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# **PREFACE**

The UPM Alumni e-Newsletter is a virtual publication. This e-Newsletter is published quarterly. The publication is under the Alumni Relations Center Universiti Putra Malaysia (ARCUPM).

UPM Alumni e-Newsletter features news about programs and activities conducted by ARCUPM to be shared with UPM alumni.





# Roadshow @ Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve | Faculty of Agriculture

Serdang, July 1st - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) held a discussion session with the UPM Faculty of Agriculture regarding the Alumni Crowdfunding initiative, along with the Roadshow@Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve program at the Faculty of Agriculture. This session aimed to find ways to collaborate between the faculty and ARCUPM in the joint effort to collect UPM alumni data. This data collection is crucial for tracking UPM alumni to engage them in the programs and activities organized by UPM.



### Dialogue Session With The University Board Member

Serdang, July 4th - A dialogue session with the University Board Member, YBrs. Encik Mohamad Sabrie Mohamad Salleh, took place in the Warisan Budi Putra Meeting Room, Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM). The meeting was chaired by YBrs. Dr. Mokrish Md Ajat, Deputy Director of ARCUPM, and was also attended by ARCUPM Director, Associate Professor Dr. Siti Aqlima Ahmad, Chief Administrator of the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Encik Abdullah Arshad, Head of Student Affairs, Puan Noraihan Nordin, and ARCUPM officers.



# The Judging of the READ@UNI 2024 Reading Corner Competition: READ@UNI Laman Al-Falah ARCUPM

Serdang, July 10th - The Read@Uni Laman Al-Falah ARCUPM received a visit from the Sultan Abdul Samad Library team, led by Puan Fatimah Zahrah@Aishah Amran and Puan Noor Syafini binti Zamani, for the judging of the Read@Uni 2024 Reading Corner Competition.The Read@Uni Laman Al-Falah was established as a show of support for the reading culture among staff and students across UPM, whether at the Serdang campus or the Bintulu campus in Sarawak.



### **Second Level "EKSA" Evaluation**

**Serdang, July 12th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) recently received a visit from two auditors of the Public Sector Conducive Ecosystem (EKSA) for the Second Level EKSA Evaluation for 2024. The auditors were Mrs. Shamriza Shari from the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Industry and Community Relations, UPM and Mrs. Lili Amira Hazihan from the Putra Agriculture Center, UPM.

Before EKSA was introduced, the 5S system was initially implemented to improve and maintain the quality of the workplace environment. After being rebranded, the objectives remain the same to create a conducive workplace environment while additional elements have been enhanced, while still focusing on cleanliness, orderliness, and worker safety.



### Alumni Talk: Young Generation Alumni, Are We Losing Them

**Serdang, July 13th** - An alumni talk that profoundly touched the hearts of the alumni was delivered by University Board Member (LPU), Encik Mohamad Sabrie Mohamad Salleh (Alumni Class of 2009).

The Alumni Talk, titled "Young Generation Alumni: Are We Losing Them?", was held on July 13, 2024, in conjunction with the UPM Alumni Association's 2024 Annual General Meeting at the Rashdan Baba Auditorium, TNCPI Building, UPM.



# Appointment Letter Handover Session for CEO@PTj 2024-2025: Dr. Salwa Abu Bakar

**Serdang, July 16th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) recently visited Syarikat Faiza Sdn Bhd to present the CEO@PTj 2024-2025 appointment letter to Dr. Salwa Abu Bakar.

This collaborative program with the Center for Industrial Relations and Networking (CiRNeT) aims to recognize and involve UPM alumni in every activity and program organized by the university. It also provides alumni with the opportunity to return to their alma mater and contribute in various forms. It is important to note that contributions are not limited to monetary donations, but can be made in many different ways.



# Tracing Alumni For Collaboration And Engagement (TRACE) @ Johor

**Johor** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) successfully organized the Tracing Alumni for Collaboration and Engagement (TRACE) program in Johor, held at Taman Negara Johor, Tanjung Piai, and the Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board.



# With Knowledge We Serve UPM Alumni: Together with Associate Professor Dr. Rohani Ibrahim

**Serdang, July 22nd** - The audio broadcast recording (Podcast) featuring UPM Alumni Associate Professor Dr. Rohani Ibrahim (Alumni Diploma in Agriculture 1972) has been completed. This broadcast discusses the role of UPM alumni while also promoting the Sirih Pulang ke Gagang@Homecoming XII Dinner, 2024.

This activity is part of the initiatives taken by the UPM Alumni Relations Center (ARCUPM) to encourage alumni participation in various programs, involving alumni while simultaneously inviting younger alumni to engage in university programs using more contemporary platforms.



# Roadshow @ Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve | Faculty of Forestry and Environment

**Serdang, July 22nd** - Alumni Relations Center (ARCUPM) held a discussion with the Faculty of Forestry and Environment regarding the Alumni Crowdfunding initiative. This discussion also included the implementation of the Roadshow Program: With Knowledge We Serve UPM Alumni, with the aim of intensifying the 1 Alumni 10 Ringgit Contribution (1A10SR) campaign among UPM alumni staff.

The discussion session was attended by Associate Professor Dr. Siti Aqlima Ahmad, Director of the Alumni Relations Center, Mr. Sahrizan Mat Yatim, Senior Administrative Officer and Mr. Norfarhan Norzaini, Head of Alumni Networking and Grants Section.



# Roadshow @ Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve | Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

**Serdang, July 24th** - Alumni Relations Center (ARCUPM) has successfully conducted the Roadshow@Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences UPM. This session was attended by Dr. Mohd Mokrish Md Ajat, Deputy Director of the Alumni Relations Center, Mr. Sahrizan Mat Yatim, Senior Administrative Officer and Mr. Norfarhan Norzaini, Head of the Alumni Networking and Grants Section.



# Roadshow @ Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve | Faculty of Educational Studies

**Serdang, July 29th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) has conducted the Roadshow@Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve at the Faculty of Educational Studies UPM. This program was attended by Prof. Madya Dr. Siti Aqlima Ahmad, Director of the Alumni Relations Center, Mr. Norfarhan Norzaini, Head of the Alumni Networking and Grants Section and Mrs. Suziana Che Wil, Head of the Alumni Publishing and Creative Media Section.



### The Visit of UPM Vice Chancellor to the UPM Alumni Relations Center

**Serdang July 31st** - The visit of Dato' Professor Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah, Vice Chancellor of UPM, to the UPM Alumni Relations Center (ARCUPM) was a brief but significant moment for the entire ARCUPM staff.

During the visit, Dato' Professor Dr. Ahmad Farhan was welcomed by Prof. Madya Dr. Siti Aqlima Ahmad, the Director of ARCUPM, including Deputy Director Dr. Mokrish Ajat and all ARCUPM staff.



# The 46th Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Yayasan Pak Rashid UPM (Session 1/2024)

**Serdang, August 1st** - The meeting was attended by the Ex-Officio Trustees, including UPM Bursar, Puan Izariahwati Mohd Isa, President of UPM Alumni Association (PAUPM), Dato' Raihan Sharif, PAUPM Secretary General, Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed and Director of UPM Alumni Relations Center, Prof. Madya Dr. Siti Aqlima Ahmad, who also serves as the Secretariat of YPR.







# MEKAR Series 19: The Golden Jubilee Celebration of the College of Agriculture Malaya 1974

Serdang, August 4th - MEKAR Series 19: The Golden Jubilee Celebration of the College of Agriculture Malaya 1974 (KPM74), held in the Foyer of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Office (Research & Innovation) UPM, concluded today.

The two-day program began on August 3, 2024, starting with a Charity Golf Match with KPM 74 Alumni, and today culminated in a Hi-Tea event.

The event was marked by a symbolic presentation of a replica check RM50,000.00, raised from contributions collected by KPM 74 Alumni. Mr. Haji Zainal Abidin, representing KPM 74, handed over the replica contribution to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Siti Aqlima Ahmad, Director of the Alumni Relations Center, witnessed by Dato Raihan Sharif, President of the UPM Alumni Association.



# Roadshow @ Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve | Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication

**Serdang, August 9th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) has organized the Roadshow@Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve, an initiative aimed at strengthening the relationship between alumni and faculties at Universiti Putra Malaysia.

This program was successfully implemented at the Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication UPM, featuring various activities focusing on alumni engagement and faculty development.



### The Evaluation Session for the Inter-Department Jalur Gemilang Flag Waving Competition in Conjunction with UPM's 2024 Semarak Merdeka Program.

**Serdang, August 13th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) has completed the Evaluation Session for the Inter-Department Jalur Gemilang Flag-Waving Competition in conjunction with UPM's 2024 Semarak Merdeka Program.

As a tradition, ARCUPM is one of the entities that never misses participating in this event each year as a sign of support for the efforts of the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Cultural and Arts Center, which is entrusted with fostering the spirit of "MERDEKA".



# Community Colleges and Polytechnics of the Selangor and Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur Zone

**Serdang, August 15th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) received a visit from a delegation from the Community Colleges and Polytechnics of the Selangor and Federal Territory Zone. This benchmarking visit was aimed at sharing experiences and knowledge between educational institutions on matters related to alumni management and the governance of an organization.

The delegation from the Community Colleges and Polytechnics of the Selangor and Federal Territory Zone was warmly welcomed by the Director of the UPM Alumni Relations Center (ARCUPM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aqlima Ahmad, along with ARCUPM officers.





### MAL'24: Over 600 Public University Alumni Gather, UPM Alumni Among National Young Promising Alumni Award Recipients

**Kuala Lumpur, August 17th** - Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) became the stage for a significant recognition for UPM alumnus, Mr. Mohamad Hafidz Arifin, who received the Young Promising Alumni Award at the 2024 Public University Alumni Night (MAL) event.



### MEKAR Series 22: 6th Reunion Alumni KPM 73 & Intake 1970

**Hulu Langat, August 19th** - MEKAR Series 22 Program: Rekindling a Thousand Memories Alumni Reunion took place at Kebun Cantik, Hulu Langat, Selangor. The program, organized by the alumni of the College of Agriculture Malaya (KPM 73) in collaboration with the Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM), aimed to reunite alumni to strengthen ties and reinforce their connection with each other and their alma mater.

The program, led by Tuan Haji Muhammad Jusri Abdul Aziz, successfully attracted the attendance of more than 70 alumni, making it a meaningful gathering. The presence of alumni family members further enlivened the atmosphere, creating beautiful memories that will surely be cherished.





### **Benchmarking Visit by UNIMAS**

**Serdang, August 20th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) was honored to receive a visit from a delegation from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) today as part of a benchmarking visit. The visit aimed to share knowledge and experiences, particularly in the aspect of administrative management of responsibility centers.

The delegation from UNIMAS, consisting of 13 officers and staff from various units, attended to observe and learn the best practices implemented at ARCUPM. This meeting is expected to serve as a platform to strengthen the relationship between the two institutions and open opportunities for closer collaboration in the future.





### **Alumni Awards 2024 Selection Meeting**

**Serdang, August 22nd** - The 2024 Alumni Awards Selection Meeting was held in conjunction with the Sirih Pulang Ke Gagang@Homecoming XII 2024 Charity Dinner at the Menara Warisan Budi Room, UPM Alumni Relations Center (ARCUPM).

The selection process involved various award categories, including the 'Mutiara Alumni Award', 'Perkasa Alumni Award', 'Bakti Alumni Award', 'Jasa Alumni Award', Alumni Appreciation Award, and the International Alumni Award.





### Roadshow @ Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve | FSKTM

**Serdang, August 28th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) organized the Roadshow@Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve, an initiative aimed at strengthening the relationship between alumni and faculties at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

The program was successfully held at the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FSKTM) UPM. ARCUPM was represented by Dr. Mohd Mokrish Md Ajat, Deputy Director of the UPM Alumni Relations Center, who played a key role in ensuring the smooth and effective execution of the program.





### Friendly Football Match Indian Alumni 2024

**Serdang, August 31st** - A Friendly Football Match was held for the Indian Student Alumni at the Field of College 10, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). Approximately 40 alumni participated as players for Putra FC and Senior FC, making the match a lively event.

The match started at 5:00 PM and concluded at 7:00 PM, providing these alumni with an opportunity to meet and reminisce about their past experiences during their studies at UPM.



# Tracing Alumni For Collaboration And Engagement (TRACE)@Kota Bharu, Kelantan 2024

Kota Bharu, Kelantan - Alumni Relations Center of Universiti Putra Malaysia (ARCUPM) successfully organized the Tracing Alumni for Collaboration and Engagement (TRACE) program in Kota Bharu, Kelantan. This two-day program, held on September 2 and 3, 2024, aimed to strengthen the relationship between alumni and their alma mater by tracking UPM alumni currently serving in government agencies and the private sector.



### Alumni Meet and Greet with Dato' Nurulhidayah Ahmad Zahid

**Serdang, September 4th** - Alumni Relations Centre of UPM (ARCUPM) welcomed a visit from Dato' Nurulhidayah Ahmad Zahid (Alumni of the Class of 2002) on an afternoon that held significant meaning for the entire ARCUPM community. Her arrival was warmly greeted by Prof. Madya Dr. Aqlima Ahmad, Director of ARCUPM. Also present were Dr. Mokrish Ajat, Deputy Director of ARCUPM, along with officers and staff of ARCUPM.





### Alumni Townhall, Finding Common Ground in Strengthening Relationships with UPM Alumni

**Serdang, September 9th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM, in collaboration with the Council of Principals of the Residential Colleges at Universiti Putra Malaysia, successfully held the Alumni Townhall on September 9, 2024, at the Serdang Briefing Hall, Putra Chancellor's Building. The session began with sharing from a panel consisting of UPM alumni, who brought interesting topics and discussion titles. Through this discussion, it is hoped that it will benefit the UPM community, especially the students who attended.





### **Workshop on Empowering UPM Alumni Generation**

**Serdang, September 9th** - The "Workshop on Empowering UPM Alumni Generation," which took place on September 9, 2024, at Block I, Faculty of Education, was successfully executed.

This session successfully gathered various beneficial inputs from participants who introduced more effective strategies to ensure the continuity and strengthening of the alumni network. Close cooperation between alumni and the university not only promises broader opportunities but also enhances the shared potential that can be explored in the future.

### **Luncheon with the Vice Chancellor of UPM and Members of the YPR Board of Trustees**

**Serdang, September 10th** - The "Luncheon with the Vice Chancellor of UPM and Members of the YPR Board of Trustees" took place in the Executive Room at the UPM Vice Chancellor's Office.

The luncheon was attended by Dato' Prof. Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah, Vice Chancellor of UPM, Dato' Raihan Sharif, President of the UPM Alumni Association (PAUPM), Puan Hajah Izariahwati Mohd Isa, Bursar of UPM, Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed, Secretary-General of PAUPM, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Dr. Hj. Mazlan Lazim, Chairman of AL-PUTRA, and Dr. Lim Ban Keong, Director of Rhone Ma Holding Berhad Management Group.





### Alumni Meet And Greet With Dato' Dr. Mohd Fauzi Hj. Ramlan

**Serdang, September 12th** - Alumni Meet and Greet with Dato' Dr. Mohd Fauzi Bin Hj. Ramlan was organized by the Alumni Relations Center of Universiti Putra Malaysia (ARCUPM). The gathering featured Dato' Dr. Mohd Fauzi Bin Hj. Ramlan, an alumnus of the Class of 1981, who currently serves as the Chairman of UPM Holdings Sdn Bhd.





# Roadshow@Faculty: UPM Alumni With Knowledge We Serve | School of Business and Economics UPM

**Serdang, September 19th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) organized a discussion and sharing session with the School of Business and Economics UPM (SPE) aimed at strengthening the strategic relationship between the two entities. This session provided an opportunity for both parties to share ideas and initiatives that could benefit alumni, students, and the campus community as a whole.



### **MEKAR Series 20: DSP 84**

**Serdang, September 24th** - The "Program Menggamit Seribu Kenangan Alumni Reunion (MEKAR) Series 20: Diploma in Science Education Alumni 1984 (DSP84)" has been successfully held. The organization of this program aimed to rekindle the relationships built during their studies at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) while reminiscing about the wonderful moments shared during their time in university.

The program began with a gathering at the Sultan Alaeddin Suleiman Shah College (KOSASS), UPM. The alumni were warmly welcomed before being taken on a tour of the UPM campus to revisit old memories and witness the transformations their alma mater has undergone.





### **EKSA Visit from UIN Jakarta**

**Serdang, September 30th** - Alumni Relations Center UPM (ARCUPM) received a visit from a delegation of "Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta (UIN Jakarta)" to discuss the implementation and cultural establishment of the "Condusive Ecosystem for the Public Sector (EKSA)." This visit aimed to enhance understanding of EKSA practices in the public sector and open avenues for the exchange of ideas and experiences between the two institutions.

ARCUPM shared its experiences and strategies in strengthening the EKSA culture as an effort towards creating a more conducive, systematic, and efficient working environment.











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