



ALBUKHARY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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MONTHLY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

# Celebrating AIU Community's Success

Vice Chancellor Office  
Albukhary International University

# UGREAT 2024

Undergraduate English Acceleration Programme

**30 - 25**  
SEPTEMBER, 2024    OCTOBER, 2024  
WEEKDAYS  
8:30AM - 5:30PM



## Undergraduate English Acceleration Programme (UGREAT) 2024

30 September - 25 October 2024 | AIU

The Undergraduate English Acceleration Programme (UGREAT) 2024, a collaborative initiative by AIU's Centre for Foundation and General Studies, Language Centre, and Student Affairs Department, aimed to build confidence and improve English communication and presentation skills among new Malaysian students. Through interactive workshops and engaging sessions, UGREAT provided a supportive onboarding experience that helped students strengthen their language abilities while connecting with peers. This programme was an enriching start to their academic journey.

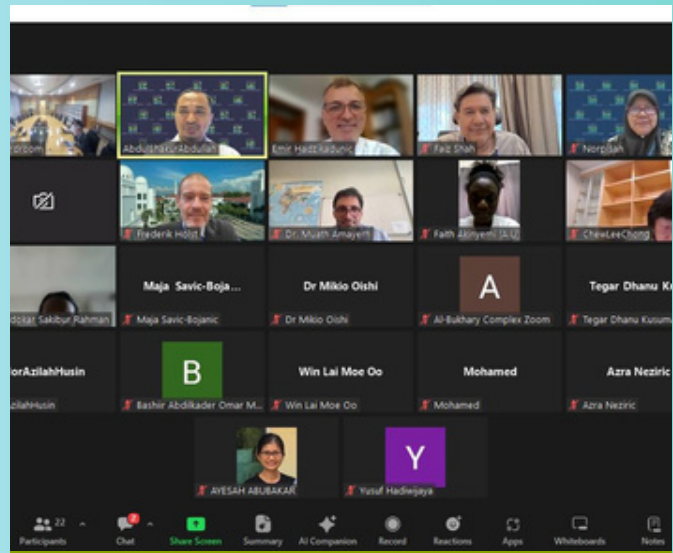
Organised by: Centre for Foundation and General Studies, Language Centre, and Student Affairs Department,

## AIU-SSST Inaugural Dialogue Session

1 October 2024 | Online via Zoom

Albukhary International University (AIU) and the University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (SSST) held their first online dialogue on the Russian intervention in Ukraine. The session explored political and peace studies perspectives, initiating collaboration between the two institutions for future research and student exchanges.

Organised by: AIU and SSST



## Nigeria's 64th Independence Day Celebration

6 October 2024 | Auditorium

The Nigerian Students' Community celebrated Nigeria's Independence Day at AIU with a cultural showcase, uniting students from over 60 countries and honouring Nigerian heritage. The event featured a captivating theatrical presentation blending traditional and contemporary performances, with Nigerian students and their international peers celebrating together.

Organised by: Nigerian Students' Community (NISCO)





## SAFE STEPS Kids Carnival

6 October 2024 | Convocation Hall, AIU

AIU, in collaboration with the Prudence Foundation, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and Cartoon Network, hosted the SAFE STEPS Kids Carnival at AIU, teaching children about road safety, first aid, and climate change through interactive sessions led by trained AIU students.

Organised by AIU, Prudence Foundation, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and Cartoon Network

## Week of Solidarity for Palestine

7 October 2024 | AIU

AIU students and staff gathered at the Wall of Defiance to show support for Palestine on 7 October. Led by the Arab Students Association, the event included a candle-lighting ceremony, demonstrating AIU's commitment to social solidarity and resilience against colonialism.

Organised by Arab Students Association (ARSA)



## Webinar on Becoming Student Entrepreneur: Benefits and Challenges

7 October 2024 | Online

Guest speaker Dr. Syed Omar, the Chief Executive Officer of UNITI Foundation shared his expertise on how entrepreneurship can foster both personal and professional growth. He discussed the benefits and challenges of becoming a student entrepreneur, offering insights from real-life success stories and providing practical advice.

Organised by: Centre for Teaching and Learning

## Mini Week of Welcome for New Students

7-8 October 2024, 15-16 October 2024, 29-30 October 2024 | Auditorium, AIU

AIU's Mini Week of Welcome provided incoming students with briefings on scholarships, ICT resources, academic support, and student services, helping them transition smoothly to campus life. Additionally, new students had the invaluable opportunity to interact with Deans or Directors and school administrators, ensuring they feel connected and supported as they embark on their academic journeys.

Organised by: Student Affairs Department



## Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bakare Receives Best Paper Award

8-9 October 2024 | Hotel Casuarina Meru, Ipoh Perak

Associate Prof. Dr. Bakare Kazeem Kayode from School of Education and Human Sciences (SEHS) was honoured with the Best Paper Award at the National Conference on Education Exploration, recognising his research work titled "Economic Literacy and Entrepreneurship Skill of Form 4 Students in Sik District Kedah".

Organised by: Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) Press



## Youth Leadership Camp at AIU

10-13 October 2024 | AIU

Co-hosted by AIU, NAMA Foundation, IIUM, and EMGS, this Youth Leadership Camp at the AIU campus engaged 75 participants from public and private universities in Malaysia and Indonesia in leadership and community skills development, covering civic education and environmental responsibility. The opening ceremony featured notable attendees, including YBr. Dr. Saleh Mubarak Bazeed, CEO of the NAMA Foundation, YBr. En. Novie Tajuddin, CEO of EMGS, and YBr. Prof. Dr. Hj. Mohamad Abdullah Hemdi, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic).

Organised by: AIU, NAMA Foundation, IIUM, EMGS.



## AIU Students Excel at International Research Competition

10-13 October 2024 – Bali, Indonesia

An interdisciplinary team from AIU, students from the School of Business and Social Sciences (SBSS), School of Education and Human Sciences (SEHS), and School of Computing and Informatics (SCI) achieved significant success by winning both the Grand Award and Gold Medal at the International Research Competition for Young Scientists (IRCYS) in Bali. Competing against teams from 10 countries, their project focused on a framework for detecting cyberbullying, highlighting AIU's dedication to impactful research and human rights advocacy.

Organised by: International Research Competition for Young Scientists (IRCYS)

## Postgraduate Research Workshop

11 October 2024 | YAB Meeting Room, Level 1, YAB Building, AIU

A postgraduate research workshop titled "Excel Your Research with a Step-by-Step Guide" provided strategies for students to strengthen their research methodologies and skills. The session featured Professor Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan from the School of Business and Social Sciences (SBSS) as the speaker.

Organised by: School of Business and Social Sciences (SBSS)



## Winning Gold Award in Category B and Special Award for Best Video Presentation

16 October 2024 | International Informatics Creativity Competition 2024

Congratulations to Mr. Mohd Dzairil Azhar bin Che Darus and Mdm. Ernadia Wahida binti Cluny for winning the Gold Award in Category B and the Special Award for Best Video Presentation at the International Informatics Creativity Competition (212C) 2024. Their innovative project, "SMART CAMERA MOUNT FOR 3D PRINTER SURVEILLANCE IN LIBRARIES," stood out among 74 projects from across Asia, showcasing their exceptional achievement in the competition.

Hosted by: International Informatics Creativity Competition (212C) 2024





## SETARA Rating Session

16 October 2024 | Senate Room

Albukhary International University (AIU) welcomed Prof. Ir. Dr. Abd Rahim Bin Abu Talib, Director of Quality Assurance at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), for a session titled "Understanding SETARA: Insights and Best Practices." His expertise offered valuable guidance to AIU's academic and administrative teams, reinforcing the university's commitment to educational excellence.

Organised by: Corporate Planning and Communication Department

## AIU Celebrates Teacher's Day and Launches the Teaching Excellence Awards 2024

17 October 2024 | Senate Foyer, Level 3, Chancellery Building

The Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) hosted a special event to celebrate Teacher's Day and launch the Teaching Excellence Awards 2024. The objectives of this event are to recognize the outstanding contributions of AIU's academic staff, cultivate a culture of teaching excellence, and promote innovative practices that align with the University's mission. This celebration is among the key highlights of our Academia Month festivities.

Organised by: Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL)



## Social Business: An Industry Perspective

17 October 2024 – Lecture Theatre 2

As part of Academia Month celebrations, Mr. Abu Bakar Ngah gave a presentation on "Social Business: An Industry Perspective". Drawing from his extensive experience as a Certified Trainer and Business Coach, Mr. Abu Bakar offered valuable insights on identifying social challenges and addressing them through social business. The event inspired attendees to explore impactful business solutions for social issues.

Organised by: Albukhary Centre for Socioeconomic Development and Innovation (ACE-SEDI)





## AIU Students Achieve 2nd Runner-Up at Southeast Asia Youth Climate Summit 2024

14 - 18 October 2024 | KDU Penang University College, Georgetown, Penang

A team of six students from AIU secured the 2nd runner-up position at the Southeast Asia Youth Climate Summit 2024. The summit featured the AIU students' proposal to establish a climate action society on campus, aimed at raising environmental awareness and initiating climate-related projects. The summit, a collaboration between The Wild Center in New York City, Think City, and the Penang Green Council, provided AIU students with invaluable mentorship and the chance to network with regional leaders, including Penang's Chief Minister, YAB Chow Kon Yeow.

Organised by the University of Wollongong (UOW) Malaysia and KDU Penang

## Movie Night Therapy Boosts Student Wellbeing at AIU

18 October 2024 | Auditorium

As part of Wellbeing Week, AIU PEERS and Counsellors hosted a Movie Night Therapy featuring *Skater Girl*, an inspiring film about empowerment and resilience. Attended by 120 students, the event encouraged reflection on emotional health, stress management, and personal growth, fostering a sense of community and wellbeing among participants.

Organised by AIU PEERS and Counsellors



## Research Colloquium 3

18 October 2024 | Lecture Theatre 2

The Albukhary Centre for Socioeconomic Development and Innovation (ACE-SEDI) hosted Research Colloquium 3, providing AIU Research Grant holders with a platform to share insights and foster academic discussion. It also showcased presentations from grant recipients, highlighting their research achievements and contributions. This gathering celebrated the dedication of AIU researchers and promoted further academic collaboration.

Organised by: Albukhary Centre for Socioeconomic Development and Innovation (ACE-SEDI)



## Fostering Critical Thinking and Collaborative Opportunities in Social Business and Entrepreneurship

19- 21 October 2024 | Indonesia

Dr. Muath Khalil Amayreh led social business education initiatives at Pondok Pesantren Al Aqobah and a critical thinking workshop at Ma'had Aly Hasyim Asy'ari (MAHA) in Indonesia. These sessions provided local educators and students with skills in social business and research, promoting educational collaboration.

Hosted by: Pondok Pesantren Al Aqobah and Ma'had Aly Hasyim Asy'ari (MAHA)

## Mr. Abu Bakar Ngah Speaks at World Halal Council Silver Jubilee International Halal Conference

21 October 2024 | Arch Convention Centre, Umhlanga Rocks, Durban, South Africa.

The event focused on the integration of innovative technologies in the halal industry. In his presentation titled "Digital Dawn: Revolutionizing Halal Assurance through Cutting-Edge Technology," Mr. Abu Bakar discussed the transformative potential of blockchain in enhancing transparency and traceability in halal certification.

Organised by: World Halal Council (WHC) and the South African National Halaal Authority (SANHA)



## Course Preparation Workshop Enhances Academics' Skills

21 October 2024 | Lecture Theatre 2

The Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) organised a Course Preparation Workshop to enhance educators' proficiency in the BO-OBE system and Moodle LMS for the 2024/2025 Academic Session. The session featured Mr. Ilde Halipa, Director of CTL, who shared insights on course planning, curriculum design, and teaching strategies to foster student engagement. Participants, from new academics to senior staff, gained tools to align course objectives with outcomes and assessments, reflecting CTL's dedication to advancing education quality at AIU.

Organised by Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL)







## LC Annual Showcase 2024

22 October 2024 | AIU

The Language Centre celebrated the achievements of 140 students in the Pre-University English Programme, recognising their dedication and marking a new academic journey as they transition to undergraduate studies.

Organised by: Language Centre

## Taqiyya Alka Haqiq Selected for 2024 YSEALI Academic Fellowship

23- 24 October 2024 | Portland State University, United States

Congratulations to Taqiyya Alka Haqiq, a third-year student in the Bachelor of Social Development (Honours) Programme at Albukhary International University (AIU), who has been selected as one of 25 fellows for the 2024 Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowship. We wish her success as she continues to represent Malaysia and AIU with her outstanding work.

Hosted by: Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowship Programme



## Empowering New Students with Essential Skills for a Fulfilling and Successful University Experience

23- 24 October 2024 | Auditorium

The Al-Quran and Islamic Club, in collaboration with the Nagashi Club and the School of Business and Social Sciences (SBSS) recently hosted a dynamic two-day workshop for new students. The workshop, themed "Uni-Ready Package: Mastering Presentation Skills and Soft Skills for Navigating a Happy and Successful University Life," aimed to equip students with essential skills for their academic journey.

Organised by: Al-Quran and Islamic Club, Nagashi Club and School of Business and Social Sciences (SBSS)



## National STEM Education Carnival 2024

26 - 28 October 2024 | AIU

The National STEM Education Carnival 2024, organised by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with Albukhary International University (AIU), took place from 26 to 28 October 2024 at AIU in Alor Setar, Kedah. This three-day carnival featured a wide range of activities, including robotics competitions, technology innovation showcases, and practical workshops for students and teachers. Additionally, exhibitions by higher education institutions and private companies showcased the latest technologies, offering participants valuable exposure to advancements and real-world STEM applications.

Organised by: Ministry of Education in collaboration with AIU

## Associates Prof. Dr. Kalthom Wins Best Paper Award

30 October 2024 | Grand River View Hotel, Kota Bharu

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kalthom Husain received the Best Paper Award at the 3rd International Conference on Teacher Education (ICTE24) for her research on digital tools in classroom engagement, showcasing the transformative role of technology in teaching.

Hosted by International Conference on Teacher Education



## Heartiest Congratulations!

to the

School of Business and Social Sciences (SBSS)

on

receiving Full Accreditation status for

**Bachelor of Social Development (Honours) (MQA/FA 13897)**  
**Bachelor of Economics (Honours) (MQA/FA 13900)**

Best wishes,

Board of Governors, Vice Chancellor and President,  
 University Management Committee, staff and students of  
 Albukhary International University

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## Newly Accredited AIU Programmes

31 October 2024 | AIU

The Bachelor of Social Development (Honours) and Bachelor of Economics (Honours) programmes at AIU received Full Accreditation from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). This milestone reflects AIU's dedication to quality education and supports students in their academic and care



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