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Message from the Vice-Chancellor

Time and tide waits for no man! In a wink, it has been more than 6 months since my appointment as the Vice Chancellor at Nilai University. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the academic and professional staff who have supported me thus far, never short of views and I look forward to a more collective effort, that will steer students towards a thorough yet balanced learning experience at Nilai University.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new students, from various parts of the world to Nilai University. The recent tea party organised by the Department of Student Affairs, was a good platform to meet. Here, at Nilai University, I would encourage you to strike a balance between your studies and recreation. Nilai University, set within a conducive yet natural environment offers a wide range of recreational and sporting facilities for a balanced learning environment. Besides preparing you for the world at large, I hope that by adopting a balanced student-life, you will be able to foster lasting friendships and virtues that will carry you through life.

In addition, students must strive to master their specific core syllabus. The essential objectives of Outcome-Based Education (OBE) and Knowledge-Based Education (KBE) must be applied and achieved in Nilai University's learning environment. It is equally important for students to sharpen their soft skills such as analytical thinking, problem-solving, communication skills,



time management and teamwork. Nilai University's specialised programmes integrate all these components in the core syllabus.

Since 2016, I have been invited to Miyazaki University in Japan, as a visiting professor. From my observation there, I noticed and learned the 3 time-tested virtues taught in the Japanese Education System namely; discipline, hardwork and result oriented

Without a doubt, Nilai University has the potential to be known for its specialised programmes in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, Nursing, Hospitality, Applied Sciences, Business and all Engineering Programmes offered has Profesional Recognition.

Nilai University marked another significant milestone when the Ministry of Education named the University as the Pusat Sukan Tumpuan KPT (PST – Fencing), nationwide and also hosted the ONE WORLD CULTURE With EMGS (Education Malaysia Global Services) for nine consecutive years.

Alongside academic development, it is also my aspiration to promote Nilai University's franchise programmes nationally and internationally. To date, we have successfully carried out our franchise programmes locally in Sabah and internationally in Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Another ambitious priority that I have on my list, would be to put Nilai University on the map as a research-led university known for its excellence in teaching, innovative research and invention.

Hence, I have every confidence that with collective dedication and the creativity of management, staff and students, we will gradually progress towards NILAI UNIVERSITY 2019/2020 THEME: Academic Networking and Internationalisation.



**Prof. Dr. Roslan
Zainal Abidin**
Vice-Chancellor, Nilai
University



ONE WORLD culture 2018

International Students Cultural Festival

In Celebration of Song & Dance

The 9th One World Culture was organised in collaboration with the Education Malaysia Global Service with the aim to showcase art and culture from different nationalities. Contestants were from Uniten, Asia Pacific University, Xiamen, UTM, HELP, Unisel, and USM.

Distinguished guests present were from Education Malaysia Global Service, Ministry of Education and the Vice Chancellor of Nilai University, Prof Dr. Roslan Bin Zainal Abidin who graced this notable event.

The 9th One World Culture is an excellent platform for contesting students to get a chance of gaining exposure to a variety of international culture. The organisers encouraged entries from all Universities in Malaysia. Over 100 participants from various institutions across Malaysia arrived at Nilai University on 9 and 10 November 2018, to pitch their talents against one another in this Singing and Dance Competition.

This yearly event matches the high standards of any television talent show, with comparable professionalism and unwavering commitment from contestants. Appearing resplendent in their colourful costumes, contestants practise wholeheartedly rendering near-to-flawless performance there, thus, raising the bar each year. The performances of rhythmic songs twined round stories of their countrymen and native land, transported audience and judges to a soulful experience of the different cultures.



One World Culture 2018



This competition requires international students from any local university to perform their talent in one of these three categories; 1) Singing Nusantara 2) International category or 3) Dance category. Prizes included both trophies and cash. It was an intense battle of flair and finesse.

During the closing ceremony, the best teams will once again own the stage and dazzle the audience with their performance. The 9th One World Festival came to a close on 10th November at President Hall with outstanding performances from Nilai University's 24 Festive Drum Team and Guest Artist Norfadzilah.



School of Hospitality and Tourism Mini-Symposium



Subsequent to the symposium, several papers that have the potential to be published have been submitted to the Journal of Contemporary Hospitality and Tourism Management and Journal of Culture and Heritage for publication opportunities.

The School of Hospitality and Tourism conducted a Mini-Symposium on Sustainable Tourism as an assessment for the CH3396 Issues in International Hospitality and Tourism Management class on the 16th of October 2018. The purpose of the Symposium was to share research papers that were written by final year B.A. (Hons) in Business and Hospitality Management students to foster a research environment within the school. A total of 12 students presented their research papers on the theme "Sustainable Tourism." Numerous topics emerged from this theme. Research papers that caught the attention of the audience were entitled "The Socio-Cultural Factors that contribute toward sustainable Island Tourism in Malaysia" presented by Nur Adlina Fatehah bt. Rosli and "Environmental Factors and Impacts that Contribute to the Sustainability of Cruise Tourism in Europe" presented by Lee Xiao Qi.

Other areas of research included national parks, eco-tourism, full service and low-cost airlines as well as ethnic restaurant sustainability. The best research presentation as decided by five lecturers- reviewers from the School of Accounting and Finance; Dr. Loo Wee Hong, School of Marketing and Management; Ms. Sujatha Balakrishna and School of Hospitality and Tourism; Datin Maimunah Sulaiman, Ms. Junaidah Harsha, Ms. Puteri Nur Naquiah bt. Datu Bandira was by Ler Zi You entitled "Tourism Sustainability: Socio-Cultural Factors and Benefits towards Malaysian Heritage Food." This presentation reflected a systematic and critical literature review on the topic. The five lecturer-reviewers present also provided valuable feedback for the presenters as they identified several research gaps during the entire symposium.

Subsequently, several papers with the potential to be published have been submitted to the Journal of Contemporary Hospitality and Tourism Management and Journal of Culture and Heritage for publication. Overall, this symposium achieved its objective of fostering a more exciting research environment for the School to extend learning beyond the classroom, kitchen and laboratories to discourse with academics within the campus, and on a global scale on current issues in Hospitality and Tourism.

PST – KPM Fencing League Final Circuit 2018

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Sports Focus Centre–Fencing (PST Fencing) of Nilai University hosted the 5th PST–KPM Fencing League Final Circuit on 27th October 2018 at Nilai University's President Hall. The Principal Assistant Secretary of Sports Division, MOHE, Mr. Tony Azman, was the guest of honour for this event.

Since 2014, each Fencing League Circuit has promoted further fencing excellence amongst fencers in the region. To mark our milestone, recently, the 5th PST-KPM Fencing League Final Circuit attracted over 60 fencers throughout Malaysia.

PST–KPM Fencing League is the first fencing league in Malaysia, attracting most of the elite, state and beginners to compete and gain more experience and ranking, for upcoming events. The overall champions received cash prizes, certificates and medals.

In our backyard, Nilai University's final year student, Joshua Koh I Jie (former Sea Games medalist and winner of the Men's Epee) said he is proud to represent Nilai University. He is grateful for every opportunity to sharpen his talent in fencing and further remarked that PST has relentlessly promoted fencing to avid youths. Thus, he hopes that fencing will soon become a favourite sport in Nilai U and other universities.





Convocation 18th August 2018

President Hall, Nilai University





Nuggets of wisdom by Valedictorian, Tai Mei Chyi

“There is no doubt that Nilai University has provided us a holistic education with its well-structured programmes. The specialisation in the curriculum helps us be knowledgeable and competent in our fields while the general education components help us develop our communication, teamwork, critical thinking and organisational skills. This, I believe, has differentiated us from the graduates of other institutions...”

Tai Mei Chyi
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance
Valedictorian, Class of 2018





International Friendship Game

In October 2018, Nilai University hosted the 3rd International Friendship Games. Approximately 80 athletes and officials from competing contingents; Thonburi University, University Putra Malaysia and Nilai University stayed at Nilai University's campus from 5th to 7th October 2018.

With settled weather, the matches of 3 on 3 Basketball, Futsal and Table Tennis went on smoothly as planned and players competed with tenacity and vigor.

University Putra initiated the annual International Friendship Games Malaysia with the sole intention to foster and strengthen friendships amongst varsity students from participating universities within this region. It also acts as a venue for athletes and university officials to exchange ideas on students' overall development in sports and academics.

Three universities namely; Nilai University, Thonburi University, and University Putra Malaysia were the forerunners in the first International Friendship Games. In the second year, four universities joined this sporting event in Thailand. This year, winning teams came from different universities; University Putra Malaysia won the basketball game, Thonburi University clinched the 1st place in futsal while the host Nilai University, led the way in Table Tennis. To conclude this year's International Friendship Games, Prof Dr. Roslan, Vice Chancellor of Nilai University motivated with inspiring words during the prize-giving ceremony.

"We encourage continuous collaboration with more universities to organise and promote this annual sporting event where meaningful friendships amongst players will eventually flourish through a true spirit of good sportsmanship. Needless to say, I envision that Nilai University will garner further recognition in organising both local and international sporting events." said Prof Roslan

Baarith Raajrathnam, Nilai University Basketball team captain who hails from Sri Lanka said, "This is also a great networking opportunity for players."

Extending the warm gesture of Malaysian hospitality, we organised a personalised tour to Nilai 3, Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur for all players and officials, while players from Thonburi University were awed by the Malaysian gastronomical experience.



Practical demonstration at Inno Bio - Producing Biosimilars



This year, Inno Biologics Ventures Sdn Bhd, Nilai, organised a practical demonstration entitled - Industrial Classroom & Hands-on: The processes in producing biosimilars on 3rd July 2018 in their premise.

Inno Biologics Ventures Sdn Bhd, gave our final year students from the Bachelor of Science (Hons) the opportunity to take part in this experiential-learning demonstration. They experienced firsthand step-by-step processes of producing biosimilars (biological products similar to the original drug but with no difference in terms of safety, purity, and potency).

During the 2nd session, students explored both upstream and downstream processes of biopharmaceutical. They were engaged in the experiments on how to thaw and subculture mammalian cells; to upscale the production of a drug via fermentation using a bioreactor, and finally on how to purify the drug.

Performing these experiments paved the way for final year students to develop further insights on theories discussed and taught in their course module - "Manufacturing drugs and pharmaceutical."

All participating students were thrilled with the practical experience gained.



2nd Inter-School Game programming Competition

Over 150 students were present at the grand final of the 2nd Inter-School Game Programming Competition held on November 12, 2018, at Nilai University. This competition was organised by the School of Computing, Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology, supported by Malaysian Digital Economy Malaysia (MDEC), MBITS Digital Sdn. Bhd. and MVTV Asia Sdn. Bhd. Nine shortlisted teams from Seremban, Mantin and Nilai took part in this competition. The teams were Crozwn, Semarak Gamers, Kaminoko, IT Freaks, Explorians, MB Tech, MB Tech 2, Redza Junior Programmer 1, and Redza Junior Programmer 2.

A list of critical objectives outlined included; 1) To enhance students' problem solving and programming skills, to cultivate talent in IT and Game development at Secondary schools; 2) To create the awareness of the IT and game development industry in Malaysia and; 3) To promote the computing programmes at Nilai University.

The event started with the synchronized and thunderous beats of drums performed by Nilai University's 24 Festive Drum Team. The Vice-Chancellor of Nilai University, Prof. Dr. Roslan Zainal Abidin, in his opening message, emphasised that software developers are among the most sought-after professionals in the world today, and the employment of software developers is projected to grow up to 24 percent from 2016 to 2026. Developing games is an effective method to captivate students' interest in programming. The Interschool game competition is a significant initiative that will motivate students to study computing especially in software and game development

We were honoured to have Pn Radziah Abdul Manap, Ketua Sektor Pengurusan Akademik, Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sembilan who officiated this event. She congratulated the school for organising this event for two consecutive years and acknowledged that this was an excellent platform for secondary school students especially for those who are studying Computer Science to learn, experience and show their problem solving and programming skills in game development. She urged secondary school students who are doing the Computer Science to participate in such events.

Mr. Bazil Akmal Bidin from MDEC spoke about the variety of programmes and opportunities in game training and game competition organised by MDEC for teachers, school students, and university students. The speaker also shared the success stories of Malaysian game designers and developers who are currently working overseas in the game industry.



Mr. Zhi Wei Tan from Dream Tree Sdn. Bhd shared his experience as a successful game developer and pointed out that to become a game developer one must have strong programming skills. Programmers creatively craft the world of game play, turning it to life for players. "Students should prepare for their future careers focusing on a few domains such as Big Data, Network Security, Internet of Things (IOT) Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Networking technologies, and others. Besides gaining academic qualifications, students should also focus on getting trade and professional qualifications such as EC, CompTIA, Cisco, AWS. Armed with these qualifications, students will adapt easily to this industry within a shorter period," advised Mr. TamilSelvan Kuppan from MBITS Digital Sdn. Bhd. and MVTV Asia Sdn. Bhd.

Teams from each school showcased their storyboard and edutainment games written using various software such as Unity, Scratch, Alice and Java. Mr. Bazil Akmal Bidin and Ms. Khairunnisa Saharuddin from MDEC, Mr. Tamilselvan Kuppan from MBits Digital Sdn. Bhd and MVTV Asia Sdn. Bhd., Mr. Zhi Wei Tan from Dream Tree Sdn. Bhd., Ms. Reni from Arvato Bertelsmann and Ms. Rajesvary Rajoo, a staff member from the School of Computing, evaluated and judged this competition.



An award ceremony for all finalists concluded this competition. Team Semarak Gamers from SMK Semarak made their way to the top, as champions. Coincidentally, team Kaminoko and IT Freaks from SMK Dato Mohd Said Nilai secured second and third positions. Jaeynna Pereira from SMK Dato' Mohd Said received the best presenter award. Last but not least, SMK Mantin claimed the best booth award.

We presented prizes comprising laptops and mini projectors to schools, while winning teams received medals and cash prizes. The prize sponsors included Hazwaze Enterprise, Extreme Broadband Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC), MBits Digital Sdn. Bhd., MVTV Asia Sdn. Bhd., Golden Pailion Enterprise, Copy Century Sales & Services, Bamboo Briyani, Al-Zahara Restaurant, Prof Ir Dr Abu Bakar Mahat, Mr. Meunjit Singh A/L Peara Singh, Mr. Beh Han Siang, Ms. Ng Koi Yee, Mr. Manivannan a/I Rajoo, Mr. Low Boon Hui, Ms. Kuah Choq Kee and Ms. Rozita Yati Masri.



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Felda students @ Pink October

Nila Medical Center (MNC) organised Pink October on 21 October 2018. Pink October is an event that aims to raise awareness for Breast Cancer and Healthy Lifestyle amongst the community in Nilai.

Pink October is the most significant charity fundraising event, and MNC invited our nursing students to participate. Ten students, including 8 students under the Felda Scholarship Scheme assisted NMC. As part of the community service, our students helped conduct blood pressure and glucose test and calculated the right body mass index (BMI) for the public. Other activities, such as Zumba and a blood donation campaign were held. Also, the crowd enjoyed a wide variety of delicacies sold from several food truck vendors.





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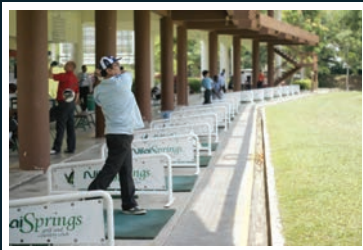
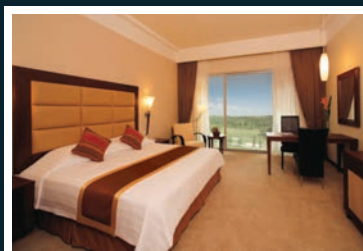
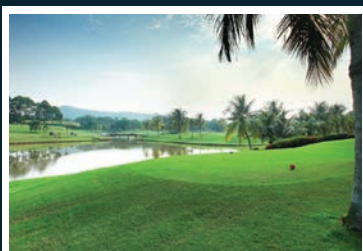
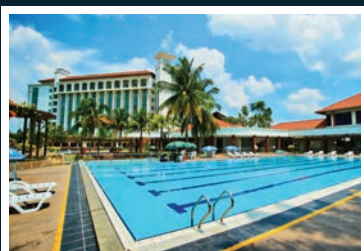
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