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AGA KHAN AWARD
for ARCHITECTURE 2007

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Indeed it is another remarkable achievement for the University when it clinched one of the nine 2005-2007 (10th cycle) Aga Khan Awards for Architecture (AKAA) on Tuesday, 4 September 2007. Designed by GDP Architects together with Foster & Partners of the United Kingdom, UTP was selected for its "emblematic high-tech architecture and high standards of architectural excellence while reflecting the values of its specific environment as a scientific university in a rapidly developing nation".



In Essence

Building Inspiring Foundation

University surroundings have always been likened to an atmosphere of peace, inspiring and serenity. In one particular instance, an advertisement in one print media equates one such institution as a "garden of knowledge". Such descriptive similarities on universities all over the world are aplenty and reflect the desire, needs and demands of society everywhere on the traditional acceptance regarding the ambiance of a university.

At UTP, the pioneers of the University had similar vision on the required characteristics of its physical campus. The buildings, infrastructure, lecture theatres, halls, the library, laboratories, the students' accommodation, the lecturers' rooms and others were envisioned not merely to be inspirational to inquisitive minds and innovative spirits but are also timeless and in sync with nature.

The deep and comprehensive thinking process on the matter that ensued from day-one the University came into existence were imbued with solid values, knowledge and experiences from the group of pioneers who initiated UTP. This is evidently expressed on the University's signature building itself - the Chancellor Complex.

The earth-like raised platform within the complex which is also in a skirting fashion, that links all the 16 academic buildings of 1.7 kilometres end-to-end; the sky-high canopy that protects the pedestrians on the platform from rains and direct sunrays; the local songket motifs that decorates the wall facade of the Chancellor Complex; the environmentally-friendly structures that hug-the-hill surrounding the academic buildings; and many other features that reflect the philosophy and wisdom behind the establishment of the University itself.

The development of these physical characteristics are mere attempts to do justice and match the vision of the University which is to become a leader in technology education and centre for creativity and innovation.

On Tuesday, 4th September 2007, the University received the prestigious Aga Khan Award for Architecture (AKAA) for the high standard of architectural excellence on its Chancellor Complex and Academic buildings. This is an acknowledgement for the University in demonstrating its seriousness in providing an inspiring atmosphere for the development of well-rounded graduates who are creative and innovative with the potential to become leaders; and innovative ideas that will be of contribution to industry and nation.

This honour can only be truly returned when the University continuously produces graduates who are imbued with values such as loyalty, professionalism, integrity and cohesiveness; and of innovative research efforts that will be of real benefit and values to society and mankind.

This issue is therefore dedicated to all the pioneering Board members, management, lecturers and staff of UTP who have provided the solid grounding for the establishment of this University. Enjoy reading.

Thank you.

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diary july-september 2007

JULY

- 3 Visit by Venezuelan State Oil Company
- 4 Visit by Sek Keb Kuala Krai, Kelantan
- 10 Visit by Sek Men Keb Bukit Rangin, Kuantan, Pahang
- 13 Visit by Pergerakan Pemuda Parti Rakyat Bersatu Sarawak
- 16 - 17 Visit by Engineering Accreditation Council (EAC)
- 19 1) Academic Advisory Council Meeting at KLCC
2) Academic Advisory Council Dinner at Shangri-La Hotel, Putrajaya
- 20 1) Visit by Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands
2) Keynote Address by Rector & Oath Taking Ceremony
- 24 Talk by Prof Franz Brandstetter, President of BASF, Polymer
- 25 1) Quality & Corporate Governance Day
2) Visit by Sekolah Kelompok 1 Zon PKG Parit
- 26 Visit by Architecture Students of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
- 26 - 27 Marketing Workshop at Clearwater Sanctuary Golf Resort, Bt Gajah
- 27 1) Visit by Sek Men Teknik Bachok, Kelantan
2) Visit by Sek Men Keb Dato' Ahmad Maher, Kota Bharu, Kelantan
3) Visit by Prof. Osamu Ono of Meiji University

AUGUST

- 7 Signing Ceremony Between UTP and Oracle Cooperation
- 13 Syarahan Perdana oleh Y.A.Bhg. Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad - "Wawasan Dalam Mengisi Kemerdekaan"
- 14 Visit by Prof Colin Grant, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, University of Strathclyde
- 15 Visit by Maktab Rendah Sains Mara Muar
- 18 6th UTP Convoswing Golf Challenge, Palm Garden Golf Club, Putrajaya
- 21 Visit by Ms Shona de Sain, Associate Dean of Students, Victoria University of Wellington
- 23 Visit by University of Brighton
- 24 Officiating Ceremony of Convofair 2007 by YB Tan Sri Mohamed Nazri Aziz
- 26 Convocation Dinner
- 27 Convocation Ceremony
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- 30 Visit by Prof Dr Wichit Srisa-An, Thailand Minister of Education

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- 4 1) Visit by Lord Norman Foster
2) Aga Khan Awards presentation ceremony
- 7 Visit by Faculty of Architecture, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
- 11 1) Deepwater Technology Workshop
2) Visit by Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
- 12 Fire Safety Inspection by Bomba Perak
- 21 Majlis Berbuka Puasa PETRONAS
- 27 Visit by delegates from Malaysia-France University Centre/ISAT