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Ocean of Discoveries for Global Sustainability

UMT researcher Dr. Tun Nurul Aimi Mat Jaafar has made history by discovering *Rogadius azizahae*, or Baji Azizah, a brand-new deep-sea fish species found in the South China Sea.

Named in honour of renowned marine biodiversity expert Prof. Dr. Siti Azizah Mohd Nor, this elusive species is a master of camouflage, blending perfectly with the ocean floor.

The discovery not only enriches Malaysia's marine biodiversity but also reinforces UMT's role as a national leader in exploring and conserving the country's priceless aquatic treasures.



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In this month's issue, we celebrate a series of milestones that reflect Universiti Malaysia Terengganu's growing impact as a centre of knowledge, discovery, and community. Among our proudest achievements is the discovery of a new deep-sea species, *Ragadius azizahae*, by one of our dedicated researchers. This breakthrough underscores UMT's strength in advancing marine and aquatic sciences.

Equally significant is our recognition of scholarly excellence at a specially held ceremony, which honours the commitment and contributions of our academic community. On the leadership front, we spotlight UMT's most prominent faculty — often referred to as the “non-niche” faculty — and its vital role in broadening the university's intellectual and academic landscape.

We also take great pride in strengthening ties with our alumni. The recent Alumni Dinner provided a meaningful space for graduates to reconnect with their alma mater, share their journeys, and explore ways to give back. As ambassadors of UMT, our alums remain an invaluable bridge between the university and the wider society.

Adding to our list of achievements, we celebrate our librarian's election as Chairperson of the ASFA Steering Committee. This recognition reflects UMT's growing influence in the global academic and professional community.

Together, these successes remind us that building a great university is not the contribution of one individual but a collective effort. Let us continue to pursue new frontiers of knowledge, nurture our students as future leaders of the nation, and strengthen our role as a university that serves both the country and the world.



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As a non-niche faculty in a well-defined niche university such as UMT, the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Development (FBESD) faces both unique opportunities and challenges. As the largest faculty at UMT, it is important for us to reflect on the resilience, growth, and dedication demonstrated by our faculty members. Since its establishment, FBESD has achieved remarkable milestones. In the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025, FBESD received notable recognition, with Economics & Econometrics ranked in the 551–700 band globally.

Today's fast-changing technology requires innovative approaches to cater for rapid advancements in various fields. Advanced technology has led to significant community-societal and socio-economic shifts in Malaysia and globally. Managing a transdisciplinary faculty like FBESD presents unique challenges due to the complexity of bridging disciplines with different epistemologies, methods, and evaluation standards within and outside the faculty. Traditional faculties often operate in silos, making it hard for transdisciplinary faculty to align with a single institution's goals. Such contributions may be less visible or celebrated, impacting morale and advancement.

Managing FBESD means addressing complexities that arise when faculty works across disciplinary boundaries. Effective management requires strategic planning, supportive infrastructure, and a culture that values collaboration. Committees may lack the expertise to fairly assess transdisciplinary work, leading to undervaluation. Therefore, it is critical to ensure workload is fairly distributed and reflects contributions to multiple disciplines.

I firmly believe that FBESD's future is both promising and transformative but requires intentional adaptation. FBESD's presence is increasingly vital in the spirit of togetherness of UMT in solving complex global challenges, offering critical insights into human behaviour, markets, equity, systems, culture, and governance. FBESD will increasingly intersect



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with STEM and arts. My vision is to make FBESD an excellent case in shifting from siloed disciplines to systems-based approaches that map and make sense of interconnected challenges like blue economy, inequality, climate change, and digital transformation.

As AI grows, social sciences will be crucial in addressing digital divides, algorithmic bias, and ethical implications. It will contextualize learning data and deepen understanding of how educational practices and outcomes vary across geopolitical, economic, and cultural contexts. Hence, it will not become outdated but indispensable. AI is evolving rapidly and shaping generations. The biggest test human beings face is not AI but social. With that, our world requires social scientists.

In the spirit of Madani, let us continue working together to build a vibrant and inclusive academic community. FBESD encourages students to stay curious and proactive, and I thank our staff and academic team for their unwavering commitment. Looking ahead, we are committed to fostering a learning environment that nurtures innovation, critical thinking, and ethical leadership combining technology and human empathy.

UMT Co-organizes Seminar on Coastal Erosion Management

By Ahmad Fakhurrazi Mokhtar, INOS

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) in collaboration with PLANMalaysia's Disaster Risk Management Task Force has recently organized a highly impactful and meaningful programme.

Technical experts, academia, and local communities gathered at this programme, the Seminar and Townhall on Coastal Geo-Hazards: Adaptation and Mitigation of Coastal Erosion, hosted at UMT's Auditorium Mahyuddin.

The seminar showcased UMT's leadership as a national hub for coastal research, driving evidence-based solutions to tackle one of Malaysia's most pressing environmental challenges.

UMT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Mohd Zamri officiated the event that marked another significant milestone in UMT's ongoing commitment to advancing coastal science and sustainable development.

The keynote address, titled *"Adaptation and Mitigation of Coastal Erosion in the Context of Spatial Planning"*, was delivered by Dato' TPr Dr. Alias Rameli, Director-General of Town and Country Planning, who is also a Visiting Principal Research Fellow at UMT's Institute of Oceanography and Environment (INOS), the coordinator of the programme. He highlighted the urgent need for collaborative, science-based approaches to tackle the increasing threats posed by coastal erosion across Malaysia's vulnerable shorelines.

A forum was held, titled *"Saving Our Beaches for Community Sustainability"*, chaired by Associate Professor Dr. Effi Helmy bin Ariffin, Deputy Director of INOS. Panelists included Professor Ts. Dr. Mohd Fadzil Mohd Akhir, UMT Pro-Vice Chancellor (Strategy, Performance, and Corporate); Ms. Sanisah Shafie, Director of Regional Planning, PLANMalaysia; Mr. Mohd Faizal Ab Hamid, Senior Assistant Director, NADMA; Mr. Ahmad Ikhwan Abdul Wahid, Senior Assistant Director, JPS Malaysia; Ir. Ts. Mazman Mohamad, Senior Civil Engineer (Roads), JKR Terengganu; and TPjB Nordin Pauzi, Director of Fire and Rescue Operations, JBPM. The session highlighted the critical need for integrated solutions that combine scientific research, engineering innovations, and disaster risk preparedness to protect coastal ecosystems and safeguard the livelihoods of coastal communities.

Also taking place was an interactive Townhall on Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) for Coastal Erosion Risk Reduction, led by TPr Dr. Haji Dzul Khaimi Khailani, Head of the Disaster Risk Management (Spatial Planning) Task Force, PLANMalaysia. A presentation on the Special Action Plan (PTK) for Coastal Erosion Risk Reduction was delivered by



Ms. Norhasnita Hj. Abd Samad, Secretary of the Disaster Risk Management Task Force (Spatial Planning), PLANMalaysia, outlining actionable strategies to enhance resilience and strengthen local adaptive capacities.

What made this programme unique was it bridged the gap between scientific expertise, policy development, engineering practices, and grassroots participation. Unlike typical academic seminars, this event fostered real-time engagement between decision-makers, technical agencies, and affected communities, ensuring that the voices of local stakeholders were integrated into future planning.

The event concluded with a shared commitment to fostering stronger collaborations between universities, government agencies, and local communities, setting the stage for a more inclusive and adaptive coastal risk management framework.

UMT Honours Its Outstanding Researchers on Special Occasion

By Mohammad Syukran Afie Mohd Nor Shokri, Innovation and Commercialization Centre

To recognise the contributions of its researchers who have shown strong commitment in elevating the university's research stature at both national and international levels, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) has recently organised a special event, the Research and Innovation Appreciation Ceremony (MAPI) 2025.

A total of 786 research and innovation awards were presented to 406 outstanding researchers. The awards covered four main categories: Research Grant Awards, Publication Awards, Innovation Awards, and Best Awards for each category. Recipients were selected based on their achievements throughout 2023 and 2024.

In his officiating speech, UMT Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Zamri Ibrahim expressed his pride in the university's recent achievement of having been ranked for the first time in the 801–850 band of the world's best universities under the QS World University Rankings (QSWUR) 2026.

Even more impressively, UMT attained an outstanding position in its field of expertise, being listed among the top 100 universities in the world and top 20 in Asia for Marine and Freshwater Biology, according to *The Best Global Universities Subject Rankings* by U.S. News & World Report. This achievement clearly highlights UMT's excellence in marine and aquatic resources, in line with the university's identity and core strength, Prof. Zamri said.

In line with the national agenda that emphasises R-D-I-C-E (Research, Development, Innovation, Commercialisation and Economy), UMT has taken proactive steps by allocating a Special Fund amounting to between RM1.5 million and RM3 million annually under the Research and Innovation Core Pillar. The fund is aimed at strengthening research and innovation activities through various internal grant schemes such as the Strategic Research Grant (SRG), TAPE-RG, IPRG, PPRG, RIGS, Matching Grant 1+3, as well as ICE Incubator and ICE XCelleration grants.

UMT has also expressed its full support for the seven key focus areas and ten transformation agendas announced by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) in the 2025 Ministerial Address. This includes the implementation of signature programmes such as Industry on Campus, industry sabbaticals,



edutourism, and green campus initiatives. UMT will continue to play an active role in realising this transformation, in line with efforts to make higher education more sustainable, resilient, and impactful.

With the organisation of MAPI 2025, it can clearly be seen that UMT has further reinforced its commitment to cultivating high-impact research, relevant innovations, and knowledge-based commercialisation among its community of researchers, which will greatly contribute to knowledge-driven national development.

UMT Co-organizes Youth Exchange Programme

By Muhammad Hafiz Mohd Dee, UMT Ihsan Centre

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) has recently been given the trust by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia (KBS) to be its strategic partner in organizing the Malaysia-Singapore Youth Exchange Programme 2025.

The programme served as a bridge to foster understanding, friendship, and universal human values among ASEAN youth. Between 13 – 16 July, Terengganu bore witness to the bonds forged between two neighbouring nations as 40 participants from both countries gathered for the programme, which was themed Maritime Appreciation.

The programme aligns with one of UMT's Strategic Plans that aims to strengthen its role as a maritime reference centre and position the university as a leading educational tourism (Edu-Tourism) destination globally. Additionally, the event supports the aspirations of Visit UMT 2026, which aims to promote academic and cultural visits among regional and international communities.

The participants were placed with foster families in Kampung Teluk Ketapang, where they learned the true essence of life in a village. The foster families were not merely hosts but became cultural mentors and close companions. They also experienced the Rambo Cruise along the Kuala Terengganu river mouth and explored the charm of Pasar Payang.

At Teluk Ketapang Beach, participants and the locals played traditional games like *golek kelapa*, *galah panjang*, and *serunai daun kelapa*. They also took part in net-pulling and helped land the day's catch with local fishermen. They learned to roll the kerepok lekor (fish sausage) and later tasted the local delicacy. A lunch at a local restaurant gave them the chance to savour authentic Terengganu cuisine. They visited the Terengganu State Museum to delve into the history and heritage of the state.

As the programme's highlight, a visit to the Chagar Hutang Turtle Sanctuary on Redang Island was arranged. Participants attended conservation briefings, observed and excavated turtle nests, and even snorkelled with turtles in waters often called the "Little Maldives" for their crystal clarity and vibrant coral reefs. Beyond biodiversity knowledge transfer, the programme also included a water confidence session, fostering both intellectual enrichment and personal growth in courage and teamwork.

During the Dinner and BBQ Night at UMT's Marmoris Outlet, cultural dances and songs from both nations lit up the stage. Reflection sessions and participant sharing revealed the



profound impact of the programme, not just on their hearts, but on their perspectives of the wider world.

The Malaysia-Singapore Youth Exchange Programme 2025 was more than an official event. It was a story of friendship, cultural understanding, and enlightenment on social responsibility. It reminds us that youth are not merely the heirs of their nations, but the architects of regional unity, capable of building a harmonious and sustainable future for ASEAN.

UMT Hosts Special Homecoming Event for Its Alumni

By Norul Hanizan Hazin, Alumni Centre

To further strengthen ties with its alumni, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) recently hosted a special homecoming event that brought together many of its past graduates under one roof.

Through its Student Affairs and Alumni Division (HEPA), UMT organized the Grand Alumni Homecoming 2025: Golden Threads of Yesterday in July at the Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

Over 300 alumni from across the country gathered in a nostalgic atmosphere to celebrate the reunion.

One of the highlights of this inaugural event was the launch of a major initiative with lasting impact on the education system. The initiative was the Special Waqf Knowledge Project: UM Alumni Education and Welfare Home.

UMT Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ir. Ts. Dr. Mohd Zamri Ibrahim in his speech said that the establishment of the home symbolises the alumni's love for the university and their support for the sustainability of higher education.

"The home will be built in Kampung Tok Jembal, near the UMT campus, at an estimated cost of RM500,000," he said. "It aims to support underprivileged students (asnaf and B40), unemployed young alumni, and temporary staff who need transit accommodation."

"This effort not only expresses appreciation for our alumni but also nurtures compassion and social responsibility towards inclusive and sustainable education," he added.

The initiative is part of the Alumni Welfare Fund, established two years ago and has since benefited over 130 alumni through various forms of assistance, including medical treatment, bereavement, tuition fees, and property loss.

Prof. Zamri also mentioned another initiative launched earlier, called Alumni Kasih. Introduced by UMT in 2025 through HEPA, the support scheme offers a one-off financial aid to alumni's children who pursue their studies at UMT.

In addition, the special dinner featured a Letter of Intent exchange between HEPA and UMT SEA Sdn. Bhd., opening opportunities for alumni to enroll in UMT SEA short courses with special registration discounts.

The same evening also saw the pre-launch of the alumni magazine 'SAUH', which will serve as an official communication



platform sharing inspiring alumni stories and university updates.

Prof. Zamri also took the opportunity to share some encouraging news. For the first time, UMT has been ranked among the world's top 801–850 universities in the QS World University Rankings 2026, listed among the top 100 universities globally, and ranked 20th in Asia in the field of Marine and Freshwater Biology. He said this achievement underscores UMT's position as a university that produces globally competitive, high-caliber graduates across various fields.

Among the distinguished guests present were UMT Pro-Chancellor Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Zuki Ali, Chairman of the UMT Board of Directors Prof. Dr. Mohamad Salmi Sohod, and Deputy Vice-Chancellors.

UMT Leads The Wave: A Nation-Rising Underwater Clean-Up With Nestlé

By Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yusof Shuaib Ibrahim, UMT Holdings

Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) has recently partnered with Nestlé (Malaysia) Berhad, Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (LKIM), and Area Fishermen Association (PNK) to launch a transformative marine conservation initiative at Pantai Tok Jembal. This landmark collaboration may signal a new era of environmental stewardship.

UMT was represented by its Microplastic Research Interest Group (MRIG) and Centre for Co-curricular and Student Development (PKCP).

The initiative was spearheaded under Nestlé's Sayang Komuniti Employee Volunteer Programme. It brought together over 350 volunteers, including UMT students, researchers, and local fishing communities, who worked hand in hand to tackle marine pollution and rejuvenate coastal ecosystems.

The centrepiece of the campaign was an adventurous underwater clean-up at Pulau Bidong, where divers retrieved ghost nets and abandoned fishing gear threatening coral reefs and marine life.

"This isn't just about removing debris, it's about restoring balance to our oceans," said a MRIG member, "Our researchers are not only cleaning the seabed but also collecting critical data to inform national strategies on microplastic pollution." The MRIG team conducted scientific waste audits, cataloguing the types and sources of marine debris. These findings will aid in the long-term study of microplastics contamination, which is becoming a more significant threat to Malaysia's food security and biodiversity.

The initiative also extended to land, where volunteers removed barnacles from fishing boats, repaired coastal huts, and distributed essential supplies to local fishermen. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency lent vital support ensuring safety and coordination throughout the operation. "This partnership reflects our commitment to plastic neutrality and sustainable practices," said Nestlé Malaysia CEO Juan Aranols, praising the collaboration. "Working with UMT and the community of Pantai Tok Jembal shows how corporate responsibility and academic excellence can drive real change." UMT's leadership in this initiative positions the university as a national beacon for marine conservation and environmental



innovation. It combines scientific rigor with grassroots engagement to not only protect Malaysia's marine heritage but also inspire a new generation of ocean stewards.

As the waves settled, the message was clear: when academia, industry, government, and community unite, the impact reaches far beyond the shoreline.

UMT Librarian Elected as ASFA Steering Committee Chairperson

By Wan Najihah Wan Muhammad, Sultanah Nurzahrah Library UMT

A Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) librarian has brought a landmark achievement to the university recently. Mohd Shahrulnizam Zuraimi, Deputy Chief Librarian at the Sultanah Nur Zahrah Library (PSNZ), has been elected as the Chairperson of the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) Steering Committee.

This recognition not only marks a significant milestone for UMT but also underscores Malaysia's growing leadership in the global aquatic sciences community.

His appointment follows ASFA's recent adoption of a new Terms of Reference (TOR) in January 2025, which modernized its 25-year-old partnership framework to allow more flexible and inclusive participation. This shift has already welcomed nine new institutions into the global ASFA network this year.

ASFA, a partnership under the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, aims to disseminate global research in aquatic sciences, fisheries, and aquaculture. UMT joined ASFA in 2017, which has positioned the university as Malaysia's official representative in ASFA. Since then, UMT has made significant contributions, including indexing over 500 research articles in the OpenASFA system and facilitating collaboration with local institutions such as Universiti Malaya and Universiti Malaysia Sabah. These efforts have positioned UMT as a leading voice in marine and aquatic research in the region.

Mohd Shahrulnizam has represented UMT at numerous ASFA board meetings, including those in Belgium (2018), UMT (2019), and Bangkok (2023). He will be attending the next meeting scheduled for Ecuador in 2025. As Chairperson, he will lead ASFA's global initiatives alongside Vice Chairperson Daryl Superio from Northern Iloilo State University, Philippines. With a vision of making aquatic science knowledge globally accessible, their leadership is expected to further strengthen ASFA's mission and visibility on the world stage.

Through ASFA, UMT gains access to the ASFA ProQuest database with nearly 6 million aquatic science records and has submitted over 500 indexed articles via OpenASFA, elevating UMT's international research visibility. UMT also offers training on ASFA tools to enhance research indexing across Malaysia.



Early involvement in 2017

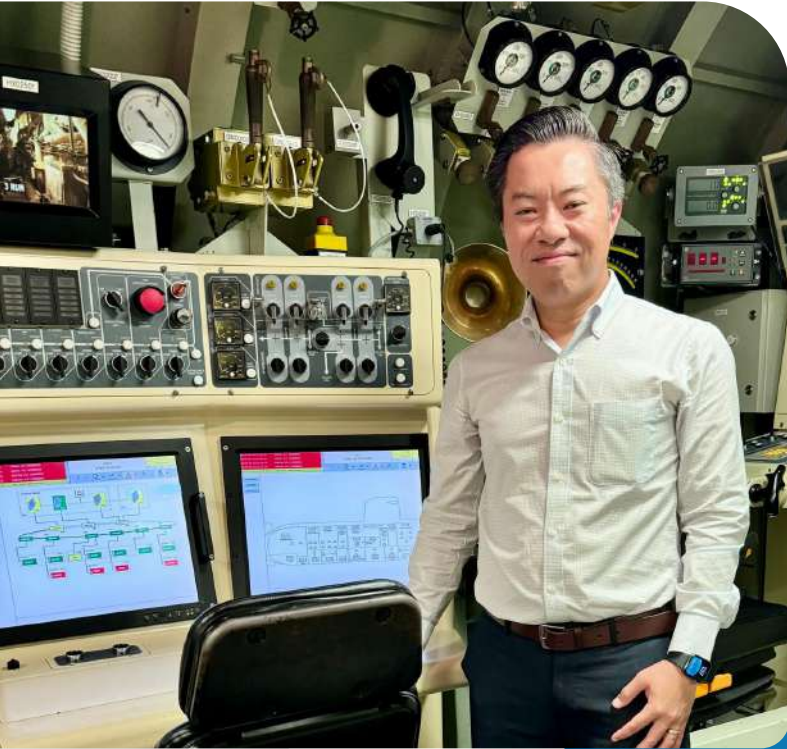


ASFA Board Meeting 2019 at UMT



ASFA Board Meeting 2024 at Bangkok

Researcher Spotlight



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faisal Mohamad Ayob's current research priorities include simulation software development, autonomous underwater robotics, high-speed autonomous crafts, and Digital Twin technology.

Dr. Faisal earned his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Universiti Malaya in 2006. After graduation, he served as a Vibration Engineer Consultant for several PETRONAS plants in Kerteh, Terengganu. Subsequently, he joined Panasonic HA Air-Conditioning R&D (M) Sdn Bhd, where he worked for a year.

In 2008, with sponsorship from the Ministry of Higher Education and Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Dr. Faisal embarked on his PhD journey in High-Speed Craft Design at the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy, Australia. He completed his doctorate in 2011.

Upon returning to UMT, Dr. Faisal initiated an industrial partnership with CAIDMARK Sdn Bhd, serving as a representative for Maxsurf in Surabaya, Indonesia. Leveraging his expertise in design automation, he has established collaborations with distinguished researchers across several universities, securing multiple research grants including the Research Acculturation Collaborative Research Grant (RACE-2012), Exploratory Research Grant Scheme (ERGS-2012), Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS-2014), Research Intensified Grant Scheme (RIGS-2019), and Prototype Research Grant Scheme (PRGS-2020).

Over the last five years, he has secured 6 research grants, accumulating over RM 1,985,300, as project leader and co-researcher.

In 2015, Dr. Faisal was sponsored by Shizuoka University for a research attachment in Japan, where he developed new techniques in B-spline surface representation. He returned in 2017 on a similar sponsorship to expand his work on autonomous vehicle development techniques.

In 2019, Garisan Automotive Sdn Bhd recognized Dr. Faisal's contribution to the field with an Industry Grant, supporting his research in Human-Computer Interaction for ship-handling simulators utilizing VR technologies.

In 2021, Dr. Faisal led the development of a simulator system for Ships and Underwater Vehicles. The products were proudly displayed in LIMA 2023 and LIMA 2025. The simulators were also utilized by the team at PETRONAS on the mini submarine evaluations for the offshore operations. Dr. Faisal has actively pursued and expanded his research efforts, aligning them with the local needs and UMT's unique areas of expertise. He maintains valuable collaborations with researchers in Indonesia and Australia and actively partners with local organizations and universities such as PETRONAS, UniKL, UTeM, UTHM, USM, and UTM.

Beyond his impactful contributions to research, Dr. Faisal has also showcased his entrepreneurial prowess by founding VSG Labs Sdn Bhd in 2021, an engineering firm affiliated with UMT, established with the Vice Chancellor's approval. This initiative generated a substantial 80% profit in its first year. In 2025, VSG Labs Sdn. Bhd. has secured a total of RM 1.4 million revenues, crowning as an award-winning startup.

From Lab to Market: How a UMT Graduate Is Turning Research into Gold

By Norul Hanizan Hazin, UMT Alumni Center



When Ahmad Zahin Ilman Othman walked across the graduation stage at Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) in 2010, few could have predicted he would one day lead not one, but two biotechnology companies.

But today, as Managing Director of Nusanutra Science Sdn Bhd and Superfood Biotech Sdn Bhd, Zahin is proving that the journey from academia to industry can be both impactful and rewarding.

Blending science and strategy, Zahin is a standout example of how applied research can thrive beyond the lab when driven by passion, innovation, and entrepreneurial vision. His success lies not only in business growth but in his ability to bridge the gap between university research and commercial potential.

Armed with a degree in Physics, Electronics, and Instrumentation from UMT, Zahin has successfully commercialized two research-based products, FemiLuv and Dybesol, both developed at UMT. These innovations earned Gold Medals at the prestigious International Invention, Innovation and Technology Exhibition (ITEX) 2025, placing UMT research firmly on the global map.

Beyond his alma mater, Zahin has also forged collaborations with institutions like UiTM and MARDI, bringing more local research products into commercial markets. Several of these

ventures were also recognised at ITEX 2023 and 2024, solidifying his reputation as a champion of homegrown innovation.

In recognition of his contributions, UMT recently awarded Zahin with the Anugerah Jasa Bakti UMT. The university honoured his efforts to connect academia with real-world impact while raising the university's profile internationally.

Reflecting on his journey, Zahin credits his time at UMT for shaping both his technical knowledge and personal development.

"UMT wasn't just about academics," he said. "It gave me the space to sharpen essential skills I still rely on today."

While a student, he was active in emceeing through Kelab Pengacaraan Gemersik Akasia, served as Deputy President of the Student Representative Council, and led as Chief Editor of Akhbar Samudera, the university's official newspaper. These roles, he says, laid the groundwork for his communication, leadership, and strategic thinking.

Zahin now shares his insights with current students, encouraging them to use each academic year wisely: build a strong foundation early, embrace leadership roles in the middle years, and develop a standout personal brand before graduation.

"Good friends, relevant skills, and industry certifications will set you apart," he said.

Ahmad Zahin Ilman Othman stands as living proof that with vision, support, and the right platform, UMT graduates can achieve global recognition. His journey is a testament to the power of higher education in shaping not just careers, but changemakers.



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The Malaysian stingless bee industry exhibits promising advancements, and recent research necessitates ongoing dissemination to ensure its proper promotion and development. Consequently, following the successful execution of the International Stingless Bee Conference and Workshop (ISBCW) in 2017 and 2019, the International Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM) will convene ISBCW 2025 for its third iteration. Under the theme "Stingless Bee Industry: Towards Economic, Social, and Environmental Sustainability," ISBCW 2025 will be jointly organized by the IIPM and Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT).

Building upon the established success of prior conferences, ISBCW 2025 seeks to assemble researchers, academics, beekeepers, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to facilitate the exchange of contemporary findings, innovations, and best practices pertaining to stingless bees. This conference will serve as a forum for the dissemination of knowledge concerning stingless bee biology, conservation, pollination services, sustainable meliponiculture practices, and the socioeconomic impact of stingless bee products.

Key Themes:

- # Stingless bee biodiversity and conservation
- # Sustainable meliponiculture practices
- # Pollination and ecological significance
- # Stingless bee products and their economic value
- # Emerging challenges and innovations in stingless bee research
- # Education in stingless bee

The event will feature keynote addresses by renowned experts, research presentations, hands-on workshops, and networking opportunities. Participants will also have the chance to explore Terengganu's rich stingless bee culture and local meliponiculture industry.

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Conference registration fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, lunches and certificate.
The conference registration fee will be as follows:

CATEGORY	ISBCW	ISBCW + AIC	AIC
Local	RM1,250.00	RM1,500.00	RM500.00
International	USD500	USD650	USD250
Student	RM500.00	RM700.00	RM300.00
International Student	USD250	USD350	USD150
Contingent from School or IPT student			RM500.00 • Maximum 2 participant for each contingent + 1 poster + 1 product • RM100/participant (for every additional participant) • Inclusive of food and certificate

Promotion for participation (discounts):

1. 20% for all Government Agencies
2. 15% for early registration, or in groups (4 people or more per group)
EARLY BIRD (30 June 2025)
3. 30% for IIPM members/UMT/ Stingless Bee Societies

IMPORTANT DATES

Final Submission of Abstracts

31 July 2025

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31 August 2025

Early Bird Registration

30 June 2025

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