UCSI scholars host exclusive Leadership Lecture Series

KUALA LUMPUR: The UCSI Scholars’ (U-SchoS) Club formed by UCSI University Trust Scholarship recipients is hosting the U-SchoS’ Leadership Lecture Series (ULLS) 2014 on 31 May, 2014.

Themed: “Developing the Leader in U”, ULLS is featuring a roster of distinguished speakers who will share their expertise on leadership at the three-day event, which aims to inculcate strong leadership values among young leaders across the country.

The speakers include Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, a writer and social activist, Alvin Ung, author of Barefoot Leadership, Roshan Tirian, CEO of Leaderonomics and Warren Chant, Consultant (Learning & Growth) of UCSI Leadership Development Centre, among others.

According to Dato’ (Dr) Hj. Mohd. Karim Hj. Abdullah Omar, Chairman (Board of Trustees) of UCSI University Trust, the lecture aims to enhance the students’ leadership skills.

By providing precocious students with myriad opportunities for personal and professional development through events and activities, the Trust demonstrates a strong commitment to enhance access to higher education and improve the lives of the community.

“As tomorrow’s leaders, students should take a keen interest in the practice of leadership and strive to make a difference in not just one life, but many,” he said.

“We are certain that this three-day event – themed, ‘Developing the Leader in U’ – will help them in this aspect.”

Notably, ULLS provides the ideal platform for students – from various institutions of higher learning (IHLs) in Malaysia – to not only learn about leadership practices from top leaders but also how they impact the community through their roles and capacities.

In this vein, UCSI Vice-Chancellor, Senior Professor Dato’ Dr Khalid Yusoff added that “many want to be leaders but only a handful want to be followers.”

“We should aspire to be effective leaders and discerning followers. We should be both teacher and student,” he said.

“In the last two days, during the talks and interactions you have had with leaders, shapers and shakers, you’d have learned the 5Es to become an effective leader.”

“Elegance in thought, eloquence in words, exceptional in action, exuberance in deeds, excellence in EQ, ethics and etiquette. That is the essence of university life.”

In this vein, USchoS’ Club President, Cheong John Thong addresses the audience – many of whom are from various universities – and shares his thoughts on what a good leader should be.

“A good leader is a people-mover; one who does not only supervise but guides; one who does not only coordinate but motivates; and above all, a good leader leads others to success. Simply because he knows committed leadership is so much more than mere lip service.”

The leadership lecture will also see an exclusive award – namely, Malaysia’s Top 10 Most Inspiring and Young Personalities Award – being presented to prominent corporate leaders, industry leaders or community champions on 31 May, 2014, the final part of the series for the year.

Among the nominees for the award are Datuk Lee Chong Wei, a Malaysian professional badminton player and Muhammad Zhariff Affandi, founder of The Zhariff Initiative, to name a few.

In total, 31 candidates were nominated by Malaysian students – between 16 and 25 years old – from local public and private IHLs. The Top 10 Most Inspiring and Young Personalities will be selected based on votes by the students.

For more information, please visit uschos.com/ulls/.
AUTHOR of *Barefoot Leadership*, facilitator and coach, Alvin Ung addressing the crowd during the recent leadership lecture.

(FROM left) ULLS Organising Chairperson, Lee Fu Min, My Burger Lab founder, Teoh Wee Kiat, Rockcorps founder, Muhammad Zhariff Affandi, UCSI University Trust Chairman (Board of Trustees), Dato’ (Dr) Hj. Mohd. Karim Hj. Abdullah Omar, UCSI Vice-Chancellor and President, Senior Professor Dato’ Dr Khalid Yusoff, founder of ChristyNg.com, Christy Ng and USchoS’ Club President, Cheong John Thong (right), among other guests, during the leadership lecture.
UCSI Leadership Development Centre Consultant (Learning & Growth), Warren Chant addressing the crowd during his leadership talk titled, 'The Key to Leadership: Setting Priorities'.