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# UCSI ALUMNI *Newsletter*

We are excited to share with you the first edition of our alumni newsletter, where we feature recent updates, alumni events, international engagement initiatives and much more. Stay tuned for inspiring stories from our alumni community and discover new opportunities to reconnect with old friends.

We value your continued support and we look forward to celebrating your achievements and successes.

## Message from the vice-chancellor and president

### *Dear esteemed alumni,*

It is my pleasure to greet you through this inaugural issue of the UCSI Alumni Newsletter.

At UCSI University, we take immense pride in the accomplishments of our alumni - individuals who continue to shine and make their mark in diverse fields around the world. Your achievements and success stories reflect the values and excellence we aim to instil in all our students. You are, without a doubt, an integral part of who we are and what we stand for.

Take Ar. Rien Tan, for instance. A true testament to his vision and talent, he was recognised as one of Malaysia's 40 under 40 Emerging Architects at the Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival 2023. Then there's Annice Lyn, whose striking photograph of Russian figure skater Alexandra Trusova won gold at the 2023 World Sports Photography Awards. Her advocacy for gender equality and support for women in photography also earned her a spot in Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list.

We are also proud of Edna Lee, an inductee of the Malaysia Book of Records for painting the largest wall mural in the country - an impressive solo feat that was completed at UCSI Hospital. Today, she leads Edna Creationz, a company known for its custom art sneakers, collaborating with renowned global brands through her creative spirit.

Stories like these - and yours - make UCSI University special. It is your collective success that has played a key role in our rise as one of Malaysia's top private universities, earning us a place among the top 1% globally in the QS World University Rankings 2026. We recognise and value the role our alumni have played in this achievement.

As we look to the future, UCSI remains committed to nurturing lifelong connections with our alumni through meaningful initiatives, career support and continuous learning opportunities. I encourage you to stay in touch with us, with your former lecturers who guided you and with the next generation of UCSI graduates who can benefit from your knowledge, insight and inspiration.

Thank you for being an essential part of the UCSI community. I am confident that, together, we will continue to reach new heights.

**Prof Emeritus Datuk Ts Ir Dr Siti Hamisah Tapsir, FASc**  
*Vice-chancellor and president*  
*UCSI University*



## Message from the deputy vice-chancellor

**Dear UCSI alumni and friends,**

It is my pleasure to present to you the inaugural edition of our UCSI Alumni Newsletter. This platform serves not only to keep our alumni community informed, but also to celebrate their many achievements and contributions across industries and regions.

Over the past months, we have seen inspiring progress – from successful alumni events and meaningful collaborations to stories that reflect the values we uphold as a university.

Our alumni are an integral part of our identity and the values we uphold as a university. Four UCSI alumni are Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia inductees. From social entrepreneurship to impactful visual storytelling, they raise aspirations and win the respect of the world. Another three of our alumni are Prestige 40 Under 40 laureates for their contributions to Malaysia's creative industry. And many more entrepreneurs, scientists, doctors, media personalities, musicians and national athletes make up UCSI's acclaimed alumni network.

While accolades are important, they are meaningless without recognising our students and alumni who contributed long before the University's rise. Their achievements, both within and outside the University, have been outstanding, and they have played a crucial role in our growth. We applaud them and are immensely grateful to them for being the 'light' of UCSI.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for being part of UCSI's journey. Their continued connection strengthens our community and inspires our current students to aim higher.

I hope this newsletter brings a sense of pride and belonging, wherever they are in the world. Together, I hope we can continue to uphold the UCSI principles of audacity, perseverance integrity and excellence to make a difference.

**Prof Datuk Ts Dr Rohana Yusof, FASc**  
*Deputy vice-chancellor, Academic and Internationalisation (Kuala Lumpur campus)*  
UCSI University



## Notable Alumni Sharing Session

### Charting my path : The motivation that led to my achievements



Speaker



**Wang Zhao Loon**

Enterprise Risk Management,  
assistant manager

*BSc (Hons) Actuarial Science, Class of 2018*

**"Towards success, one step at a time, with the right mindset."**

Wang Zhao Loon is currently serving as an assistant manager at MSIG, specialising in Financial Risk under the Enterprise Risk Management department. He was invited to speak at the Notable Alumni Sharing Session titled "Charting my path: The motivation that led to my achievements", which was held virtually on 19 February.

During his time at UCSI, Wang served as the president of the UCSI Actuarial Science Student Association and completed his internship at NMG Consulting. Thanks to his strong actuarial foundation, he has advanced from an executive role to his current position, where he applies both quantitative and qualitative expertise to enhance organisational resilience.

**Wang Zhao Loon LinkedIn:**

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/zhao-loon-wang-29611263/>

During the session, Wang shared his personal journey, from his time as a student at UCSI to his professional achievements at MSIG. He spoke about the motivations that have fuelled his success, emphasising the importance of personal drive and the value of celebrating small milestones along the way.

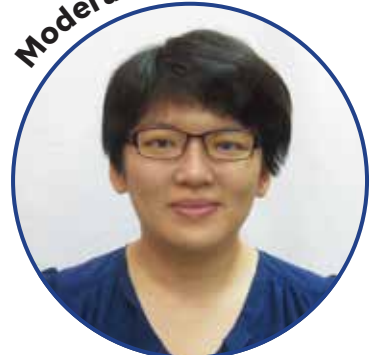
He also reflected on how his internship provided him with invaluable hands-on experience in the field of risk management, allowing him to bridge theoretical knowledge with practical application. This formative experience was pivotal in shaping his career path and deepening his understanding of the complexities of risk assessment and management.

Wang concluded the session by encouraging attendees to discover their intrinsic motivations and to view challenges as opportunities for growth. His insights served as a powerful reminder that every step, no matter how small, contributes to long-term success.

The session was expertly moderated by UCSI Institute of Actuarial Science and Data Analytics head, Asst Prof Dr Khoo.



Moderator



**Asst Prof Dr  
Khoo Wooi Chen**

Actuarial Science and Applied  
Statistics, head of department  
*Institute of Actuarial Science and Data  
Analytics, UCSI University*

## UCSI Alumni Hari Raya Get-Together 2025 A Night to Remember!



Our UCSI Alumni Hari Raya Get-Together, held on 25 April, was truly a memorable evening filled with warmth, laughter and inspiration. The event brought together a vibrant mix of guests – including UCSI University deputy vice-chancellor of Academic and Internationalisation (Kuala Lumpur Campus) Prof Datuk Dr Rohana, university faculties, deans, and of course, our distinguished alumni. We were inspired by James Koo, Kewdoo founder and co-director, who shared how he continuously supports F&B businesses to grow and scale. Jin Chi, ZFounder Club founder, spoke passionately about building a network for young entrepreneurs. Kelvin Tai, UCSI University Alumni Association president, also shared his journey with Artmeet, a platform empowering creative talents.



It was also a joy to reconnect with Lim Zhi Min, our December 2024 valedictorian, who is now pursuing her PhD with us at UCSI. The evening was filled with meaningful conversations, delicious food, and most importantly, a strong sense of community. We are proud of what our alumni have achieved and am excited to see where their respective journeys take them. Until the next gathering – stay connected and keep shining!



## UCSI Indonesian Alumni Gathering at Jakarta **IndoConnect 2025: A heartfelt celebration with our Indonesian alumni**



UCSI University continues to live in the hearts of our alumni, and this was clearly reflected during the vibrant IndoConnect 2025 gathering in Jakarta. Held at the cozy and elegant Amanaia Satrio Restaurant on 22 March, the event brought together UCSI's Indonesian alumni for an evening filled with warmth, great conversations and nostalgic moments. Guests enjoyed delicious food, lively exchanges and the joy of reconnecting with fellow graduates and friends.



A special shout out to our dedicated organising committee: Anastasya Eunike, Axel Soetadjaja, Gabrielle Linando, Muhammad Luthfi Alif and Reynard Trisnadi. Your commitment and hard work made this evening truly memorable. We were honoured by the presence of UCSI Alumni and Industry Engagement director, Assoc Prof EUR ING Ir Ts Dr Ang Chun Kit, as well as Mr Victor and the team from the Student Enrolment Centre, who joined us in celebrating the strong spirit of UCSI's Indonesian community. We look forward to many more reunions ahead. Sampai kita jumpa lagi!

## Beijing International Alumni Engagement and Networking 2025 From Beijing with Love



On the afternoon of 18 May, the UCSI University China Alumni Gathering was successfully held at Pan Pacific Beijing. The event brought together over 100 Chinese alumni from various regions, all united by their shared memories and experiences at UCSI. They used this opportunity to reconnect and reminisce about their student days and exchange insights into their personal and professional lives.

The event was graced by Dato' Norman Muhamad, ambassador of Malaysia to China, who served as the guest of honour. In his keynote address, he emphasised the importance of educational exchange in strengthening Malaysia-China relations and praised UCSI University for its outstanding contributions to this cause.



The gathering began with an opening address by UCSI University vice-chancellor and president Prof Emeritus Datuk Ts Ir Dr Siti Hamisah Tapsir, who highlighted the university's progress and development. She expressed gratitude and appreciation for the strong support from the Malaysian Embassy and the enthusiastic presence of the alumni.

UCSI University founder Dato' Peter Ng, delivered a warm welcome speech, thanking the alumni for their continued engagement and support. He expressed his hope for more inspiring stories from the alumni and encouraged them to remain connected with the university, reaffirming that UCSI will always be their home.

Representing the alumni, UCSI University China Alumni Association president Mr Wang Ji, expressed his gratitude to his alma mater and encouraged fellow graduates to make good use of the knowledge and opportunities gained from their Malaysian education to contribute to cultivate greater China-Malaysia collaboration. He presented the "Best Support Award 2025" from the China Alumni Association to Dato' Peter Ng, and conferred the Advisor Trophy to Datuk Siti Hamisah.



The second half of the event featured engaging alumni sharing sessions by Gong Qilin, Zhang Runxuan and Wang Zhilan, who spoke about their academic and professional journeys. The university also presented Outstanding Alumni Awards to notable graduates from each faculty.

The event ended on a high note and the gathering reaffirmed UCSI's continued commitment to nurturing its alumni community and strengthening ties across borders. We look forward to many more meaningful reunions in the years to come.

## *UCSI holds its first alumni gathering in Beijing*



17 Jan 2025

Faculty of Applied Sciences  
Faculty Night 2025: Radiance in White



The Faculty of Applied Sciences hosted Faculty Night 2025: Radiance in White at Le Quadri Hotel. The evening was filled with exciting activities - including stage performances, best dressed award, singing, lucky draw, and most importantly, meaningful bonding moments between alumni, staff and students. We look forward to welcoming even more alumni in future events!

6 Feb 2025

Institute of Music  
Alumni Sharing



**Ang Ailynn (Alumna)**

*Bachelor of Classical Music (Hons), Class of 2019*

Ang Ai Lynn is currently a marketing associate at Leaf Music - an independent classical music label in North America. She shared her inspiring journey of choosing a non-performance pathway while furthering her studies in Canada. Her talk highlighted the diverse career opportunities in the music industry beyond traditional performance roles. She offered valuable insights into music marketing, the business and entrepreneurial aspects of the field and the importance of building meaningful industry connections. Her sharing encouraged students to explore unique pathways aligned with their strengths and interests, broadening their understanding of what a successful music career can look like.

10 Mar 2025

Faculty of Applied Sciences  
Alumni Sharing



**Chong Wei Yan (Alumna)**

*Master of Science in Nutrition with Business Management, Class of 2023*

Combining her expertise in nutrition with a deep appreciation for her cultural heritage, Wei Yan founded Xiang Yuan Health Food, a wellness brand based in Johor. Fuelled by her passion for Traditional Chinese Medicine, she is dedicated to promoting holistic health and wellness through her thoughtfully curated range of products. To learn more about her offerings and packages, follow her on Instagram: @xiangyuan\_official

12 April 2025

Faculty of Business and Management (FBM) and Institute of Actuarial Science and Data Analytics (IASDA)

**Charity Night****A Night to Celebrate, Connect and Give Back**

The FBM and IASDA Charity Night was successfully held at Le Quadri Hotel. The evening featured a variety of exciting activities, including stage performances, a best dressed contest, singing, an award presentation, stand-up comedy, lucky draw, and most importantly, meaningful bonding moments between alumni, staff and students.

The highlight of the event was the fundraising effort, whereby both faculties managed to raise RM4,000 in support of Connaught Old Folks Home and Orphan and Handicap Welfare Homes.

A total of ten alumni returned to support this meaningful initiative, demonstrating their continued commitment to the faculty and its charitable causes.

14 June 2025

Faculty of Business and Management  
**Financial Planning Challenge****Engaging Students, Alumni and Educators**

The Faculty of Business and Management (FBM) successfully organised the Financial Planning Challenge which brought together secondary school students, lecturers and alumni in an interactive learning environment. The main objective was to simulate real-world investment scenarios to help students better understand financial markets and investment strategies. In addition, the FBM alumni shared their insights on financial literacy and student life at UCSI, offering valuable perspectives and encouragement to future learners.

16 June 2025

## Faculty of Engineering Alumni Homecoming



### A Celebration of Excellence

The Faculty of Engineering recently organised its Alumni Homecoming event to celebrate the achievements of its students and to strengthen the ties between the alumni. The event honoured Dean's List recipients, Final Year Project award winners and Board of Engineers Malaysia award recipients.

The alumni were also invited to take part in a forum, deliver guest lectures and join in the celebration of excellence. The event featured an Alumni Sharing Session with four distinguished alumni, Ng Sheng Tat from Chemical Engineering, Joyce Teo Phaik Yi from Civil Engineering, Ben Ken Hoe from Mechatronics Engineering and Tan Jun Zhe from Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

In total, ten alumni returned to support this meaningful initiative, contributing their experiences and insights to inspire the next generation of engineers.



## Aina Abdul

*Bachelor of Contemporary Music (Hons), Class of 2020*

*Artist | Aina Abdul Entertainment director*



### Awards and Recognition

- Three-time winner of the Best Vocal Award at Anugerah Juara Lagu (2022 – 2024)
- Prestige Malaysia 40 Under 40 2022 laureate
- World Championships of Performing Arts: Vocalist of the World 2014 winner

Nurul Aina Abdul binti Abdul Ghani is a Malaysian singer, composer, writer and actress. She has performed on both national and international stages, including in Singapore and South Korea, and has collaborated with local artists. In 2021, she founded Aina Abdul Entertainment, a company dedicated to music, entertainment and lifestyle, where she serves as director.

During her career, Aina has proudly represented Malaysia, performing at the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union Television Music Festival in 2023. The following year, she took the stage alongside other renowned local artists with the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra at the Resonance for a Reason concert.

On 17 April 2025, Nurul Aina Abdul performed at a state dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Datuk Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, in honour of President Xi Jinping's official visit. She shared the stage with national songstress Dato' Sri Siti Nurhaliza.



## Rien Tan Kwon Chong

*Bachelor of Science (Hons) Architectural Technology, Class of 2013*

*Architect | TKCA Architects director | Malaysia Architect Association council member*



“Studying at UCSI changed my perspective on architecture. The University not only focuses on the transfer of knowledge but also exposes us to various aspects of architecture through workshops and community projects. The close encounters we have with end users allow us to recognise our responsibility as professional architects and be more mindful in drafting designs as solutions rather than mere showpieces.”

### Awards and Recognition

- Golden Pin Design Award 2024
- Two silver awards PAM Award 202
- Seoul Design Award 2024
- BlueScope Architectural Award 202
- Asian Young Designer of the Year Award 2016

After graduating, Rien gained international experience by working with architecture firms in Japan, Taiwan and the United States, specialising in residential and office design. He is currently the director of TKCA Architects and a part-time lecturer at various local universities. He is also the founder of ArPlus Group, a tuition centre that helps Part II graduate architects obtain their Part III architectural licence.



## Edna Lee

*Diploma in Graphic Design, Class of 2022*

*Edna Creationz Sdn Bhd director*



### Awards and Recognition

- 2021 Malaysia Book of Records inductee for completing the biggest wall mural painting

In her final year at UCSI, Edna set a national record by completing the largest wall mural painting (14.3m x 12.5m) single-handedly at UCSI Hospital, Negeri Sembilan. She is currently the director of Edna Creationz Sdn Bhd, a company specialising in custom art sneakers.

Over the years, she has collaborated with renowned global brands, including Timberland, Carlsberg, Puma and OPPO. Her company's social media presence continues to grow, with over 20,000 followers to date.



# Congratulations

Dear Alumni,

We are thrilled to announce the newly elected Executive Committee of the UCSI University Alumni Association (Term 2025–2027)!



## Our new Exco:



**President:**  
**Mr James Koo  
Jian Wei**



**Vice-president:**  
**Ms Lee Mei Yan**



**Secretary:**  
**Ms Yeo Minyi**



**Treasurer:**  
**Ms Adeline  
Wong Shin Wee**

They were officially elected by our members during the Annual General Meeting held on 28 June 2025 at UCSI University. We are excited to collaborate with this passionate new team to organise more meaningful, inspiring and engaging alumni initiatives in the near future.

A heartfelt thank you to the previous Executive Committee, led by Mr Kelvin Tai Kee Yui, for their commitment and contributions over the past term. If you are an alumnus eager to reconnect with your UCSI family, we would love to hear from you! Whether you're keen on contributing to career talks, industry networking, business partnerships or youth empowerment, there is always room for passionate individuals like you.

## Committee Members:

- Ms Siti Aisyah Binti Shamsul
- Mr Tan Meng Chuan
- Mr Wilson Cheng Wei Yang
- Mr Jason Wong Xiang Sheng
- Mr Lim Jing Xuan



**Stay tuned for more exciting and impactful alumni activities coming your way!**



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



## **From one to three: UCSI alumnus behind the success of Fluffed Café**



Did you know that the popular Fluffed Café and Dessert Bar has grown from a single outlet to four thriving locations?

The founder, Charles Chong Yew Hong, is a proud UCSI University alumnus, who graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Food Science and Nutrition, Class of 2013. His journey began with the first Fluffed Café outlet in Petaling Jaya.

Driven by a passion for quality and innovation, the brand has built a loyal customer base over the past nine years. Today, Fluffed Café has outlets in Petaling Jaya, Sunway Mentari, Desa ParkCity, and Pasar Seni, continuing to serve market demand with excellence. All waffles, cakes and ice creams are freshly made by Charles himself, staying true to his hands-on approach and culinary vision.

If you haven't tried it yet, we invite you to visit any Fluffed outlet and savour their signature waffles, cakes and ice cream – a sweet success story proudly crafted by one of UCSI's very own.



*Charles (middle) with the UCSI Alumni Association members in 2019*

## IMus Postgraduate Sharing Session



The Institute of Music is proud to welcome back six inspiring alumni for a special session on their postgraduate journeys around the world!

Date: **5 August 2025 (Tuesday)**

Time: **12pm – 2pm**

Venue: C102a, Block C, UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur Campus

Organised by:  

Featured Alumni:

- Michelle Kwan – PhD candidate, United Kingdom
- Chyh Leng – DMA candidate, United States
- Lim Tao – Master’s student, Hungary
- Joshua Sim – Master’s student, Spain
- Andrea Sim and Joey Young – Institute of Music Master’s graduates

They will share their personal stories about studying and living abroad, navigating different cultures and how their time at UCSI has shaped their success in the global music scene. This session is a must-attend for students curious about postgraduate pathways in music – get inspired and get informed!

## World Pharmacists Day and Formulation Scientists Celebrations 2025



Join us as we celebrate the vital contributions of pharmacists and formulation scientists in advancing healthcare and innovation!

Date: **8 September 2025 (Monday)**

Time: **2pm – 6pm**

Venue: UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur Campus

Organised by:  

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8 SUBJECTS MAKE THE TOP 500.

GLOBAL RANK	SUBJECT
= 32 (↑)	Performing Arts (Music)
TOP 100	Hospitality and Leisure Management
TOP 150	Art and Design
TOP 150 (↑)	Petroleum Engineering
TOP 250 (↑)	Business and Management Studies
TOP 450 (NEW)	Chemical Engineering
TOP 500 (NEW)	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
TOP 500 (NEW)	Computer Science and Information Systems
TOP 600 (↑)	Medicine

BROAD SUBJECT RANKINGS	
= 78	Arts and Humanities
= 132	Social Sciences and Management
= 223	Engineering and Technology

Note:

- All listings follow the order of their global rank.
- = indicates that two or more institutions share the same rank or score.

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