

# Celebrating varsity's three decades

UCSI organised the UCSI Family Day Charity Carnival recently to mark its three decades in the education industry.

UCSI chancellor Tan Sri Dr Abdul Rahman Arshad said such an event was important to strengthen the bonds between all UCSI members as well as the community.

"Like all the best families, we may have our tiffs and disagreements, but our bond must never be broken.

"I believe this is how UCSI has grown from strength to strength for 30 years," he said at the event.

UCSI founder and Group CEO Datuk Peter Ng credited the university for setting the bar for the entire UCSI Group.

"As the 'firstborn', the university has also set the pace for UCSI Group not just in the area of monumental growth but also in terms of our integrity, audacity, perseverance and timeless core values.

"These values form the bedrock of UCSI's promise to society — one that holds that the transformational power of education can set one's path towards unimagined potential," he said.

Speaking on the future of the university, UCSI vice-chancellor and president Senior Prof Datuk Dr



**Happy occasion:** (from left) Ng, Dr Abdul Rahman and Prof Khalid cutting the cake to mark the institution's 30th anniversary celebration during the carnival.

Khalid Yusoff shared his plans to elevate the institution even higher.

"By now we have 30 years of experience.

"We are building a strong foundation with solid confidence to move

forward because we are in it together — you and me," he said.

Among the activities held during the carnival was the Freedom Run

marathon that raised RM40,000. This will be disbursed to 10

non-governmental organisations.

These are Charis-NKF Dialysis Centre, the National Autism Society of Malaysia, Hospis Malaysia Cheras, Home for Special People, Cheras, Lotus Charity Centre,

KIRTARSH Home for Special Children, Rainbow Home, Generasi Gemilang Foundation, Yayasan Budi Penayang Malaysia and Impact Team Food Aid.

A thousand participants including members of the public took part in the marathon.

It was divided into the 6km and 10km male and female categories. The first place winners for each of the 6km and 10km categories are Enock Kipchirchir and Danielle Nant as well as Jacob Kitur and Sangeetha Subraniam respectively. The winners received RM500 each while the first runners-up and the second runners were awarded RM300 and RM200 respectively.

Malaysia Foundation trustee Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye who was at the prize presentation, said in his speech that to become a developed nation, a caring society must be fostered.

"This is not only for the purpose of our national vision but for the sake of the poor, the needy and the less fortunate," he said.

Other activities held during the carnival were free optometry and health tests as well as zumba sessions. Over 70 food and games booths were also set up around the campus.