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## MOU SIGNING CEREMONY

By Abdul Shakur Abdullah

9 July 2020 | Albukhary International University (AIU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) to foster collaboration on applied research in two specific areas, namely social business poverty eradication. UMK, through the Institute for Poverty Research and Management (InsPeK) will engage in research activities with Albukhary Centre of Excellence on Socio-Economic Development and Innovation (ACE-SEDI) in specific areas designed to improve socio-economic status of community in rural areas of Baling and Sik, Kedah.

The delegation from UMK headed by the Vice Chancellor, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Ts. Dr. Noor Azizi Ismail toured the Campus during the courtesy visit and they were impressed to see the state-of-art facilities at AIU.



Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor and President of AIU, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin thanked UMK for being the first public university to seal MoU with the University. He also highlighted that AIU and UMK share so many things in common, to eradicate poverty through social entrepreneurship and social business.



Also present were YBhg. Prof. Ts. Dr. Arham bin Abdullah, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), YBrs. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Ahmad Amir Zal Wan Ismail, Director of InsPeK, Dean and Senior Officers from UMK. While from AIU were YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff, Registrar, Deans, Heads of Department and all staff of AIU.

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## OFFICIAL VISIT BY U.S EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

By Abdul Shakur Abdullah

10 February 2020 | Pleased to receive Ms. Sarah J. Talalay, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer from the U.S. Embassy Kuala Lumpur. Had a pleasant conversation on how AIU would be able to engage in various initiatives and programmes organised by the Embassy for the benefit of students and staff. There is more coming soon!



## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH ALBUKHARY MOSQUE MANAGEMENT

By Tun Syima

It is a great honour to hold a roundtable discussion with the Albukhary Mosque Management Committee Members headed by the Chairman, YBr. Tuan Haji M. Nasrudin Ismail. The AIU Management, on the other hand was led by the Vice Chancellor and President, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin. We discussed, among others, about potential collaborations that would benefit students and surrounding community.





# APPRECIATION POST

By Tun Syima





## AIU OPEN DAY

By Abdul Shakur Abdullah

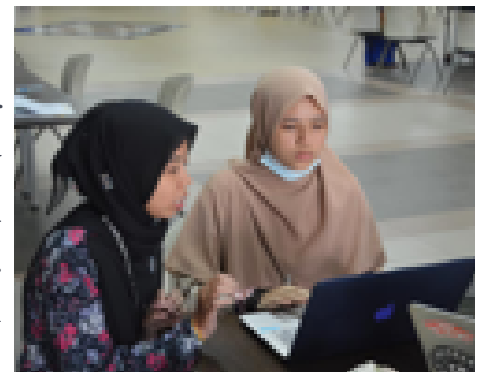
16 July 2020 | Albukhary International University (AIU) Open Day was successfully held, here today.



AIU Open Day was organised to offer opportunity to prospective students to see the beautiful campus and excellent facilities, whilst learning about the subjects they are interested in and how they are taught. It also gave parents and guardians the chance to visit AIU so they can help their children make the right decision.



Interested applicants and their parents were given a briefing by the Vice Chancellor and President of AIU, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin upon registration.



Interested applicants, had the time to complete the online application form and face-to-face interview session with YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) and YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff, Registrar of AIU.

Our inaugural Open Day was co-organised with Education Unit of Lembaga Zakat Negeri Kedah Darul Aman.

## OFFICIAL VISIT FROM MAAHAD DINI

By Abdul Shakur Abdullah

10 July 2020 | Albukhary International University (AIU) received a group of managers and administrators from Maahad Dini Sultan Abdul Halim Organisation, headed by its Chief Operation Officer, Ust. Mohd Faisal Mustaffa.

They were here to learn about AIU Financial System so as to further improve financial processes within their Organisation.

AIU Finance Manager, Mdm. Lee Hooi Kun shared her expertise and experience managing detailed funding processes. Also present was Mdm. Hartini Haliza, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Administration and Finance), Lembaga Zakat Negeri Kedah.

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## SOCIAL VISIT BY AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

By Khairul Amirin



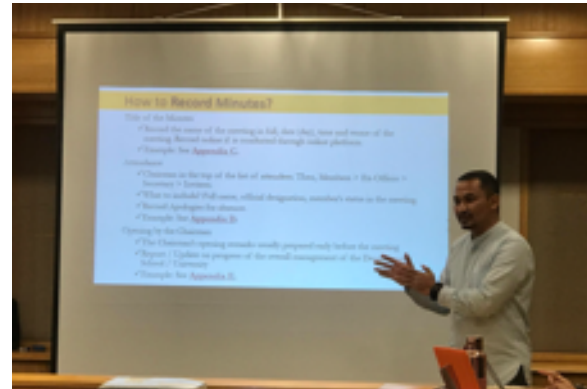
14 July 2020 | Albukhary International University welcomed the Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania to the campus. The visitors also met with two Tanzanian students currently studying at AIU.



## TRAINING "MANUAL GUIDE FOR MANAGEMENT MEETING"

By Tun Syima

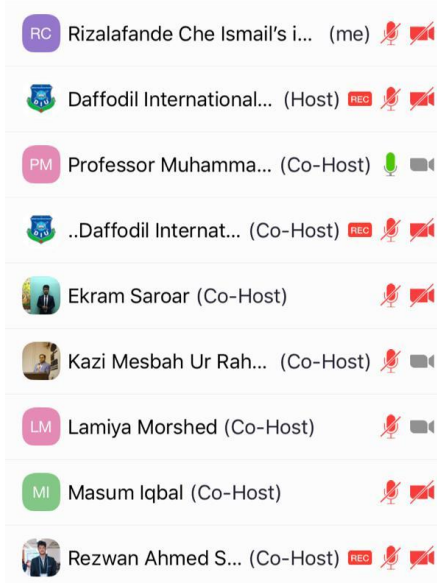
Held on 3 July 2020 by En. Abdul Shakur Abdullah. Staff present entitled to claim 1 CPE point.



## e-MASTER CLASS

By Prof Ir Dr Rizalafande Che Ismail

25 July 2020: Prof Ir Dr Rizalafande Che Ismail has been invited to join e-Master Class by Prof Muhamad Yunus Yunus Centre Dhaka in conjunction with International Virtual Social Business Summer Program.



## **SOCIAL BUSINESS WEEK 2020 - BRIDGING INEQUALITIES**

By Dr. Reazul Islam

With an optimistic and visionary tagline, “Bridging Inequalities,” from 24 to 28th of August, Albukhary International University (AIU) is going to organise a week-long event entitled, “Social Business Week, 2020 (SBW’20)”. The goal of this event is to demonstrate the academic niche of AIU. It further aspires to outshine AIU as well as tighten ties with other universities in Malaysia and abroad. Nevertheless, SBW’20 aims at achieving seven (7) objectives through numerous activities:

- i. Social business to bridge inequality in higher education.
- ii. Social business to address socioeconomic ills emerged due to COVID-19.
- iii. Islamic social business bank: a way forward to better practising social businesses.
- iv. The practice of social business can contribute to scaling up the livelihoods of BoP in Malaysia.
- v. Waqf University: a viable Islamic social business model.
- vi. Enhancing collaboration among YSBCs in Malaysia to accelerate research on social business.
- vii. Social business and social innovation: Practices and prospects

SBW’20 will observe various activities such as social business demonstration, (short-film and poster presentation), proposal writing and pitching, debate, and podcasting. Besides, multiple plenary sessions, alumni-meeting, and prize-giving ceremony will further augment this event. Further, a proceeding and a special issue of Albukhary Social Business Journal (ASBJ) will be published to archive the whole event. Respected Vice-Chancellor and President of AIU, Professor Dato’ Dr. Abd Aziz Bin Tajuddin is the Chief-Patron and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Professor Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail is the Chairman of this event. The Dean of School of Business and Social Sciences (SBSS), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suraya Hanim binti Mokhtar and the Dean of School of Education and Human Sciences (SEHS), Prof. Dr. Nor Hashimah Hashim are the co-chairs. Dr. Reazul Islam has been appointed to lead the organising committee. AIU community eagerly awaits the ceremonial days to come.

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## COURTESY VISIT TO THE EMBASSY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

By Tun Syima

22 July 2020 | Another courtesy call was made by the Vice Chancellor and President of Albukhary International University (AIU), YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin and Special Officer to the Vice Chancellor and President, Mr. Mohammad Khairul Amirin Khalili, to the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Emir Hadzikadunic. There were lots of things discussed, such as student's admission, student and exchange programmes, Ambassadorial Talk and many others.

The visit was part of AIU initiative to promote AIU programmes to eligible students from Bosnia and Herzegovina particularly for the coming September 2020 intake. It was also meant to introduce AIU to higher learning institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina to other possible collaborations.



## COURTESY VISIT TO PERKIM

By Tun Syima

22 July 2020 | YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin, Vice Chancellor and President and Mr. Mohammad Khairul Amirin Khalili, Special Officer to the Vice Chancellor and President of Albukhary International University (AIU), paid a courtesy visit to YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Yusuf Noor, Honorary Secretary General, Pertubuhan Kebajikan Islam Malaysia (PERKIM), to promote AIU programmes and to explore opportunities of collaboration and networking with PERKIM.

Also present was YBhg. Datuk Haji Hasbullah L. Isa, Honorary Assistant Secretary General, PERKIM. Look forward to receiving students through both esteemed institutions.





## HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SERIES WEBINAR

By Tun Syima

24 July 2020 | Vice Chancellor and President of AIU, YBhg. Prof. Dato 'Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin as Panel of Higher Education Leadership Series Webinar entitled "Talent Management: Challenges of the Leadership Leadership Replacement Plan".

**WEBINAR BERSIRI KEPIMPINAN PENDIDIKAN TINGGI (SIRI 1)**  
**"PENGURUSAN BAKAT: CABARAN PELAN PANGGANTIAN KEPIMPINAN PENTADBIR"**

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**JUMAAT 24 JULAI 2020**  
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## PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT!

By Sherina Shahnaz

Recently, AIU Language Centre was proud to receive information that a few of our former students from the English for Academic Success Programme 2018 got together to donate a water pump and well to a village in Bihar, India. The donation was made in the name of three of our late students (Omar Al-Haj from Syria, Camilla Cut Wan from Indonesia and Raymond Diallo from Guinea), and also all AIU students.

We are certainly proud and inspired by this gesture, which is a wonderful example to others of the beauty of human kindness, social awareness and philanthropic spirit.

## COURTESY VISIT FROM UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH

By Tun Syima

30 July 2020 | The Vice Chancellor and President of Albukhary International University (AIU), YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin received a courtesy visit from the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, YBhg. Prof. Datuk ChM. Dr. Taufiq Yap Yun Hin. He then, toured the Campus to see the state-of-the-art facilities of AIU.

Also present in the session were YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor of AIU.

Few important matters and potential collaborations were discussed including to explore potential collaborations from both institutions.

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## COURTESY VISIT BY THE ROYAL THAI CONSULATE-GENERAL

By Tun Syima

4 August 2020 | the University warmly welcomed a Courtesy Visit by the Royal Thai Consulate-General. The delegation from the Royal Thai Consulate-General led by Mr. Raschada Jiwalai, Consul-General of Thailand in Penang.

The Courtesy Visit among others, discussed potential collaboration and cooperative effort between both institutions in providing access and opportunities to education for those in need.

After a tour around the AIU Campus, the AIU team led by the Vice Chancellor and President, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin, and the Royal Thai Consulate-General team convened in a meeting together with Thailand's students from AIU.

Also present from AIU were YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff, Registrar, YBhg. Dato' Siti Zubaidah A. Hamid, Director Student Affairs, Mr. Abdul Shakur Abdullah, Deputy Registrar and Miss Siti Nur Aqilah Muhammad Anwar, Scholarship Executive.

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## STUDENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN BALING FOR EIDULADHA

By Nurhafeeza Md Hanifah



Student Affairs Department had organized the Qurban Programme in Baling, Kedah as a community engagement programme for AIU students, on the 1st August 2020. Since we are still under precautionary measures due to the pandemic of the COVID-19, strict SOPs set by the Government need to be followed in doing the Qurban and thus only a small group of students will be selected for this programme. The selection of students was limited to 20 students to represent AIU.



AIU contributed three cows which had been distributed to the nearest surau and mosque in three kampungs in Baling.

## Get to Know *Albukhary Scholar*

By Abdul Shakur Abdullah

Soon after graduation from International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), I got a job offer from my Embassy in Kuala Lumpur. Once I secured this job, and worked for few months, my ex-ambassador and other colleagues at the embassy noticed my eagerness and hunger for commitment, they all unanimously encourage me to further my study at postgraduate level. Then, I registered for master degree in IIUM. I did my best to manage between my full time work and full time studies till I graduated. Since early 2014 till now I am working at the Embassy of Afghanistan in Kuala Lumpur. During this time, I was rotated in all divisions and now I am able to handle any given task.



I have always been blessed with what I have gained. What makes me feel proud of myself is that I have obtained a master's degree, been able to support my family back home in Afghanistan and continue to serve my fellow Afghanistan people and other people with dignity.

All of what I have obtained is due to *Albukhary Scholarship*. It's changed my life a lot. Difficult to express in words. I came from a disadvantageous family, without this scholarship it was not possible to get my bachelor degree from a Malaysian public University, where the medium of instruction is English and the environment was colorful and diverse. This scholarship, not on impact my family and I financially but it's changed my world view and attitude as well. Because, I was came from a very conservative society, had a narrow mind and less ambitious. After I got this scholarship, and started my study at IIUM, I realized my inner Allah given talent ability and start thinking outside of the box.

For the time being beside my official work at the Embassy, I am lending helping hands to my fellow young Afghan students to join Malaysian University including *Albukhary International University*. Since opening of AIU, I reached out to more than 50 Afghan students directly and encourage them to apply to AIU. I strongly believe that with educating the new generation we can change the course of history. And with education, slowly but surely we can get rid of poverty. I do enjoy when I assist others to enroll in the university.

I always uphold my principles in life; honesty, hardworking and self-confidence, committed and humility. I believe this is what has shaped me all the way until now. I would advise all AIU scholars to always keep study hard with purpose, be ambitious and venturous, appreciative to your sponsor, always help others, and make yourself, family and community proud of yourself. Once graduated, never forget to serve humanity and never forget AIU and *Albukhary Foundation*.

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