

MEDIA STATEMENT

ARSHAD AYUB FOUNDATION AWARDS FUND TO UiTM

SHAH ALAM, 10 JULY 2023 – History was made by the Arshad Ayub Foundation and the Faculty of Accountancy, Universiti Teknologi MARA on 10 July 2023 at Level 7, Tuanku Sirajuddin Chancellery Building, Universiti Teknologi MARA. The ceremony for the RM200,000 fund handover from the Arshad Ayub Foundation to the Dean of the Faculty of Accountancy, Prof. Dr Haslinda Yusoff, was officiated by YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Mohd Ibrahim Bin Mohd Zain, Chairman of the Arshad Ayub Foundation, and witnessed by the Vice-Chancellor of UiTM, Prof. Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor.

In addition to awarding the fund, the foundation also presented two mock cheques worth RM1000 each to two Faculty of Accountancy students. The lucky recipients are Danish Zafran bin Bazam who emerged as ACCA Top Prize Winner 2023 and Nursyarah Najwa binti Abdullah who successfully completed her studies with dual qualifications with ACCA, having passed all her ACCA exam papers on her first try. The fund from the Arshad Ayub Foundation is a blessing and a much-needed stimulus to invigorate the love of knowledge among UiTM students.

The fund handover ceremony commemorates and fulfils the wishes of the late Tun Arshad Ayub of returning the favour and enhancing the value of life for Malaysians. Allahyarham Tun Arshad Ayub was always in support of continuous learning for a more meaningful quality of life. Hence, the awarding of funds for the purpose of academic excellence of students in educational institutions is synonymous with what he stood for. He is remembered as a national education figure who was very close to UiTM as well as the Faculty of Accountancy, specifically. He was significantly known for introducing professional programmes (ACCA) to the Faculty of Accountancy as well as advocating for English to be used as a medium of teaching and learning in UiTM. His aspirations resume through the initiatives of the Arshad Ayub Foundation.

The Faculty of Accountancy is very pleased and extremely thankful for the special gift received from the foundation. The faculty sees it as another step towards creating continuous academic quality in line with UiTM's mission, vision, and values. The fund will be fully utilised to support the tuition fees of ACCA, CIMA, and ICAEW professional programmes for 37 Faculty of Accountancy students at Diploma and Bachelor's levels.

True to the saying that “the upper hand is better than the lower hand” (he who gives in charity is better than him who takes it), the Arshad Ayub Foundation and the Faculty of Accountancy hope that this noble cooperation will be a turning point in creating valuable human relationships and making an effective and long-lasting impact for Malaysians.

About UiTM

[Universiti Teknologi MARA \(UiTM\)](#) is the largest comprehensive university in Malaysia providing innovative education with the latest infrastructure and technology covering 34 campuses, 4 colleges of study, 13 faculties and 9 academic centres nationwide.

UiTM offers more than 500 academic programmes at the Foundation, Pre-diploma, Diploma, Bachelor, Master, and PhD levels, as well as Professional Programmes. UiTM has always expanded access to higher education and played its part in building the country by highlighting its potential and shaping the future.

Among the greatest achievements, UiTM is ranked 105th in the QS Asia University Rankings 2022, ranked 651-700 in the QS World University Rankings 2022, and ranked 361-380 in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2023 and 4th in Malaysia. The subject of Hospitality and Leisure Management was once ranked 42nd best in the world out of 14 other UiTM subjects listed in the QS World University Rankings by Subject. UiTM is also ranked 101-200 in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022 and received the 3G SDGs Championship Award 2022. In June 2022, UiTM was selected as the 12th recipient of the Reader's Digest Trusted Brand Gold Award 2022 in the Public University category and for the first time received The BrandLaureate BestBrands Awards 2022 – The Nation's Pride Higher Education. UiTM is ranked 150th in the UI GreenMetric (UIGM) World University Rankings 2021 and has won a gold medal for the Best Creative Ad category internationally at the QS APPLE Creative Awards 2020.

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