



A group photo of secondary students who attended The Uniqversity Life student leader summit at UCSI University.

Undergrads hold leadership summit for secondary school students

TO MAKE a change in the country, one must transform oneself first. Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States, once said, "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Whether it was about the poverty exposed by hurricane Katrina or the genocide in Darfur, as long as Obama felt that he could make a difference, he tirelessly spoke out about those issues and fought until there was a change.

The greatest gift we have as humans is the ability to think and the conscience to discern the most meaningful way to use this ability.

UCSI University (UCSI) scholarship students saw an opportunity to make a change for the betterment of the country and the people by introducing The Uniqversity Life, a student leader summit that

aims to inculcate leadership values among young student leaders from various secondary schools around Malaysia.

Various activities and sessions allow student leaders to discover their talents and potential, challenge their body and mind, and explore on ideas that bring positive change and impact to the society.

Officiating at the closing ceremony of the summit for the second year in a row since 2015 was Deputy Education Minister I Datuk P. Kamalanathan.

He commended the students for continuously inculcating strong leadership values in school and highlighted that student leadership development was one of the pivotal pillars in the Malaysian Education Blueprint 2015-2025.

"Leadership skills is one of the five aspirations set out in the blueprint, both for secondary school as well as university students. It identifies student leaders as those who

possess effective communication skills and who are able to work across cultures and in teams.

"They should also show traits such as entrepreneurship, resilience and confidence," he said.

Organised for the third time this year, the student leaders' summit has expanded to include more young students from around the country and will be held in various states namely Negri Sembilan, Malacca and Johor Baru on April 29, Kuala Lumpur and Selangor on May 6; Penang and Perak on May 13; while the national finale will be held on UCSI campus grounds for three days.

UCSI has also prepared study bursaries worth RM708,000 and a Nation's Best Individual award that consists of a full tuition fee waiver.

To find out more about The Uniqversity Life, visit www.ucsi-university.edu.my/tul2017 or contact 03-91018880 or email erm@ucsiuniversity.edu.my