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ENCORE: THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the FASS Newsletter!

I am proud to introduce you to the first edition of *Encore: the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Newsletter*. This publication is a record of who we are as a faculty and how we continue to grow together. By gathering our news, stories, and achievements in one place, we are building a living archive of the creativity and dedication that define our community.

Within these pages, you will find recognition of colleagues who are publishing books, leading research projects, and contributing to important debates in Malaysia and across the world. Their scholarship demonstrates how the arts and social sciences shape the way societies understand themselves. The newsletter allows us to highlight these achievements and ensure they are seen and remembered.

It also provides a way to track our many collaborations with partners in government, NGOs, industry, and cultural institutions. These links show how our ideas move beyond the university, influencing policies, supporting communities, and sparking public conversations. By chronicling them here, we can better appreciate the scope of our impact.

Just as importantly, the newsletter showcases teaching and student life. It records the energy our staff bring into the classroom and the initiatives our students pursue from creative projects to community work. Together, these stories reflect the spirit of our faculty.

At a time of change within the University, this record is especially valuable. Whatever shifts around us, this newsletter will remind us that we flourish as a community when we share, reflect, and celebrate together.

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Dr Fuad Rahmat

Featured in this issue:

FASS in the
media

Cross-campus
activities

Research impact
stories

Award winners
across FASS

Innovation in
teaching and
learning

Partnerships
and outreach



Dean's Executive Office

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) is entering an important new chapter. Since taking up the role of Dean in July, I have seen first-hand the creativity, commitment, and collaborative spirit that define this Faculty. These qualities underpin our teaching and research, and guide the ways we engage with communities, industry, and partners across Malaysia and the wider region.

As the University of Nottingham Malaysia marks its 25th year, FASS is strengthening its programmes, expanding interdisciplinary research, and deepening collaborations across our tricampus network. At the core of this work is a belief in the role of the arts and social sciences in shaping ideas, policies, and practices that matter.

Our Faculty continues to bridge scholarship and practice - whether through internships and work-like experiences that prepare students for the workplace, policy work that informs decision-making, or community collaborations that support inclusive futures. We are also exploring new spaces for innovation that will allow us to work more closely with partners in industry and the creative sector.

Looking ahead, our focus is to ensure that FASS remains a place where ideas move across disciplines, campuses, and sectors; where students develop the skills and confidence to make an impact; and where our partners recognise lasting value in working alongside us. Together, we can strengthen the role of the arts and social sciences in shaping more connected and resilient societies.

Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences,
University of Nottingham Malaysia

Professor Dr Joanne Lim



Spotlight

Reflection: The Formation of the FASS Newsletter

The FASS Newsletter began as a simple idea to gather updates across the Faculty events (FASS EVENTS). It has since grown into a platform that connects the Dean's Office, Schools, and academe functions such as Teaching & Learning, Research, Recruitment & Marketing and External Engagement, and Awards winners across FASS into one shared story. More than just deadlines and templates, it captures milestones that reflect who we are as a Faculty community, and Ms **Yeong Woon Chin** look forward to shaping future editions that showcase what we achieve together.



Impact stories

Shaping Media Standards through National Guidelines on Ethical Suicide Reporting and Content Sharing

In 2024, Ms **Chan Wen Li** joined the Working Group on Ethical Reporting and Sharing of Suicide-Related Content, chaired by the Content Forum of Malaysia. The group's collaborative efforts led to the launch of Malaysia's first national guidelines on 3 June 2025, officiated by the Minister of Communications. These guidelines extend beyond newsrooms to all content creators, and Wen Li is now recognised on the Content Forum's official List of Experts.

Read the Guide [**Meet** the Experts

More on Impact Stories...



Dr Ho Ying Chan Presents at ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute Workshop

Dr **Ho Ying Chan**, from the School of Politics and International Relations, presented his paper “Between Ethnic Primacy and Diversity: Malaysia’s Multiethnic Nationalism amidst Ethnic Polarisation” at the ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute workshop in Singapore on 29 July 2025.

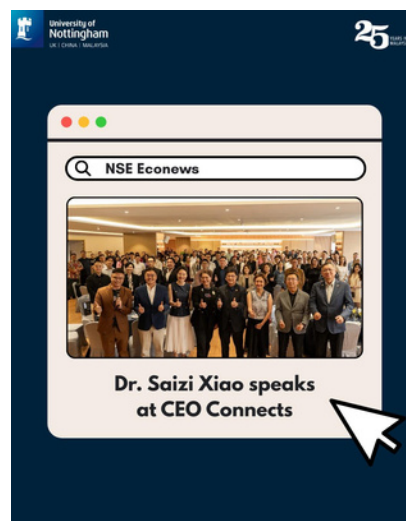
His contribution enriched regional academic dialogue on identity and diversity, offering critical perspectives on Malaysia’s evolving political and social landscape.



Dr Tricia Yeoh on BBC World Questions Panel

Dr **Tricia Yeoh** joined a distinguished panel on BBC World Questions in Kuala Lumpur, alongside YB Wan Ahmad Fayhsal, Senator Dr Fuziah Salleh, and Dr Vilashini Somiah. The debate, chaired by Jonny Dymond, explored issues such as freedom of speech, political accountability, gender and affirmative action, and Malaysia’s national identity.

The session was lively and engaging, with strong audience participation on topics ranging from the cost of living to regional trade challenges.



Dr Saizi Xiao at CEO Connects

On 1 August, Dr **Saizi Xiao** from the School of Economics delivered a keynote at the CEO Connects Event, co-hosted by Media Prima OMNiA and the SME Association of Malaysia.

Speaking to over 100 SMEs, she shared insights on how U.S. tariff policies are shaping Malaysia’s economic outlook, and how businesses can stay resilient in today’s global economy.

Dr Risky Harisa Haslan at the Team Psychological Safety Conference

On 23 June, Dr **Risky Harisa Haslan** from Institute of Work, Organisation and Wellbeing spoke at the Team Psychological Safety Conference 2025, organised by Cultural Impact. Her session highlighted the importance of open dialogue in building trust within teams, while her engagement with fellow participants underscored her commitment to advancing inclusive approaches to workplace wellbeing.



More on Impact Stories, our PhD candidates...

WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT CASE STUDY SMALL GRANTS (CSSG) PROGRAMME



Congratulations to the recipients of the APPGM-SDG Case Study Small Grants (CSSG) for Young Researchers!

Chung Jia Yiing

University of Nottingham Malaysia
Co-Designing Culturally Responsive Digital Solutions for Inclusive Education: A Qualitative Case Study Among Orang Asli Communities in Kelantan

Shivakaaminii

HELP University
Through Their Eyes: Understanding Malaysian Indian Women's Experiences of Sexual Trauma

Ku Nurasyiqin Ku Amir

Universiti Utara Malaysia
Cultivating Sovereignty: Bottom-Up Approaches in Alternative Paddy Farming in Sik, Kedah

Mohd Shafiq Bin Hassan

Universiti Malaysia Sabah
Conservation Behaviour and Sustainable Livelihoods in the Kinabalu UNESCO Global Geopark: Applying the Integrative Model of Behaviour Prediction

Thirresh Guna Segaran

Sunway University
Developing Culturally Relevant Reminiscence Therapy (RT) Materials for Malaysian Older Adults: A Case Study Approach

Nur Nadia Lukmanulhakim

University of Nottingham Malaysia/North-South Initiative
Education access among Rohingya women in Malaysia: Challenges and Opportunities

Abdullah Bin Nishad Mohamed

Universiti Malaya
Primary Education Inequity Among Orang Asli Students in Gerik, Perak, Malaysia

Jeremy Lim, Ooi Kok Hin, Zikri Rahman

Sustainable Development Solutions Network Malaysia, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Pusat Sejarah Rakyat
Organising as Participatory Policymaking

Celebrating Our APPGM–CSSG Grant Recipients

Two PhD candidates from FASS, Ms **Chung Jia Yiing (IWOW)** and Ms **Nur Nadia Lukmanulhakim (School of Humanities)**, have been awarded the prestigious APPGM–CSSG grant in May this year.

Their success reflects the Faculty's vibrant, socially responsive research culture and commitment to impactful, community-driven work aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

To learn more about their work, please contact the Faculty's ARM and External Engagement team by [email](#).

Teaching and Learning

Dr Wendy Gan Receives the Lord Dearing Award

Dr Wendy Gan, from the Institute of Work, Organisation and Wellbeing, has been awarded the prestigious **Lord Dearing Award** for her outstanding contributions to student learning and experience.

Recognised for her innovative use of **LEGO® Serious Play** in teaching, she has redefined classroom engagement by unlocking creativity, fostering collaboration, and promoting student-centred learning.





Connecting worlds



The School of Politics and International Relations academic forum with University Utara Malaysia

Earlier this June, the School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR) welcomed students and staff from Universiti Utara Malaysia's PSPUUM for a day of dialogue and exchange. The visit featured rich discussions on ASEAN regional issues, with contributions from Dr Awang Dharfizi and SPIR faculty members, alongside student-led initiatives that highlighted the value of collaboration and academic diplomacy.

The forum session was ably moderated by Ms **Emma Gerard (SPIR)**, creating space for engaging dialogue and meaningful exchange among participants.





2nd AWANI AI Roundtable: Journalism in the Age of AI



The second AWANI AI Roundtable brought together Ashwad Ismail, Professor Zaharom Nain, and Dr **Gayathry Venkiteswaran** to discuss how AI is transforming newsrooms, from workflows to storytelling. The panel emphasised that beyond speed and capability, AI in journalism must be guided by ethics and responsibility to uphold trust, integrity, and the public good.

Extracted from Hafiz Marzuki's LinkedIn post

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