

Legacy of love and commitment

LONG acknowledged as one of Malaysia's best private universities, UCSI is rated Tier 5 (Excellent) in the Rating System for Malaysian Higher Education Institutions, the highest rating achieved by universities in Malaysia.

UCSI is now cementing its status in the international arena – the university is one of the few Malaysian private universities to break into the 2015 and 2016 QS Asian University Rankings, a prestigious and competitive annual exercise that evaluates the performance of the world's best universities.

The meteoric rise was no product of luck.

UCSI has made it a point to engage academics at the forefront of their disciplines – 30% of UCSI's academic staff have a PhD – far higher than the 16% average at Malaysian private higher education institutions in 2015 and a further 17% are pursuing their doctorate.

This has, in turn inspired students to expand their boundaries of knowledge.

Cutting-edge research

UCSI's top medical and engineering students are also being selected to pursue

cutting-edge research at Harvard, Imperial College London and Tsinghua University.

More arrangements with collaborative partners in the Ivy League, Russell Group, Universitas 21 and Australia's Group of Eight are in the pipeline.

To cater to its growing student population, UCSI is expanding its operational space by around 92,903sq m through the construction of two new academic blocks at UCSI's main campus in Kuala Lumpur to house state-of-the-art science laboratories, distinctive lecture theatres, classrooms, commercial areas and a multi-level parking facility, among others.

Away from the capital, UCSI is also building Malaysia's first private teaching hospital in the education township of Springhill, Negri Sembilan – part of its commitment to Malaysia's Economic Transformation Programme.

Progressively built in stages, the 1,000-bed hospital will complement a hotel, lifestyle mall and international school that is already operational in the area.

UCSI is also building a new campus in Kuching, Sarawak.

Eco-friendly campus

Designed and built with sustainable architecture, the eco-friendly campus is Green Building Index-certified and promises to boost UCSI's presence in East Malaysia.

With these plans in place,

UCSI will continue producing the best human capital, not only in the industry, but also for it.

UCSI has always been synonymous with graduate employability and runs Malaysia's widest industry-university network involving over 4,000 global companies.

Many of UCSI's industry partners stand out as leaders in their respective fields.

The collaboration opens doors for students in the areas of structured internship programmes, technology transfers, industry exposure and job opportunities.

Internships overseas

Internships overseas are becoming increasingly common and UCSI annually sends students for internship in Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and many other countries each year.

Celebrating its 30th

anniversary in 2016, UCSI disbursed over RM30mil in scholarships and grants in 2016 with another RM30mil pledged this year.

The university was founded on the principle that no deserving student should ever be denied access to higher education.

To date, over RM100mil in scholarships have been disbursed.

This commitment has changed the equation for thousands of talented individuals and is anchored on the transformative power of education – a legacy intertwined with the lives of thousands of students from around the world.

It may be hard to digest but that legacy first started when Datuk Peter Ng founded UCSI on a shoestring budget of RM2,000 30 years ago.

It's quite obvious how much UCSI has flourished and grown over the past three decades.

■ To find out more about UCSI University and its programmes, call 03-9101 8882 or e-mail www.ucsiuniversity.edu.my/onlineenquiry.

The KL campus is also open daily for extended counselling sessions, including weekends and public holidays.

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The UCSI Chorale recently reached the apotheosis of its performing history when it was selected to collaborate with Benjamin Zander and Andreas Delfs – two of the world's most celebrated conductors – and the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra.