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Anugerah Kecemerlangan Siswa

AKSIS

Inspiring Holistic Excellence



Najmi Adli Mustaffa 1

- Awarded as **Tokoh AKSIS** for his contributions in public speaking, debate, and literary arts. As a former President of Kelab Penerbitan Kreatif, he also organized major programs such as Sayembara Puisi Pentas Dunia (SePENa) and the Sincerely, Setia Youth Synergy Programme.



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- Presented with the **GIINA Icon Award** for his significant involvement in extracurricular activities, further recognized at the 22nd USIM Convocation Ceremony.

The AKSIS 2023/2024 ceremony at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) was held on January 16, 2025, at the Main Lecture Hall (DKU) of the Faculty of Quranic and Sunnah Studies. The event celebrated students' outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements, featuring 17 award categories aligned with the Ministry of Higher Education's Anugerah Tokoh Siswa (ATS) criteria. Winners will represent USIM at the national level.

USIM Vice Chancellor, Professor Dato' Ts. Dr. Sharifuddin Md Shaarani said, "The university's commitment to producing holistic, entrepreneurial graduates through the Naqli and Aqli Knowledge Integration Graduate Model (GIINA)". He also highlighted a record of 99 nominations this year, up from 83 the previous year.

Board member Datuk Haji Md Yahaya Basimin urged students to continually adapt to global challenges by integrating knowledge, practical

skills, and leadership. He advised award recipients not to rest on their laurels, but to use their achievements as a stepping stone for further growth and positive impact.

The Award of Appreciation (Individual) was conferred on Dr. Junaidah Abu Seman, Senior Lecturer and Director of the FEM Alumni Chapter, and Dato' Ts. Gs. Azhar Hj Ismail, Chief Executive Editor of MAP2U Sdn. Bhd., for their contributions to student welfare. Additionally, the Award of Appreciation (Organization) went to the Islamic Centre, USIM acknowledged for promoting Islamic values and community support and Talent Corporation Malaysia Berhad, which has supported career advancement initiatives through the Future You(th) Aspiration (FYA) funds over three years.

Overall, the AKSIS ceremony honoured the dedication of USIM students and set the stage for future excellence.

Cultivating Students' Character as Future Leaders

USIM, through the Faculty of Leadership and Management (FKP), organized the Forum of Madani Intellect titled "Student & Knowledge Integration Culture". The forum featured YB Senator Dr. Zulkifli Hasan, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs), and was held on January 15, 2025.

The event was attended by prominent figures, including Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani, Vice-Chancellor of USIM; Prof. Dato' Dr. Adnan Mohamed Yusoff, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student and Alumni Affairs); Prof. Madya Dr. Mohd Rushdan Mohd Jailani, Dean of the Faculty of Leadership and Management; and Mr. Shahrizal Mat, Director of the Youth Leadership Department of the Malaysian Islamic Da'wah Foundation (YADIM).

Themed "Students & Science Integration Culture", this knowledge-sharing event aimed to expose students to the concept of Malaysia Madani. The forum focused on thoughtful discussions about the

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importance and challenges of da'wah in Islam, highlighting the application of virtues to build students' character as future leaders of the nation.

YB Senator Dr. Zulkifli Hasan emphasized the significance of knowledge integration in shaping students into capable leaders. He introduced the concept of MADANI, which envisions a nation built on a balance of creativity, respect, belief, and goodness. MADANI serves as a principle for fostering a just, inclusive, and prosperous society.

Dr. Zulkifli also highlighted the importance of renewal (tajdid), reform (islah), and enlightenment (nahdah) in reviving civilizations through the cultivation of knowledge, culture, and Islamic values. He encouraged students to act as agents of change by promoting correct thoughts and worldviews. Universities, he added, should not only impart knowledge but also nurture holistic human development.

"In facing the realities of a post-normal world, students need to adapt to new approaches that utilize technology, open-mindedness, and the unity of knowledge in practice," he said. Dr. Zulkifli further stressed the need to replace outdated narratives with actionable strategies, sensitive policies, and insightful leadership. He concluded that the integration of knowledge is the key to the revival of civilizations and the development of progressive societies.

The forum's objectives included guiding students' thinking processes and raising their awareness to prepare them for the challenges facing the Islamic world. It underscored the need for students to develop intellectual strength and honorable character to serve as the nation's future leaders. USIM remains committed to producing learned individuals with noble characteristics and leadership qualities, fostering a culture of knowledge, and cultivating critical, creative, and positive thinking among its students. The event concluded with the handover of an Al-Quran waqf donation from FKP to Ustazah Rahimi Shaari, a community activist in Negeri Sembilan, in collaboration with the Salwa Malaysia Organization (SALWA).

USIM Launches

Iqra' Centre for Ummah

A Hub of
Quranic
Excellence for
the Community

USIM is ushering in 2025 with the launch of the Iqra' Centre for Ummah, a state-of-the-art centre dedicated to Quranic excellence. Designed to become the premier reference in tajwid, tarannum, tahfiz, tafsir, tadabbur, qira'at, and mushaf studies, the centre was officially inaugurated during the Vice-Chancellor's Mandate 2025 event on January 24, 2025.

The establishment of this centre is inspired by the remarkable achievements of USIM students, particularly those from the Qira'at Studies program within the Faculty of Quranic and Sunnah Studies (FPQS). Their outstanding performance in the State and National Quran Recitation and Memorization Competitions in 2024 has fuelled the vision of creating a centre that offers diverse expertise in the service of the Quran to the broader community.

According to Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani, USIM's Vice-Chancellor, "This centre is not just for the university community; it is also open to the wider public who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Quran." With the ambition to become the foremost centre for Quranic excellence both nationally and internationally, the Iqra' Centre for Ummah will serve as a primary platform for advancing research, training, and programs related to the Quran.

The launch aligns with USIM's four main objectives for 2025: enhancing academic excellence and graduate employability, strengthening high-impact research and innovation, expanding the university's international presence, and improving financial sustainability and institutional competitiveness. These strategic goals are vital to ensuring that USIM remains a leading and competitive institution in Islamic higher education.



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In his address, the Vice-Chancellor also urged the USIM community to embrace a passion for their work to boost productivity and efficiency. "No matter what role we hold, if we approach our work with love, our productivity will significantly improve," he noted. Alongside emphasizing innovation and knowledge-based development, he outlined several strategic initiatives for 2025, focusing on reinforcing academic disciplines, research, and community service.

During the same event, USIM introduced the eKlinikal System Version 3 Phase 1, a digital platform designed to optimize the operations of its medical and dental clinics. Developed internally by the System Development and Engineering Centre (SDEC), the system received Intellectual Property Certification from the Malaysian Intellectual Property Corporation (MyIPO) on October 22, 2024.

USIM and SE-MOF Drive Social Innovation through Fertigation Ginger and Ready-To-Eat (RTE) Products

USIM marked a significant achievement by organizing the Closing Ceremony of the Ministry of Finance's Social Enterprise Program (SE-MOF) on January 7, 2025, at the USIM Chancellery Gallery. This program, part of the 2022 Budget initiative, aims to strengthen social entrepreneurship among local communities. The event was officiated by Dato' Indera Ab Rahman, Secretary of the Government Procurement Division, Ministry of Finance. Also in attendance were USIM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Prof. Dato' Dr. Muhammad Tauffik Mohd Noor, and Director of USIM PACE, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Asmaddy Haris.

In his speech, Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Sharifudin expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Finance (MOF) for selecting USIM as a strategic partner in this initiative. "Social entrepreneurship is a crucial element in community development and national economic growth. The fertigation ginger project and the triangulated Ghost Kitchen initiative have proven to be highly beneficial to participants and the local community," he stated.

He also emphasized the university's responsibility in supporting social enterprises to create a direct impact on surrounding communities. "Although USIM is not an agriculture-based university, it has successfully developed innovative products such as fertigation ginger and Ready-to-Eat (RTE) meals, demonstrating the role of higher education institutions as catalysts for social and economic development," he added.

A close collaboration between USIM PACE and students from the Food Biotechnology Program, Faculty of Science and Technology (FST), also contributed to significant success. Through innovation competitions, various ginger-based products were developed with commercialization potential via the Ghost Kitchen initiative. Two business entities emerged from this program: Maeda Global Resources, which focuses on the food and beverage (F&B) industry, and Pertubuhan Lestari Agro Hijau, which is based in the agricultural sector.

The SE-MOF program has proven its effectiveness in fostering the spirit of social entrepreneurship within the community, and USIM remains committed to serving as a platform for similar initiatives in the future for the benefit of all.

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Strengthen Efforts in Developing Gold Authentication System

USIM, in collaboration with Rakyat Management Services Sdn Bhd (RMS), a subsidiary of Bank Rakyat, recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for a research project titled Gold Authentication System on January 10, 2025.

This collaboration aims to strengthen efforts in developing a gold authentication system by integrating the expertise of researchers from both USIM and RMS. The project is expected to produce an innovative prototype with commercialization potential, aligning with current industry needs.

The research team from USIM is led by Associate Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Juliza Jamaludin, along with Prof. Ir. Dr. Hafizal Mohamad, Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Wan Zakiah Wan Ismail, Ts. Dr. Irneza Ismail, Dr. Fauzun Abdullah Asuhaimi, and Dr. Marinah Othman. Meanwhile, the RMS research team is headed by Mr. Fuhaizad Asmar Omar, assisted by Mr. Khalis Raddi Ibrahim and Tengku Muhd Kamil Tengku Abd Hafiz Pikry.

This research project not only focuses on technological development but also provides a platform for knowledge exchange between academia and industry. With grant funding

contributed by RMS, researchers from USIM's Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment (FKAB) will focus on developing a gold purity inspection system that could significantly impact both the local and international markets.

According to USIM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani, "This collaboration reflects the university's commitment to implementing industry-driven research for the benefit of society." He also expressed his appreciation to RMS for their trust and support towards USIM's research initiatives.

He emphasized the importance of smart partnerships between universities and industries, particularly in gold authentication system research, prototype development, and research commercialization. The Vice-Chancellor also expressed confidence that this collaboration will strengthen the culture of joint research and provide benefits to both academics and industry players.

Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Sharifudin hopes that this MoA will serve as a catalyst for innovation focused on the well-being of the ummah. He believes that the collaboration will lead to higher-quality research outputs through the sharing of expertise between USIM and RMS. "May this effort mark the beginning of even greater success in the future," he added.

During the event, a research grant worth RM118,650.00 was presented by RMS Chairman, Tuan Hj. Mohd Jafri Kudus, to USIM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani.

Also present were Prof. Ir. Dr. Mohamad Hafizal Mohamad, Director of USIM's Research and Innovation Management Center, and Associate Professor Dr. Nurul Syala Abdul Latip, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment (FKAB).

