

OUT OF THE ASHES



An experiment at work

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), like the proverbial phoenix, arose out of the ashes of a long colonial past to hold aloft with pride Malaysia's cultural and linguistic legacies.

On 18 May 1970, UKM was borne out of national aspirations to establish a premier university that affirms and promotes the value of the Malay language as a language capable of globalizing knowledge within the framework of the national culture. In the context of these nationalistic visions, UKM strives to be a leading and competitive international centre of knowledge that stimulates the development of technologies beneficial to global society.

Even though the national language is privileged as the main language of deliverance in UKM, the university has come up with strategies to encourage students to enhance their proficiency in English as well as other major foreign languages such as French, German, Arabic, Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Thai and many others.



International Students

A Research University

Today, UKM is recognized as one of four research universities in Malaysia. UKM boasts twelve well-established faculties, thirteen institutes and eleven centres. In addition, UKM has established a private limited holding company known as UKM Holdings, which handles the commercial activity of UKM. UKM Holdings works closely with the Centre for Research and Innovation.

Through efforts to develop focus for its research and Innovation activities, the university has streamlined its research activities along the following niche areas: National Identity, Multiculturalism and Globalization; Regional Sustainable Development; Renewable Energy,

Medical and Health Technology; Climate Change; Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials and Biodiversity for Biotechnology Development.

UKM has played host to more than 120 institutions and organizations from countries all over the world including those from ASEAN, Asia, Europe and America. Such visits have paved the way for forging closer international ties in the areas of academic research and academic and student exchange.

Well Rounded

UKM offers more than 270 programmes in major disciplines and is well known for its medical and engineering courses. In the 2007 to 2008



The university campus



Entrance of the university



In class

academic session, UKM enrolled 1,613 overseas students for all levels of studies. It offers quality education and research led by 2,105 academics and is one of the prominent research universities in Malaysia.

The main campus of UKM is situated in Bangi which sits about 35 km south of Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia. Nestled in a valley with exotic green surroundings, the campus buildings are designed



The driveway to the campus



A graduating ceremony



Sports facilities at the university

to complement its landscape of national forest skyline. The University also has a branch campus- the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Allied Health Sciences in Kuala Lumpur. In addition in 1997, the University also started up a teaching hospital called Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (HUKM) in Cheras.

In this era of globalization UKM's mission is to promote national identity beyond the shores of the country. UKM is imbued with both national and international aspirations. This is reflected through the ethos of UKM's aspirations, held firmly within the motto "Inspiring Futures, Nurturing Possibilities".