



Ramadan Mubarak

The blessed month of *Ramadan* is here again. Muslims in Malaysia will observe *Ramadan* on Thursday 23, March 2023. It is a time of spiritual reflection, prayers, and fasting that lasts for one month every year. During this time, Muslims abstain from food and drink during the day to focus on their faith and practice self-discipline. *Ramadan* is also called the month of the *Quran* because it is during this month that the *Quran* was revealed as guidance for mankind. During this blessed month, Muslims around the world strive to read the *Holy Quran* in its entirety, emphasising the importance of acquiring knowledge. As the old saying goes, 'Knowledge is power'. Each and every one of us has an obligation to strive for knowledge regardless of our background or social status. We all have the same right to education and strive for knowledge to improve and empower ourselves and our communities.

At UCSI, we operate ethically and with the highest standards of efficiency, while instilling values of diversity and inclusiveness, to sustain the vision for future generations. Recognising these values, UCSI University is committed to providing industry-relevant knowledge and skills for the 21st-century workforce. We ensure that our curriculums and courses are aligned with industry standards to produce highly employable and entrepreneurial graduates from all socio-economic backgrounds. Our students come from more than 110 different countries and over 12,000 students are studying a wide range of programmes at all four campuses. In addition to the excellent academic performance, the university is distinguished by a wide diversity of students from different cultures, nationalities, and all walks of life who share common values and celebrate each other's individuality. It is a university that attracts students from all over the world.

As we begin the holy month of *Ramadan*, may we all be blessed with the strength and patience to bear our daily challenges. May we be able to forgive the wrongdoings committed against us, show mercy to those who wronged us and finally, may we have the strength to share with those in need. Let us invite our Muslim and non-Muslim friends from various backgrounds to join us in breaking the fast together this *Ramadan*.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful and fruitful *Ramadan*.

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