

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INAUGURAL ITM JALAN OTHMAN HERITAGE WALK CELEBRATES ALUMNI AND HONOURS UNIVERSITY LEGACY AND HISTORY**

**PETALING JAYA, 8 OCTOBER 2023** – The historical significance of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) takes centre stage at the first-ever ITM Jalan Othman Heritage Walk organised by the university and its alumni. Scheduled to coincide with the annual UiTM Alumni Day celebration on 19 December this year, the experience promises to be a journey through time and tradition.

The ITM Jalan Othman Heritage Walk 2023 pays homage to the alumni and former staff members who played pivotal roles in the institution's formative years during the 1960s, with a special emphasis on the period from 1965 to 1975. The event aims to shed light on the historical significance of the ITM / UiTM campus in Jalan Othman, Petaling Jaya as a pioneering hub for educational endeavours that left an indelible mark on the educational landscape of the 1960s and 1970s. Seventy (70) alumni, encompassing former students, lecturers, and staff of UiTM Jalan Othman, participated in the event to revisit cherished locations within and around the campus and rekindle fond memories. The Heritage Walk, spanning approximately 2 kilometres, includes visits to landmarks such as the nearby Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Aziz in Petaling Jaya and Taman Selera Jalan Othman. The event was flagged off by Prof. Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor, Vice-Chancellor of UiTM. Among the notable participants were:

1. Prof. Dr Zaini Abdullah – Former UiTM Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation; Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Industry, Community, Alumni and Entrepreneurship Network (ICAEN); and Assistant Vice-Chancellor for the College of Creative Art Studies,
2. En. Kasmuri Sukardi – UiTM alumnus and Director at KaZ Corporation Sdn Bhd,
3. Dr Junid Abu Saham – Former staff member and one of the longest-serving lecturers at the Jalan Othman campus.

UiTM is also in the midst of preparing for several upcoming programmes to mark the first UiTM Alumni Day celebration on 19 December 2023. The celebration will kick-start with the UiTM Alumni Fun Run on 28 October 2023 which will be held simultaneously at the UiTM Shah Alam campus and 12 other campuses across the states. The subsequent programme, the Alumni Homecoming 2023 on 16 December this year, will offer UiTM alumni the chance to reconnect and celebrate the achievements of fellow alumni. In tandem with the Heritage Walk and the forthcoming UiTM Alumni Day, all ITM / UiTM alumni are encouraged to sign up for the MyAlumni UiTM virtual card, a digital platform which serves as a valuable tool for fostering lasting connections and continued engagement within the large UiTM family.

#### **About UiTM**

[Universiti Teknologi MARA \(UiTM\)](#) is the largest comprehensive university in Malaysia providing innovative education with state-of-the-art infrastructure and technology within reach at its 34 campuses, 4 colleges of studies, 14 faculties, and 9 academic centres all over the country.

UiTM offers over 500 academic programmes at Foundation, Pre-Diploma, Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD levels, as well as Professional Programmes. It continues to expand access to higher education, playing its role in nation-building by unleashing potentials and shaping the future.

Amongst its long list of recent accolades, UiTM is ranked 104th in the QS Asia University Rankings 2023, placed 555 in the QS World University Rankings 2024, and was ranked 361-380 for QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2023 and 4th in Malaysia. The Hospitality and Leisure Management subject was placed 42nd best in the world, and overall, 13 UiTM subjects are ranked in the QS World University Rankings by Subject. Moreover, UiTM was in the 101-200th position in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023 and is the proud recipient of the 3G SDGs Championship Award 2022. In June 2022, UiTM received the Reader's Digest Trusted Brand Gold Award for the 12th time in the public university category and for the first time, UiTM was bestowed The BrandLaureate BestBrands Awards 2022.

With over 700,000 alumni in science, technology, humanities, and entrepreneurship, UiTM offers opportunities to shape leaders at national, industry, and global levels and is well-poised to become a globally renowned university by 2025.

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