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## COURTESY VISIT FROM PDRM KEDAH TO AIU

BY MUHAMMAD NAIM MUHAMMAD ALI & NURHAFEEZA MD. HANIFAH

ASP Khairul Azman, DSP Azizi Ahmad and Insp. Rahman were welcomed by Deputy Director of Student Affairs Mr Muhammad Naim Muhamad Ali and executives. The aim of the visit was to build rapport between PDRM Kedah, AIU and students. During the Hostel tour DSP Azizi reminded students to adhere to rules and regulations of the University and the law of Malaysia . He also emphasized students not to be associated with drugs, terrorism and unlawful behaviour. AIU thanked PDRM Kedah for this engagement hoping that both parties can work closely together in the future.















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### RESEARCH SHARING SESSION

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL

5 June 2020 | ReSS#5 presented by Dr. Reazul Islam with the topic Social Business and its Implications in Tackling COVID-19 Aftermaths.



## **DISCUSSION SESSION**

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL

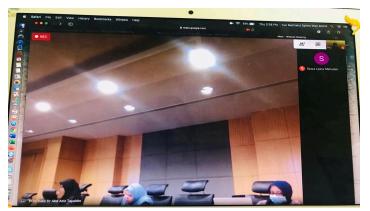
7 June 2020 | Discussion on micro-credentials programme for AIU with Philanthropy University lead by Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff.



### WEBSITE MEETING

BY TUN NAZHATUL SYIMA WAN MOHD

Website Meeting with ICT team held on 11 June 2020 chaired by the Vice Chancellor and President of AIU; YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin. The meeting among others, discussed the Phase 3 of development of the AIU website.



## STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

BY TUN NAZHATUL SYIMA WAN MOHD

Strategic Plan discussion held on 11 June 2020 chaired by the Vice Chancellor and President of AIU; YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin. The discussion convened both physically and online.





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## **AIU VIRTUAL RUN 2020**

#### BY ICT DEPARTMENT

The ICT Department have organized an event for AIU students during this MCO namely AIU Virtual Run 2020. The details of AIU Virtual Run 2020 is as follows:

Date : 15 June 2020 - 15 July 2020

: Inside AIU Campus (anywhere,anytime) Venue

Participant: AIU Students ONLY Fee : No (Free for students)









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### RESEARCH SHARING SESSION

BY NUR SYUHADA ZAINAL ABIDIN

Research Sharing Session 7: Data Access in a Big

Data World

Speaker: Nur Syuhada Zainal Abidin

Date: 19 June 2020 (Friday) Time: 10:00am - 11:00am



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### **COURTESY VISIT TO MOA**

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL, ABDUL SHAKUR ABDULLAH

17 June 2020 | YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) and YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff, Registrar of Albukhary International University (AIU) paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA), YBhg. Prof. Datuk Dr. Husaini Omar to give an update about AIU and its academic programmes.



AIU is very optimistic to obtain Provisional Accreditation for its new programmes, namely Bachelor of Economics (Honours), Bachelor of Social Development (Honours) and Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours) very soon.

In return, YBhg. Prof. Datuk Dr. Husaini Omar also made a promise to visit AIU Campus in the near future.

## **WORKING VISIT TO LEMBAGA ZAKAT SELANGOR**

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL. ABDUL SHAKUR ABDULLAH

18 June 2020 | Another fruitful meeting with Lembaga Zakat Selangor (Selangor Zakat Board) today.

YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) and YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff, Registrar of Albukhary International University (AIU) continued a working visit to Zakat Selangor early this morning.

The purpose of the visit is to brief about AIU academic programmes and

possible collaborations with Zakat Selangor particularly recruitment of potential bright students. Zakat Selangor agreed in principle, to provide AIU with the potential list of asnaf students for admission in September 2020 Intake.





Chief Executive Officer of Zakat Selangor,

YBhg. En. Saipolyazan M. Yusop and Board Member of Majlis Agama Islam Selangor (Selangor Islamic Religious Council), YBhg. Dr. Mohd Farid Ravi Abdullah welcomed the delegation from AIU.



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## **VISIT TO INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC COLLEGE (IIC)**

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL, ABDUL SHAKUR ABDULLAH

18 June 2020 | Creating pathway for Diploma holder from International Islamic College (IIC).

Following a successful online meeting held on 9 June 2020 between Albukhary International University (AIU) and IIC, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail and Registrar, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff took the opportunity to visit the Campus this evening to further discuss the collaboration.

AIU among others, extends opportunities to eligible Diploma holders from IIC to pursue undergraduate programmes at AIU, collaboration in academic programmes, research and development activities and Open Distance Learning initiatives.







## LATEST IELTS TEST RESULTS HELD AT BRITISH COUNCIL, PENANG

BY SHERINA SHAHNAZ MOHAMED FAUZI



20 June, 2020 | After undergoing an IELTS Preparatory Course with the Language Centre, 11 students sat for the IELTS test in British Council, Penang on 20 June. Two of the students, Faiz Ishak Mohamed (Somalia) and Hibo Mahamoud Abdillahi (Djibouti) achieved a band 5.5. The rest of the students achieved band 5.0. All 11 students qualify to join AIU's undergraduate programmes.



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### WORKING VISIT FROM UPSI

BY ABDUL SHAKUR ABDULLAH

23 June 2020 | This morning we received a delegation from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), headed by the Vice Chancellor, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohammad Shatar Sabran.

This working visit started off with a campus tour followed by a discussion. A few important matters and potential collaborations were discussed, given the niche areas of both esteemed universities (UPSI with its niche in Education & AIU with its Social Business). AIU and UPSI agreed to explore and form collaborative initiatives (smart partnership) in the areas of academic, non-academic and research activities.



Welcoming the delegation from AIU were the Vice Chancellor and President of AIU, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abdul Rashid Mohamed, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Registrar, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff and Deans of both School of Business and Social Sciences and School of Education and Human Sciences.

Also present from UPSI were YBrs. Mejar (B) Mohd Ramli Othman, Legal Advisor, YBrs. Tn. Hj. Mohammad Najib Mohamed, Bursar and YBrs. Mr. Muhammad Hasfarizal Kamaludin, Deputy Registrar.















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### **DISCUSSION SESSION**

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL

23 June 2020 | Discussion with Prof. Dr. Aminul Islam, Senior Fellow ACE-SEDI about several potential research activities with AIU in terms of publications, workshops and seminars.

## AIU RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSION

BY ABDUL SHAKUR ABDULLAH

FB Live - AIU Recruitment and Admission

The session was held in 25 June 2020 (Thursday) at 3:00pm (Malaysian time) by Mr. Abdul Shakur Abdullah, Deputy Registrar of AIU.

Applicants got the chance to know the details of programme offered and also the application process. We received positive feedback from the viewers from the session and hope that there will be more applications coming in soon!





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## A VISIT BY PROF EMERITUS DR MUHAMMAD HAJI SALLEH TO SCHOOL OF **BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (MALAYSIAN NATIONAL LAUREATE)**

BY DR. KAMALESH

A short courtesy visit by Prof Emeritus Dr Muhamad Haji Salleh accompanied by Professor Dato' Dr. Abd Aziz Bin Tajuddin to the School of Business and Social Sciences at Albukhary International University was held on 26th June 2020 at 11.00am. Professor Muhammad Haji Salleh graduated from University of Singapore. He obtained Master of Arts from the University of Malaya. His PhD was from Michigan, where he later became the Asian Scholar-in- Residence. He has been a fellow at North Carolina State University, University of California, Berkeley, and Harvard. He was appointed Chair of Malay Studies in Leiden University, in 1993.

The purpose of the visit was to share his experience as a retiree and inspiration for his poetry in life, people and in the beauty of nature. He invested most of his time on researching old manuscripts, writing papers and doing translations. He also talked about the joys of teaching which gave him a certain happiness to share his knowledge to others. He talked about his travelogue of his journeys and experiences as well. There was a short introduction session of our academic team from School of Business and Social Sciences and a wonderful photo session with the Malaysian National Laureate as remembrance of his precious visit to Albukhary International University. The memorable session was ended with expressing appreciation of his visit to our School of Business and Social Sciences and a thankful note on his part for our warm greeting towards his visit.



Photo Session with Prof Emeritus Dr Muhamad Haji Salleh, Professor Dato' Dr. Abd Aziz Bin Tajuddin and Academic Team of School of Business and Social Sciences.



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## VISIT FROM UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG (UMP) DELEGATION

BY ABDUL SHAKUR ABDULLAH

26 June 2020 | A visit from the Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) delegation was held after Friday prayer. Mr. Hazmin Aris, Senior Manager of Research & Innovation Department and Mr. Mohd Raizalhilmy Mohd Rais, Manager of Centre for Industry and Community Network were here to extend an invitation to YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz to talk about a succession plan, governance and human resource for higher education institutions and becoming one of the panellists in a programme organised in collaboration with the Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT). In addition, AIU and UMP would also explore potential collaborations in research activities and training for staff from both universities.





### **CEOTALK@AIU**

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL

26 June 2020 | CEOTalk@AIU with the topic 'How to Become A Millionaire in Online Business' by Dr. Noohul Basheer Zain Ali, CEO of Mamakiddies.





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## **WORKING VISIT FROM THE NEWLY APPOINTED CEO OF MOA**

BY ABDUL SHAKUR ABDULLAH

27 June 2020 | Albukhary International University (AIU) was very pleased to receive the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Husaini bin Omar this morning on his short working visit. AIU is the first university to be visited by him after being appointed to the post effective 1 June 2020.

He toured the Campus including the Singgahan (AIU Hotel) and was briefed about the overall progress and direction of the University especially on academic planning by the Vice Chancellor and President of AIU, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin. He also took the opportunity to visit and listen to a progress briefing on AIU International School by the Acting Principal, Mr. Farad Abdol Motalib.

He complimented AIU for providing complete facilities conducive for teaching and learning environment, imbued with a sense of self-discovery to nurture understanding on global issues and evetually forge stronger relationships among students.

In relation to that, YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz thanked the CEO for making his precious time to visit AIU Campus and listen to inquiries by the Management. He also hoped to forge stronger ties with MQA in activities benefitting the institution and its stakeholders.

Also present during the visit were YBhg. Prof Ir. Dr. Khairul Salleh bin Mohamed Sahari, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Quality Assurance) and Mr. Mohamad Dzafir bin Mustafa, Senior Director (Policy & Expertise Development) from MQA.

Representatives from AIU were YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff, Registrar, Mr. Johar Mohd Noor, Director of Puncak Perkhidmatan Kompleks Sdn. Bhd., Deans of Schools, Head of Centre for Foundation Studies, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Language Centre Coordinator, lecturers and Facilities Management Unit officers.









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### THE ROLES OF ACADEMIA IN A POST-COVID19 WORLD

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL

27 June 2020 | World Social Business Day 2020 was organized by Yunus Centre Bangladesh. Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Laurette also gave a welcoming speech of the event. AIU was represented by Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Dr. Reazul Islam and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suraya Hanim Mokhtar.











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## INTRODUCTION MEETING AND DISCUSSION SESSION WITH SASBADI **EDUCATION GROUP (LTD) & CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH (MALAYSIA)**

BY SHERINA SHAHNAZ MOHAMED FAUZI

29 June, 2020 | An online introduction meeting and discussion session was held between AIU and Sasbadi Education Group (Ltd) & Cambridge Assessment English (Malaysia). AIU was represented by the Vice Chancellor and President of AIU; YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin, Deputy Registrar, Mr. Abdul Shakur Abdullah and Coordinator of Language Centre, Mdm. Sherina Shahnaz Mohd Fauzi. Matters discussed included a briefing about Linguaskill, an online Cambridge English Test, and the possibility of AIU becoming a Linguaskill Test Centre and English Learning Hub in the northern region.





## COLLABORATION DISCUSSION **BETWEEN AIU AND SME CORP KEDAH/PERLIS**

BY PROF. IR. DR. RIZALAFANDE CHE ISMAIL

1 July 2020 | Collaboration discussion between AIU and SME Corp Kedah/Perlis lead by Prof. Dato Dr. Abd Aziz Tajuddin. A few potential collaborations were discussed in terms of structured internships, urban garage concept and pocket talk event. The delegation of SME Corp was lead by Cik Nur-Ul-Ain Mohd Asmoni, Director of SME Corp Kedah/Perlis.





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## GET TO KNOW ALBUKHARY SCHOLARS

BY ABDUL SHAKUR ABDULLAH

### SA PILY - PERSONAL REFLECTION

Salam and Good day to all,

I am SA PILY, a 26 year old AIU alumnus from Cambodia. I did my half Bachelor study in Banking and Finance at Albukhary International University from 2011-2014, and I graduated from SEGi University in 2016 in Bachelor of (Hons.) Business Management, specializing in General Management.

Currently, I am attached to the Royal Government of Cambodia as an integrity official at Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) of National Council against Corruption (NCAC), specializing in International Affairs. This means I am fighting corruption in my country joining hands with the counterparts around the world under the umbrella of UN Charter and Compliance- United



Nation Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) and United Nation Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

Since my graduation, it may be noted that my graduation certificate does not really represent and correlate to what I am doing now, yet to put it straight, there is no boundary to learn, seek new skills, and contribute back to the community as wanted and wished by Tan Sri Syed Mokhtar Albukhary, our most beloved and respectful father and founder of Yayasan Foundation. Choosing this career path does shape my thinking and personality; from a person who is not really into social affairs to a person who becomes passionate in changing social norms, perceptions, and contexts for better social advancement. In fact, these driving forces are the greatest key achievements which I have got from being an AIU scholar, including Confidence, Compromise, and Capability. These result from being exposed to intercultural diversity, communications, various challenging skills, and humanity values.

Guess what? These amazing qualities have really transformed a normal soul like me to be a very useful component for the society; it is because I have been able to upgrade myself a better version of an open-minded and competent human resource for the country and I have been able to contribute back to national and international communities by assisting local and global counterparts in Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) to promote social integrity, justice, transparency, and international cooperation.

The principles in life that I have in mind are two things: Firstly, ALWAYS put God first- there is no you going ahead achieving your dream and nourishing your soul if there is no willingness from God. Secondly, listen to your heart, stick to what you love to do, and believe in what makes you happy and meaningful and most importantly, what brings your heart joys in the ways of God. You will find your ways!

My last advice to my beloved and dearest AIU students is always remember that every single one of us matters in this universe. Spread love and humanity as much as you can and never take education for granted. You are going to make changes and great contributions in this society in different forms according to your real passion. NEVER forget the roots of the education you get from, and NEVER EVER forget the wish of the person who provides you education.



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NEWS

### **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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