. Bro Hadi, who is currently working as the General manager at Paya Bunga Hotel, Kuala Terengganu was an accounting alumni batch 1994.



## AIKOL Alumni 13 February 2019

We visited Puan Safa, Dato' Alaudeen and Tuan Zulkifi, alumni of IIUM from AIKOL and now serving in Kuala Terengganu.



## Madam Martinelli Hashim 20 February 2019

We visited Madam Martinelli Hashim who is now back in CENSERVE, the place she had lovingly served for many years before moving to other departments for a while. Together we will launch CENSERVE Alumni Chapter soon.



## Jaafar Rihan 20 February 2019

We welcomed Br. Jaafar Rihan, an alumni from Kulliyyah of Economics and Management (ENM, 1991) who visited our office on 20th February 2019.



Sir Murad Ali 10 June 2019

Had the opportunity to meet Sir Malik Murad Ali, 2nd batch of Enginius IIUM who now leads the IT department of Mydin Holdings - the largest Hypermarket chain in Malaysia. They have almost 80 outlets all over Malaysia with the latest one opening in Sandakan, Sabah.

## BENL Alumni 4 July 2019

The Alumni Relations Division was graced with a visit from Sophyan Hakim Haji Mohd Hakim, Mohamad Husni Ab Aziz, Dr Harmi Taazim Mohamad, and Dato'Zuhri Iskandar on 4th of July 2019. Alumni from Department of English Language and Literature (Kulliyyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences).





## Prof. Abdulqadir Ibrahim 20 Sept 2019

Prof. Abdulqadir Ibrahim visited the office and shared with us some good news. After his appointment as the Dean of Faculty of Laws, Ilorin University, Nigeria in 2012, there are 3 other alumni who have also been appointed as the dean of the faculty.

- Prof Dr. Abdulqadir Ibrahim Abikan (PHD Laws; 2006) (2012-2014)
- Prof Dr. Yusuf Ibrahim Arowosaye (PHD Laws, 2009) (2014-2016)
- A.P. Dr. Adam Ibrahim Kayode (PHD Laws, 2011) (2016 - 2018)
- Prof. Dr. Abdulmumini Oba Adebayo (PHD Laws, 2012) (2018 to date)



## Madam Emelia Matrahah 6 Sept 2019

Courtesy Visit to MIMOS to meet Madam Emelia Matrahah (BBA, 1991) who is the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer.



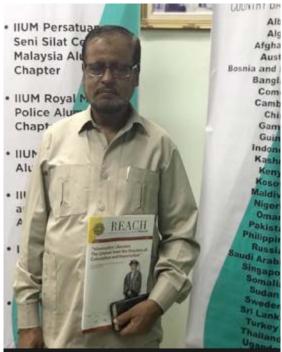
#### Mr. Arshad Mohamed Ismail

#### 1 August 2019

The Alumni team was very privileged to visit Mr. Arshad Mohamed Ismail, President/ Group CEO Bank Pembangunan at his office in Kuala Lumpur. He graduated from AIKOL in 1995.

Mr. Arshad has donated about 7000 law materials (books and legal reports) that belonged to his late father, Allahyarham Dato' Mohamed Ismail bin Mohamed Shariff to the Razali Nawawi Resource Centre, Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyyah of Law





## Prof. Dr. ABM Mahbubul Islam 14 October 2019

Prof. Dr. ABM Mahbubul Islam from Bangladesh Islami University visited the office on 14 October 2019. He was among the first batch of students who joined IIUM in 1983.



### Special Fund For Family Of Sr. Surawati Mohd

#### 19 October 2019

The Alumni Relations Division (ARD) and Department of Communication managed to collect RM14,637.00 from IIUM alumni, staff and students for the 3 children of Allahyarhamah Surawati Mohd who passed away with her husband in a tragic accident recently. RM13,540 was transferred to the account of Allahyarhamah Surawati's eldest son while a cash of RM700 and the balance in kind (basic necessities for the children) were handed over by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Azam Othman, Director of ARD to the family when he visited them in Marang, Terengganu.



#### YB Datuk Seri Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin

#### 1 November 2019

A fruitful meeting with YB Datuk Seri Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin, Deputy Minister, Primary Industries, yesterday at the Parliament. YB graduated from Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyyah of Laws in 1998



#### IIUM ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### **ABOUT ALSAFA**

The purpose of IIUM Alumni Scholarship & Financial Assistance (ALSAFA) Fund is to assist needy students of IIUM. The fund is a generous contribution by the IIUM alumni and the general public for outstanding underpriviliged youths to study in IIUM. It is open to Malaysian and non-Malaysian students from all Kulliyyahs.



#### **CATEGORIES OF ALSAFA FUND**



**Full Scholarship** Covers all fees for the duration of the study

#### WHY CONTRIBUTE?

Help needy students

Create Amal Jariah for yourself

Get barakah from Allah

Purify your wealth

Get tax rebate for your donation



**Financial Assistance** Partial allowance provided on short term basis

## WHAT OUR RECIPIENTS SAY...

Despite it is a one-off monetary assistance, it assist me in terms of covering my tuition fees and daily expenses.

Norazam Rajie KĨCT

I am so grateful to the support I have received from the ALSAFA. It eases my financial burden which made me less worry about study expenses.

**Rajinah Paling** KENMS



# **GIVE TODAY!**

Giving away has been prescribed in Islam as purifying one's wealth as it purifies one's soul

#### **HOW TO DONATE?**

#### **Online Transfer**

Account name : IUM Operating Account Account No. : 1407-000000-4716 (Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad)



DIVISION

Biller Code: 56911 Ref-1: Contact No #ALSAFA Ref-2: Name

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