In light of the recent Muslim-Buddhist clashes among Myanmar nationals, many parents in Myanmar have raised their concern over their children’s safety in Malaysia. In response to growing public concern over these incidents and keeping up with the tradition that every student is OUR family member at UCSI University, the management has taken the necessary precautionary measures to ensure the safety of its students. These measures included priority to students from Myanmar to move to on-campus accommodation to ensure safety and access as well as special guidelines on tackling the matter when in public. Thanks to these guidelines and measures, all Myanmar nationals at UCSI University, may those be students or lecturers, feel safe, happy and satisfied to be at the campus.

Find out what our UCSI community has to say in two exclusive interviews!

**Video Interview**

Aung Sithu Khant, Student, Foundation in Science (Engineering & Architecture)

Link to video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eKFak59SpA

1. **Could you describe what life is like on and off-campus?**

Life in UCSI (University) is fun and vibrant. I have experienced a lot of great memories here, both academically and socially. Of course, the most important factor for an international student is security. UCSI is concerned about the safety of each and every student. Every campus has a security post, and the guards will ensure that visitors are questioned before they are allowed to enter. Also, the University has provided an emergency number for students to contact in case of any emergency. The area around the University is safe as well. There are many food stands and restaurants, where you can try a variety of food. I always go out to try different types of cuisines with my friends almost every day.

2. **What’s your personal opinion about the multicultural environment here at UCSI University?**

38% of the student population here are international students, which means that there are many students that hail from different cultural backgrounds. I have to say that everyone here gets along very well regardless of nationality, ethnicity and religion. Everyone’s friendly. Even in my classes, I do my assignments and projects together with students from different countries; Malaysia, China and even Middle Eastern countries. It’s a truly international environment.

UCSI Resolves Myanmar Parents’ Concerns

**Brief Interview Session**

Ch’ng Su Mon, Lecturer, School of Information Technology, Faculty of Business and Information Science

1. **Could you describe what life is like on and off-campus?**

UCSI University has easy access to numerous amenities such as restaurants, hyper markets, transportation, etc. Life in UCSI is indeed like home for me as the environment is safe. Security is tight — both on and off-campus — and the University’s security personnel conduct routine checks in various areas around the campus such as classrooms, the cafeteria, library, and etc. Security is also posted at the entrance to the University to ensure that strangers or visitors are questioned. I still go about my usual errands (e.g. shopping at Mid Valley and eating fried rice at the local mamak stalls) without any worries.

2. **What would you say to potential students and their parents who are in Myanmar?**

Don’t worry about these incidents. By far, Malaysia is one of the few countries that implements rules and laws strictly. You will not be harmed because of your (religious) beliefs. As far as I know, personal conflicts were involved in some of the above-mentioned clashes. Again, there is nothing to worry about as everything is now stable here.

Laurent Bleu Clinic: Now an EMGS Appointed Clinic!

We are pleased to inform that the Laurent Bleu Clinic — a subsidiary under UCSI Group — is now an Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) appointed panel clinic to conduct health screenings for foreign students and their dependents.

Located in UCSI University’s Kuala Lumpur Campus (North Wing), the Clinic is easily accessible to all students and is most convenient for international students who are required to undergo medical check-ups upon their arrival in Malaysia.

Headed by experienced medical doctors and laboratory personnel who are experts in their fields, the Clinic provides a range of medical services — which are both prompt and cost-effective — for the UCSI community as well as the public.

The clinic’s appointment as the EMGS approved clinic comes as good news for many recruitment partners and students from other educational institutes who were not able to visit other options due to distance, quality of services and accessibility issues. Laurent Bleu Clinic offers them an opportunity to conduct their health screenings at the same rate for UCSI University, with the benefits of immediate access and quality.

We, therefore, invite all partners and students to visit Laurent Bleu Clinic for EMGS required health screening.
New Programmes Offer

Today’s dynamic and ever-changing marketplace demands for quality specialists. To respond to this growing need, UCSI University has designed new programmes that open doors to a wide range of career opportunities.

Needless to say, our panel of experts constantly conducts comprehensive market and industry research to ensure that unique and relevant programmes are added to our University’s programme offerings.

At UCSI, we are committed to shape future leaders. Equipped with fundamental competencies and knowledge, our graduates will be ahead of their peers, no matter where they choose to be.

Some of our new programmes include:

• **MSc Technopreneurship**

UCSI University’s new MSc (Technopreneurship) programme seeks to provide aspiring technopreneurs with strong business acumen and fundamental competencies to create, reinvent and market tech products; from idea conception to commercialisation.

The programme brings industry learning into the classroom by leveraging the expertise of adjunct professors and industry players in renowned multinational corporations such as Intel, Maybank and Hilti; experts who are keen to share their experiences, knowledge and opinions on current ICT issues in guest lectures with learners.

• **MSc Food Science with Business Management**

Designed to equip postgraduate learners with the aptitude and mentality to excel, the coursework-based MSc Food Science with Business Management adopts an interdisciplinary approach that addresses present – and future – problems in the multi-billion-dollar food industry.

Addressing pertinent aspects of the all-important sector like food production, analyses, quality and safety; the programme also exposes learners to management, finance, marketing and entrepreneurship.

• **Dip. Engineering (Materials Science)**

Materials science emphasises the relationship between synthesis and processing of materials, the structure (of materials) at atomic scales and their macroscopic properties. Material properties can be tailored by manipulating its composition and structure through synthesis and processing.

This programme was designed to build a strong foundation of knowledge that incorporates the elements of applied physics and chemistry at the introductory level in Year 1. At a later stage, students will be exposed to metallurgy, polymer science, ceramics and composites, and will be trained to handle various instruments and tools for characterisation and analysis through practical sessions and cooperative placements.

• **BBA (Hons) Islamic Banking & Finance**

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UCSI students awarded four prizes at shoe competition

12 of UCSI University’s (UCSI) De Institute of Art and Design (DIAND) students bagged third place and three consolation prizes – in the ‘Miniature Design’ and ‘Creative Arts’ categories – at the recent Malaysian International Shoe Festival (MISF) prize presentation ceremony.

Themed ‘Seven Deadly Sins’, the students’ well-crafted shoe designs easily captured the hearts of the judges, seven of whom were selected as finalists in the ongoing Malaysia Footwear Design Competition.

All student designs were showcased at the International Shoe Festival in Guangzhou in early June this year.

The ceremony was attended by prominent industry leaders including UCSI Group founder and chairman Dato’ Peter Ng; renowned designer Mr Bill Keith; and Malaysian Footwear Manufacturers Association (MFMA) president Mr Tony Ting.

“We have been very aggressively promoting Malaysian-made shoes and participate in a lot of shoe exhibitions around the world,” said Mr Tony Ting, adding that MFMA tries to provide students with a good platform so that they can get a good feel of the industry.

Dato’ Peter also highlighted that it was important for budding designers to put to practice what they had learned in class, pointing out that ‘Malaysia is not short of world-class talent and craftsmanship when it comes to shoes and fashion’.

According to the Tourism Ministry, he said, our country is ranked 19th worldwide in terms of shoe exports, garnering a total of USD200mil from markets like Brazil, Mexico and Asean countries.

Undeniably, the shoe industry is still growing on the local front.

But with international events like MISF that enable homegrown designers to hone their talent, it is certain that Malaysia will soon be on par with other world-class footwear exporters.

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