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PRESIDENT'S PREFACE

I am delighted to present the Annual Review 2023, showcasing Sunway University's achievements throughout the year, alongside a glimpse into our ambitious plans for 2024.

The year 2023 stands as a pinnacle in the annals of our vibrant campus life. The tapestry of student engagements, conferences, and the distinguished visits from academic, governmental, and industrial luminaries to our chancellery and schools was overwhelming. Notable among these was a three-day visit from our international agents and our inaugural Global Partners Day.

A groundbreaking collaboration emerged with Arizona State University and Cintana, enabling the introduction of a comprehensive set of American Degree programme at Sunway University from September 2024. This innovative partnership promises our students the dual distinction of earning degrees from Sunway University and Arizona State University.

The year witnessed an unprecedented surge in student enrollment, marking a 21% increase in new admissions compared to 2022. Our student body surpassed the 10,000 mark for the first time, reflecting a remarkable 25% growth over the past two years. March saw the appointment of Professor Denny Ng Kok Sum, formerly from Heriot-Watt

University Malaysia, as the new dean of the School of Engineering and Technology, while May welcomed the addition of Professor Chai Lay Ching from Universiti Malaya as our new Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education).

During the year, we proudly inaugurated two new schools: the School of American Education under the stewardship of Dean Sim Sze Ying and the School of Education led by Dean Malissa Maria Mahmud. Notably, the School of American Education was conceived to support our collaboration with Arizona State University, while the School of Education was established to spearhead groundbreaking programmes such as an online Masters in Education and advanced research initiatives in the field of education.

A pivotal highlight of the year was the refinement and piloting of three foundational study topics slated for implementation in 2024/2025. These encompass mandatory for-credit courses in Integrity and Sustainable Development, Community Service for Planetary Health, and Entrepreneurial Mindset and Skills aimed at nurturing well-rounded and socially conscious graduates.

Sunway University's academic prowess was further underscored by the esteemed addition of several Clarivate Highly Cited scientists, including Professor



Muhammad Hannan, Professor Ong Hwai Chyuan, and Professor Linda Hollebeek. Additionally, the influx of distinguished scholars such as Professor Goh Bey Hing, Associate Professor Sitara Karim, and Professor Rebecca Wong, all ranked among the top 2% globally, further established Sunway University as a centre of scholarly excellence.

In tandem with our academic achievements, Sunway University witnessed a meteoric rise in research output, with a staggering 43% increase in publications listed in Scopus compared to 2022. Our contributions to Web of Science articles and review articles surpassed the 1,000 mark for the first time, accounting for 4.2% of all articles published in Malaysia. Notably, our publications boasted an exemplary citation-per-paper ratio, placing us among the global elite in academic citation metrics.

The year 2023 also marked significant progress in our infrastructure endeavours, with substantial advancements in the development of two new university facilities. The imminent completion of the new Sunway Business School and School of Arts building by 2025, alongside the new Engineering building which will be fully equipped for the delivery of Mechanical and Civil Engineering programmes, underscores our commitment to a high quality student learning experience.

A significant stride towards the establishment of our Sir Jeffrey Cheah Medical School was realised through a landmark MOA with Sunway Medical Center, paving the way for the inception of undergraduate and postgraduate medical programmes in public-private collaborations with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Universiti Malaya. Moreover, Our commitment to sustainability and societal impact was exemplified through the publication of our third Annual SDG

report, encapsulating our multifaceted initiatives towards advancing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

In the realm of sports and extracurricular achievements, Sunway students showcased unparalleled prowess, clinching numerous accolades and medals across various platforms, further affirming our commitment to holistic student development.

The culmination of our efforts was reflected in our soaring rankings, with Sunway University securing top honours as the #1 private university in ASEAN by the AppliedHE ranking. Additionally, our ascent in global rankings, notably in the THE World Universities ranking and QS ranking, underscores our continuous pursuit of academic excellence and global recognition.

In a year adorned with accolades, our Founder and Chancellor, Tan Sri Sir Jeffrey Cheah was knighted by King Charles III as Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) in recognition of his immense contributions in higher education particularly in fostering great collaboration between Malaysian and UK institutions. Sunway University's distinction was further solidified through prestigious awards such as the Putra Brand Platinum Award in Education & Learning, the PC.com Best Future Ready University, and the TalentBank Best Employer in Private Education, attesting to our unwavering commitment to excellence in education and beyond.

In summation, 2023 was a testament to Sunway University's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and societal impact, propelling us towards a future of boundless opportunities.



PROFESSOR SIBRANDES POPPEA
President, Sunway University

YEAR IN REVIEW

JAN - MAR



Sunway University won the Employer of Choice in the (Private Higher Education Institution Category) award at the Talentbank's Graduate Choice Awards for the fifth consecutive year.

OVERHAULED COURSES ON OFFER

01 **MPU 3222: ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET AND SKILLS**

Armed with the fundamental belief that everyone (and anyone) can become an entrepreneur, this course introduces learners to the entrepreneurial mindset and skills relevant in the 21st Century through exciting gamified content.

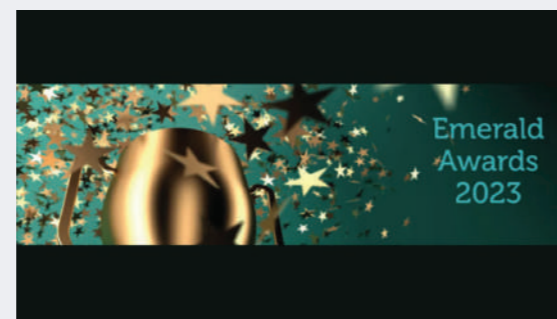
02 **MPU 3312: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MALAYSIA**

With key sustainability related issues becoming more prevalent in our daily lives, follow us as we explore why addressing sustainability challenges is important and why we need to start taking note of the SDGs - in the localized Malaysian context!

The University refined and piloted three foundational mandatory for-credit courses in Entrepreneurial Mindset and Skills, Integrity and Sustainable Development, and Community Service for Planetary Health to nurture well-rounded graduates with the desired values and mindset.



The ASEAN Education Cities Conference 2023 was organised for the first time. The theme focused on how cities function as spaces for education and how educational institutions can support the sustainable development of cities and communities through research, teaching, policy advice as well as industry and public engagement.



In March, the Tun Hussein Onn Sunway Library received the prestigious Emerald Award for the highest usage of e-journal content in 2022 within the Private Institutions Category. This marks the second consecutive year that the library has earned this accolade.

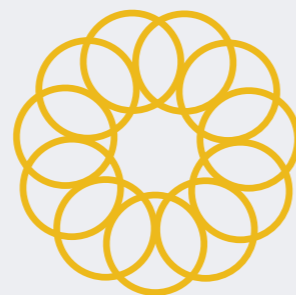
LAUNCHX

Sunway University established LaunchX, the first university-led accelerator programme in Malaysia. This programme is open to students from all Malaysian universities to transform their validated business ideas into fundable startups.

APR - JUN



Sunway University collaborated with Carsome Academy to co-develop soft skill modules for automotive, technical and vocational education training programmes. This first-of-its-kind collaboration between an automotive institution and Sunway University will culminate in a bespoke online curriculum for Carsome Academy students.



Sunway University students contributed 1 Gold, 4 Silvers, and 2 Bronze medals to Malaysia at the 32nd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, a biennial multi-sport event that was held from 5 to 17 May 2023 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Sunway University launched its Community In Action (CIA) campaign, aimed at nurturing students to become active and responsible citizens in the fight against crime. As part of this initiative, the university also engaged with the broader community through various activities, reinforcing its commitment to community-building efforts.



The University celebrated the launch of its new School of American Education in collaboration with Arizona State University (ASU), recognised as America's most innovative and sustainable university. The new school builds on the success of Sunway's American Degree Transfer Programme that has facilitated the transfer of over 3,000 students to many reputable institutions in the United States and other countries since 1987. Through this partnership, Sunway University students will have the opportunity to graduate with a Sunway University and ASU degree.



Sunway University Cheerleading Team won first place in the 2023 Korea Open Cheerleading Championship, Coed Elite Large division that took place at Seoul Jangchung Arena from 1-5 June 2023.

JUL - SEP



The School of Hospitality and Service Management marked its Silver Jubilee, celebrating 25 years since its humble beginnings in 1998. With a rich pool of talented students and staff, the School looks forward to establishing itself as the leading industry-focused centre of excellence in the region.



Sunway University was the 1st runner-up among 20 universities at the MASISWA Track & Field Championship 2023 held on 5 - 6 July 2023 at Universiti Tenaga Nasional campus, winning 5 Golds, 5 Silvers, and 6 Bronze medals.



In July, the Sunway Business School and Lancaster University Management School celebrated their 16-year partnership with a research conference themed 'Collaborating for a Sustainable Future'. The conference aimed to encourage and strengthen research collaborations between the Schools.



The Art Beats Festival was organised in July to celebrate the 17-year partnership between Sunway University and Lancaster University, while also strengthening the ties between the Lancaster Institute for Contemporary Arts (LICA) and Sunway University's School of Arts. The festival showcased a diverse array of curated works, including film, art, photography, sound design, and theatre, bringing together artists from around the globe.



In September, the School of Education was established. This underscores Sunway University's commitment to leading in education delivery, research, and innovation. This new school also drives the University's efforts in democratising learning by diversifying its student demographic and academic programme portfolio through the provision of a diverse range of credit/non-credit-bearing professional and continuing education courses and facilitating the Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL).



Sunway University Chancellor, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Sir Dr Jeffrey Cheah was appointed a fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia for his entrepreneurial leadership, philanthropy, and significant contribution to nation building through quality education, world-class healthcare, and sustainable development.



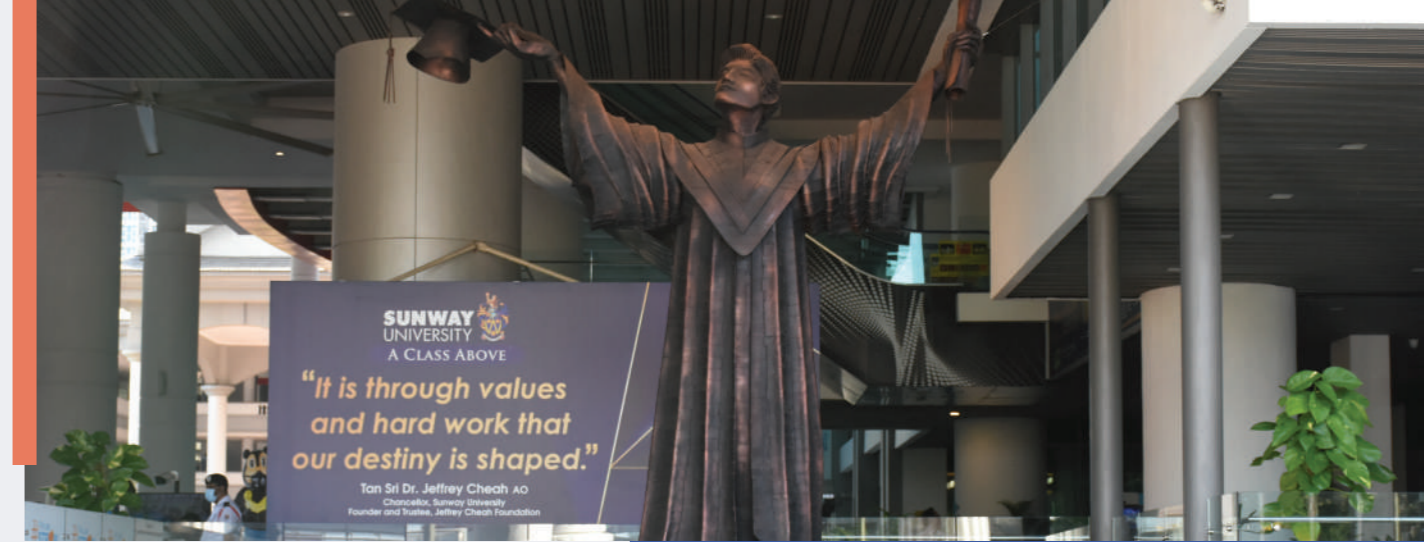
Sunway University's Professor Dr Goh Bey Hing from the School of Medical and Life Sciences and Professor Dr Lim Weng Marc from the Sunway Business School were honoured with the 2023 Top Research Scientists Malaysia (TRSM) award by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM).



Professor Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood and Professor Elil Renganathan made invaluable contributions as expert contributors to the development of the Emergency Countermeasure Development and Deployment report, which captured diverse perspectives of experts from across the world on developing global pandemic preparedness, focusing on equity in deployment of health emergency countermeasures, namely vaccines, diagnostics, and treatments.



Professors M. A. Hannan, Ong Hwai Chyuan, Linda D. Hollebeek and Lee Learn Han were included in the Clarivate Web of Science 2023 Highly Cited Researchers list. Sunway University recorded the highest number of honorees from a single university in Malaysia.



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STAFF ENGAGEMENT

A new HR Employee Engagement Initiative was introduced to ensure organisational excellence goes beyond business strategies and numerical achievements, and thrives on the happiness and motivation of its workforce. The FUN@Work initiative was designed to create a workplace where employees can flourish personally and professionally.



Key Activities Under FUN@Work:

- FUNTalk:** Enlightening discussions and insights from expert speakers.
- FUNWorkshop:** Hands-on workshops to learn new skills and unleash creativity.
- FUNChallenge:** Team-building games and challenges to promote teamwork and active engagement.
- FUNQuiz:** Engaging quizzes and trivia games to foster intellectual curiosity and camaraderie.
- FUNCampaign:** Campaigns to raise awareness and encourage community involvement.



Through FUN@Work, the institution aims to cultivate a dynamic and inclusive workplace culture, making work both productive and genuinely enjoyable, enriching the professional and personal lives of all employees.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



DATE	PROGRAMME	INSTITUTION & COUNTRY
13 - 24 February	Vacation English School VES - Transnational Education Exposure (2-week inbound programme)	Kansai Gaidai University, Japan
27 February - 10 March	Vacation English School (2-week inbound programme)	Osaka Senior High School, Japan
2 March - 12 July	Student Exchange Programme (16-week outbound programme)	Dong-A University, South Korea
18 March - 1 April	Intercultural Programme: Going Global (Virtual Event)	Ton Duc Thang University, Vietnam Tanjungpura University, Indonesia Falmouth University, United Kingdom Petra Christian University, Indonesia Lancaster University, United Kingdom
2 - 14 April	SCID 015 - Interior Design Workshop (2-week inbound programme)	Petra Christian University, Indonesia
3 April - 26 May	Vacation English School (8-week inbound programme)	Kanto Gakuin University, Japan
3 April - 9 June	Vacation English School (10-week inbound programme)	Kanto Gakuin University, Japan
18 May - 8 June	Reitaku Conversation Buddies (Virtual Event)	Reitaku University, Japan
13 - 16 June	Sustainable Practices in Emerging Economies (Virtual Event)	Ton Duc Thang University, Vietnam
18 May - 8 June	Reitaku Conversation Buddies (Virtual Event)	Reitaku University, Japan

DATE	PROGRAMME	INSTITUTION & COUNTRY
13 – 16 June	Sustainable Practices in Emerging Economies (Virtual Event)	Ton Duc Thang University, Vietnam
20 June - 17 July	SCSCDA - Sustainable City Destination Applications (3-week inbound programme)	Petra Christian University, Indonesia
26 June – 21 July	TheME – The Malaysian Experience (4-week inbound programme)	Falmouth University, United Kingdom Lancaster University, United Kingdom University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
29 May – 2 June	ALICE – Asian Language and International Culture Exploration (1-week inbound programme)	University of Wyoming, United States of America
18 – 19 June	EMPIRE – Enhancing Competencies in Youth at International Stage (2-day inbound programme)	Tanjungpura University, Indonesia
7 August - 1 September	Vacation English School (4-week inbound programme)	Toyo University, Japan
7 - 19 August	Cultural Summer Camp (2-week outbound programme)	Hungkuang University, Taiwan
21 August – 8 September	Lancaster University International Cultural Experience (3-week outbound programme)	Lancaster University, United Kingdom
7 - 27 September	Sociocultural Determinants of Wellbeing and Sustainability (3-week inbound programme)	Otsuma Women's University, Japan
27 September - 2 December	Vacation English School (10-week inbound programme)	Kindai University, Japan
27 September - 2 December	Vacation English School (10-week inbound programme)	Kansai Gaidai University, Japan
9 October - 15 December	International Cultural Experience (12-week outbound programme)	Lancaster University, United Kingdom
30 October – 24 November	Marketing in Malaysia: An Exploration (4-week inbound programme)	Victoria University, Australia

STUDENT BAROMETER



The i-Graduate's Student Barometer offers a global benchmark for student experiences by tracking and comparing student and stakeholder opinions throughout the entire student journey. In the most recent survey conducted in the fourth quarter of 2023, Sunway University ranked #1 in Asia and #1 in Malaysia in the following areas:

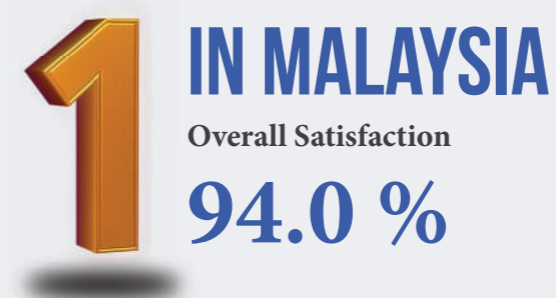


EMPLOYMENT / CAREERS

Support

ARRIVAL

Welcome / Pickup



EMPLOYMENT / CAREERS

Support

SUPPORT

IT Services
Accommodation Office
Campus Cafeteria

DAY TO DAY LIFE

Eco-Friendly Attitude
Visa Advice

ARRIVAL

Welcome / Pickup

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS



SCHOOL OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

The School of American Education was established (SAE) in 2023 through a strategic partnership with Arizona State University (ASU), America's most innovative university, nine years in a row, according to U.S. News & World Reports. This exciting collaboration aims to enhance students' educational experience and give them access to world-class American degree programmes.

SAE will offer comprehensive American degree programmes, allowing students the flexibility to complete their studies entirely in Malaysia or transfer to ASU's campus in the US for their final year. Available majors include Computer Science, Digital Communication, Global Management, New Media Studies, and Psychology. Students will be awarded Sunway University and ASU degrees upon fulfilling each institution's requirements.

Building on more than three decades of success of the American Degree Transfer Programme (ADTP), Sunway University's new partnership with ASU offers students a more streamlined

pathway to a high-quality US education. With this collaboration, students can have full two- or three-year credit transfer to ASU for a wide range of programmes. The collaboration also marks Sunway's entry into the ASU Cintana Alliance network, granting students access to innovative course delivery, engagement with students from other institutions and visiting professors from top-tier universities around the world.

One of the standout features of American education is the Optional Practical Training (OPT) opportunity, which enables students who complete at least one year of study in the US to gain valuable work experience in the US for up to three years in STEM fields and one year in non-STEM fields. ASU's dedication to inclusivity and sustainability perfectly aligns to the priorities of Sunway University.

This partnership not only enriches the academic journey of Sunway students but also opens doors to global opportunities, ensuring they are well-prepared for successful and impactful careers and lives.



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The establishment of the School of Education (SOE) underscores the University's commitment to champion excellence in educational leadership, research, and innovation.

SOE will dedicate itself to cultivating future educators and leaders, equipping them with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to navigate the complexities of the 21st century. To achieve this, the School will introduce new innovative postgraduate taught and research programmes, drive research and innovation in teaching and learning, pedagogy, assessments, technologies, and student experience as well as build strong industry-government linkages to contribute directly to government policies and serve the needs of the industry.



SOE aims to deliver continuous professional development opportunities for everyone at Sunway Education Group, preparing graduates to tackle real-world challenges and ensuring excellence in education delivery. This new school represents a bold step in our mission to foster an educational environment where students and educators can thrive.

Key Focus Areas of SOE include:

- Educational Technology and Curriculum Development: Pioneering innovative teaching methods and cutting-edge curriculum design.
- Professional and Continuing Education: Providing lifelong learning opportunities through professional micro-credentials and short courses.
- Educational Development and Innovation: Preparing educators with forward-thinking curriculum development and educational technology.
- Higher Education Research: Conducting research to enhance higher education policy and practice.

To champion sustainable education, Sunway University has embarked on a transformative journey to develop and launch three compulsory, for-credit courses. These two-credit courses have been carefully designed to align with the university's educational goals of nurturing graduates with the core values of integrity, humility, and excellence. They also aim to cultivate planetary health, sustainable development, entrepreneurial mindset and skills essential for career success. The three courses, Entrepreneurial Mindset and Skills, Integrity and Sustainable Development, and Community Service for Planetary Health are integral to this mission. Each course is designed to enrich students' academic experience and prepare them to excel in their careers while contributing positively to society.

1. ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET AND SKILLS



This course introduces students to the entrepreneurial mindset and essential skills required to succeed as an entrepreneur in the 21st century. It explains what constitutes an entrepreneurial venture and delves into the crucial qualities, characteristics, and skills necessary for entrepreneurial success. The course also emphasises the importance of entrepreneurship for the future, highlighting its role in driving innovation and economic growth. A distinctive feature of this course is its use of gamified learning through "Paradox of Theron," an innovative online game developed by Sunway iLABs. This engaging platform helps unlock students' entrepreneurial potential by immersing them in real-world scenarios and challenges. Through this interactive approach, students will gain a deeper understanding of the entrepreneurial mindset and develop the skills needed to navigate the complexities of modern business environments.

2. INTEGRITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



This course introduces students to the fundamental concepts of integrity, anti-corruption, and socially sustainable governance within the larger context of sustainable development. By exploring the intersection of these critical principles, students will understand how promoting integrity contributes to sustainable development and responsible governance. Through this exploration, students will learn how these practices contribute to a more sustainable and ethically responsible society. To enhance the learning experience, this course employs a HyFlex pedagogical approach, integrating both online and face-to-face instruction. This flexible delivery method ensures that students engage with the material in a manner that suits their individual needs and preferences, thereby enriching their overall educational experience. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for and implement integrity-driven actions within various organisational contexts, promoting sustainable development and socially responsible governance.

3. COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR PLANETARY HEALTH



This course introduces students to the concept of planetary health, which emphasises the interconnectedness of human well-being and the health of our planet – and translating knowledge into action. It aims to foster a sense of civic responsibility and empower students to contribute meaningfully to advancing planetary health within their communities. The course equips students with the knowledge and skills to investigate planetary health issues and devise solutions. Students will work collaboratively in teams, partnering with organisations to tackle specific planetary health challenges affecting diverse community groups, including marginalised populations, patients, businesses, and youth. A highlight of this year's course is the focus on Sunway University's Community Initiative at Desa Mentari Court - an urban poor community with a population of 26,000, located just 2 kilometres from Sunway City. Through this initiative, students will engage directly with the community, applying their learning to real-world problems and making a tangible impact on the lives of residents. This hands-on approach enriches students' educational experience and reinforces the importance of community engagement in promoting planetary health.

The University is committed to fostering a dynamic learning environment that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Through innovative approaches to education and collaborative partnerships, we hope to empower students to become catalysts for positive change in their communities and beyond.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



SCHOLARLY OUTPUT AND CITATIONS



Scholarly Output

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
549	695	868	947	1,355



Citations

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
4,044	7,359	11,987	18,145	26,624

The University experienced a remarkable surge in its research publication output, with a 43.1% growth in Scopus-indexed publications and a 46.7% increase in Scopus citations as compared to the previous year.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY LIST OF WORLD'S TOP 2% SCIENTISTS 2023

In its 2023 release, Stanford University analysed citation metrics across 22 scientific fields and 176 subfields to evaluate the significance and relevance of various research topics. This study produced a comprehensive list of the top 2% of scientists worldwide, featuring 26 researchers from Sunway University.

SUNWAY UNIVERSITY WORLD-CLASS RESEARCHERS



1. Professor Saidur Rahman
2. Professor Edward Tiekink
3. Professor Linda D. Hollebeck
4. Professor Sibrandes Poppema
5. Professor Pervaiz K Ahmed
6. Professor Teo Kok Lay
7. Professor Lim Weng Marc
8. Professor Mohamed Kheireddine
9. Professor Ir Ong Hwai Chyuan
10. Professor Agamutu Pariatamby
11. Professor Rebecca Wong Shin Yee
12. Professor Ir Denny Ng Kok Sum
13. Professor David Bradley
14. Associate Professor Dr Arshian Sharif
15. Dr Katta Ramesh
16. Professor Angela Amphawan
17. Mr Yong Shin Jie
18. Professor Adarsh Kumar Pandey
19. Professor Lee Learn Han
20. Professor Mohammad Khalid
21. Professor Mayeen Uddin Khandaker
22. Associate Professor Dr Numan Arshid
23. Professor Long Chiau Ming
24. Professor Goh Bee Ying
25. Professor Chia Yook Chin
26. Associate Professor Dr Sitara Karim

RESEARCH OUTPUT, MALAYSIAN AND GLOBAL POSITION



A direct comparison with MIT, the highest cited top university in the world shows that Sunway University has a C/P of **4.77 VS 4.33** at MIT and Sunway University top 1% papers are **6.11% VS 3.47%** at MIT.



The quality of these articles as measured by citations per paper (C/P): **4.77**. This is the highest in Malaysia and double the average of the top 20 universities in Malaysia.



Sunway University performed better than the top universities, including MIT, Harvard, Stanford, Oxford and Cambridge.



The annual growth in number of articles was **37%**



The percentage of top 1% papers: **6.11%**
This is more than three times the average of the top 20 Malaysian universities.



The number of top 1% papers per field: **64**
This is the highest number in Malaysia.



Share of research articles and reviews in Malaysia in 2023: more than **4%**. Sunway University is now the **7TH** largest producer of journal articles in Malaysia.

INSTITUTION	ARTICLES	% OF ARTICLES	C/P	TOP 1%	%TOP1%
1. Sunway University	1,047	4.07%	4.77	64	6.11
2. University of Nottingham Malaysia	464	1.81%	3.52	19	3.52
3. University Teknologi Petronas	946	3.68%	3.35	21	2.22
4. University Tenaga Nasional	540	2.10%	3.17	13	2.41
5. Monash University Malaysia	854	3.32%	3.02	13	1.52
6. Taylor's University	490	1.91%	2.95	12	2.45
7. Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	2,426	9.44%	2.89	49	2.02
8. Universiti Malaysia Terengganu	932	3.63%	2.75	24	2.58
9. UCSI University	562	2.19%	2.65	10	1.78
10. Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah	699	2.72%	2.51	7	1.00
11. Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman	516	2.01%	2.51	4	0.78
12. Universiti Sains Malaysia	3,563	13.86%	2.33	44	1.23
13. Universiti Malaya	3,599	14.00%	2.21	54	1.50
14. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	3,708	14.43%	2.00	32	0.86
15. Universiti Malaysia Perlis	553	2.15%	1.96	3	0.54
16. Universiti Putra Malaysia	2,547	9.91%	1.81	29	1.14
17. International Islamic University Malaysia	698	2.72%	1.78	6	0.86
18. University of Malaysia Sarawak	446	1.74%	1.77	12	2.27
19. Universiti Malaysia Sabah	766	2.98%	1.74	6	0.78
20. Universiti Teknologi MARA	1,642	6.39%	1.57	12	0.73
Average of these 20 Universities	21,374	83.17%	2.35	344	1.60

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED TO THE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED
IN THE YEAR
RM 4,754,400

Listed in alphabetical order by name of Principal Investigator.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	TITLE OF RESEARCH	FUNDING BODY
Professor Agamutu Pariatamby	Waste Management Research in Relation to Sunway Malls.	Sunway IFM Sdn Bhd
Professor Chai Lay Ching	Product Education and Quality Improvement of Wellous Products.	Wellous Sdn Bhd
Associate Professor Dr Chang Chee Fei	Relieving Impacts of Climate Change-Inflicted Flood Disasters on Small and Medium Enterprises through Taxation Systems.	Institut Masa Depan Malaysia
Associate Professor Dr Chen Jit Ern	Advice and Research Work on Environment, Social and Governance.	Sunway Retainer Consultancy Services Sdn Bhd
Associate Professor Dr Chen Jit Ern	Value at Risk (VaR) of Properties Due to Climate Change.	Sunway REIT Management Sdn Bhd
Associate Professor Dr Chen Jit Ern	Community-based Research to Understand Illegal Trafficking of the Malayan Tiger.	Panthera Wild Cat Conservation Sdn Bhd
Professor Ir Denny Ng Kok Sum	Availability and Feasibility Analysis of Selected Biomass in Malaysia.	Petronas Research Sdn Bhd
Professor Ir Denny Ng Kok Sum	Review of Current State, Gaps and Opportunities for Technologies in the Malaysia Oil Palm Estates and Palm Oil Mills toward Net-Zero Carbon Emissions.	Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak
Professor Ir Denny Ng Kok Sum	Preliminary Analysis of Hydrogen Supply Chain in Sarawak.	Sarawak Energy Berhad
Associate Professor Ir Ts. Dr Dewika Naidu Munisamy Naidu	Efficacy of Daikin Air Purifier (MC55xxxx) in reducing the Microplastics in Indoor Air.	Daikin Research and Development Malaysia Sdn Bhd
Professor Elil Renganathan	Panel for a Global Public Health Convention.	AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Professor Harold Thwaites	Merdeka Textile Museum Project.	Cult Sdn Bhd
Mr Ho Yi Jian	Systematic and Detailed Assessment of the Effectiveness of the Implementation Structures of Selangor.	Centre for Independent Journalism
Associate Professor Dr Hwang Jung Shan	Investigating the role of Exosomal miRNAs in regulating B cell activation and Autoantibody production in Malaysian individuals with Rheumatoid Arthritis.	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Fundamental Research Grant Scheme
Associate Professor Dr Jane Gew Lai Ti	Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for Biochar Production.	Verde Resources (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd
Professor Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood	Living Within the Doughnut in Ipoh: Capturing Learnings and Building Capacity.	Yayasan Hasanah
Ms Karen Lau Kai Zhia	5-Day Young Innovators Bootcamp.	Sunway Leadership Centre Sdn Bhd

INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED BY THE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED
IN THE YEAR
RM 2,240,000

Listed in alphabetical order by school, investigating department and research project title.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	TITLE OF RESEARCH	FUNDING BODY
Ms Karen Lau Kai Zhia	Make-It-Challenge.	Sunway Leadership Centre Sdn Bhd
Dr Lai Kee Huong	An enhanced Metaheuristic-based Deep Learning Model for Epileptic Seizure Detection and Prediction.	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Fundamental Research Grant Scheme
Dr Lau Tze Pheng	Elucidation of the interaction between Gut Microbiota and Host Epigenetic modifications on NSCLC patients' response to Immunotherapy.	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Fundamental Research Grant Scheme
Dr Michael John Jenkins	Connected Minds, Stronger Minds: Investigating the use of co-operative task engagement to improve cognitive function in the young and old, and the role of inter-brain synchrony.	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Fundamental Research Grant Scheme
Associate Professor Dr Pauline Leong Pooi Yin	Are Malaysian and Singaporean Christians flocking back to church or flying away? A comparative study on Christian Churches in Malaysia and Singapore in the COVID-19 recovery phase.	The Christian Institute for Theological Engagement
Professor Dr Raja Affendi Raja Ali	Microplastic-Induced Oxidative Stress on Intestinal Barrier Function in Inflammatory Bowel Disease.	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Fundamental Research Grant Scheme
Professor Santha Vaithilingam	Impact Study of Petrol Subsidy Program and Selected Transport Sector Diesel Subsidy Program.	Ipsos Sdn Bhd
Dr Ser Hooi Leng	Promoting sustainable production of fish in aquaculture: Mechanistic action of ofdiketopiperazine Cyclo-Phe-Pro in combating oxidative stress-induced infertility in zebrafish.	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Fundamental Research Grant Scheme
Professor Shandre Mugan Thangavelu	The impact of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) on the Global Value Chain (GVC) in East Asia and ASEAN.	Kyoto University
Dr Alan Tan Sang Loon	Investigation of the mechanism of action of nickel (II) complexes of camphor-based dithiocarbamate Schiff bases against dengue virus envelope protein.	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Fundamental Research Grant Scheme
Dr Woon Chin Ong	The Future of the Work Environment in Malaysian Organizations: Space, Well-Being and Work Culture.	Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia - Fundamental Research Grant Scheme
Professor Ir Ts. Yap Kian Meng	Implementing VTOL Drone Technology and Hyperspectral Imaging to assess Plant Health in Rural Mangrove Ecosystems in Sarawak.	Asia Pacific Telecommunity
Ms Yeong Hui Yan	Maybank GenM Youth4Fintech Competition.	Maybank Sdn Bhd
Professor Yuka Fujimoto	Plastic Packaging in People's Lives- Malaysia.	Lancaster University

SCHOOL OF AMERICAN EDUCATION WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 28,000 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
American Degree Transfer Programme	Developing A New Gaussian Processes Regression Method for Electromagnetic Modeling in Seabed Logging Application.	Dr Shalini Nagaratnam

SCHOOL OF ARTS WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 246,700 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Film and Performing Arts	Cultural Heritage Preservation Through Research-Creation: Archiving Vulnerable Socio-Cultural Practices Using Documentaries.	Professor Adrian Lee Yuen Beng
	Enriching Museum Narratives: The Integration of Visual Design, Interactive Art, and an Immersive Audio-Visual Content for the Tun Sakaran Museum in Semporna, Sabah.	Professor Mayco Axel Santaella
	International Arts Workshop and Festival: A Global Experience.	Professor Mayco Axel Santaella

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 17,500 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Professional and Continuing Education	Big Data Analytics and Meta-Analysis on E-Learning Platforms: A Predictive Analysis of Transformative Trends and Patterns.	Associate Professor Dr Malissa Maria Mahmud

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 1,096,500 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Computing and Information Systems	Energy Efficiency Mechanisms for Small Cell Base Stations in 5G Networks.	Ms Charis Kwan Shwu Chen
	Green Machine Learning for Sustainability.	Dr Saad Aslam
	Green Networking for the Future using 5G/6G Technology.	Dr Houshyar Honar Pajooch
	Implementing VTOL Drone Technology and Hyperspectral Imaging to Assess Plant Health in Rural Mangrove Ecosystems in Sarawak.	Professor Ir Ts. Yap Kian Meng
	IoT with Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access Techniques to enable Ultra-Reliable Transmission in Beyond 5G Network for Smart Manufacturing.	Dr Athirah Mohd Ramly
	Machine Learning for Malware Detection in Windows Portable Executables.	Dr Ling Mee Hong

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Engineering	Cloud-Based Intelligent Measurement, Monitoring and Analytics System in Support of Radiation Medicine.	Professor Lau Sian Lun
	Development of Deep Learning Optimization of Hydrogen Energy Storage Integrated Grid Model for Decarbonization towards Net Zero Pathway.	Professor M A Hannan
	Exploring the existing challenges in process Simulation and Optimisation of Hybrid Reactive-extractive Distillation.	Ir Dr Savier Kong Zong Yang
Sunway Centre for Electrochemical Energy and Sustainable Technology	High-Performing Polymer Electrolyte for Safer, Efficient and Sustainable Energy Storage Devices.	Dr Norshahirah Mohamad Saidi
	Microwave-assisted Upscaling of plastic waste to carbon nanomaterials decorated MXene for Next Generation Na-ion batteries.	Dr Muhammad Amirul Aizat
Research Centre for Carbon Dioxide Capture and Utilisation	Exploring Non-aqueous Solutions for CO2 Capture at Elevated Pressure: A Comparative Study of 2-MAE/MOR Mixtures	Dr Mohd Azlan Kassim
	Skin dose evaluations using thin graphite layers.	Dr Lam Siok Ee
	Unlocking the potential of spent coffee grounds for value-added products and Carbon capture Sustainability	Dr Rabita Mohd Firdaus Achutan
	Utilising the Potential of Waste Carbon Dioxide Captured as Eco-Friendly Paper Filler for Sustainable Product Innovation	Associate Professor Ts. Dr Farihahusnah Hussin
	Waste Valorization Tackling Carbon Emissions in ASEAN	Professor Mohamed Kheireddine Aroua
Research Centre for Nano-Materials and Energy Technology	Mesoporous MXene structured to improve the Pt-based anodic electrocatalyst in fuel cell applications	Dr Norulsamani Abdullah
	Ni-Based/MXene Electrocatalyst for Hydrogen Production from Seawater	Dr Nurul Atiqah Izzati Md Ishak

SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND SERVICE MANAGEMENT WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 149,500 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:		
DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Hospitality and Service Management	Effectiveness of Vocational Training for Malaysian Prison Inmates	Ms Siti Atikah Rusli
	Enhancing Resilience & Sustainability in Small and Micro Businesses in Wellness Tourism in Malaysia.	Professor Marcus Lee Stephenson
	Exploring Digital Frontiers and Tourism in Malaysia: A Qualitative Study on Micro-Entrepreneurship and Digital Transformation.	Associate Professor Dr Alexander Trupp
	Influence of Sustainable Destination Image on Destination Competitiveness and Travel Intention of Chinese Youth Travelers to Visit Malaysia.	Dr Philip Wong Pong Weng
	Toward A Healthy Food Environment at Secondary Schools in Malaysia.	Dr Tan Hui Ling

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 106,300 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:		
DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Applied Statistics	A Novel Discrete-Time Statistical Model for Infectious Disease: An Inference for Preventive Measurement.	Dr Khoo Wooi Chen
	Poverty and Neuroplasticity: The Effects of Prolonged Exposure to Technology on Cognitive Function Among Vulnerable Communities in Malaysia.	Associate Professor Dr Jason Ng Wei Jian
Pure and Applied Mathematics	An Enhanced Carnivorous Plant-Based Feature Selection Algorithm for Epileptic Seizure Detection and Prediction Using Electroencephalography Signals.	Dr Lai Kee Huong

SCHOOL OF MEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 326,200 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:		
DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Biological Sciences	Cosmeceutical Application of Seaweed-Derived Metabolites: Anti-Photoaging and Anti-Inflammatory Effects of Brown Alga Sargassum Aquifolium.	Associate Professor Dr Yow Yoon Yen
	The Effect of Vicenin-2 on Exacerbation of Blastocystis Sp on Colon Carcinogenesis.	Dr Gothai Sivapragasam

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Medical Sciences	Association between Body Composition with Cognitive Function and with Frailty in Malaysian Older Adults.	Dr Daniel Cheng Maong Hui
	Development and Feasibility of a Mobile Application (My Perancangan Awal) to promote the uptake of advance care planning among community-dwelling adults in Malaysia.	Professor Long Chiau Ming
	Unveiling the Crystal Structure of Lipid-bound HALT-1: Investigating Pore Formation Mechanisms for Enhanced Control of Inflammation and Therapeutic Development.	Associate Professor Dr Hwang Jung Shan
Psychology	Exploring Parental Perception and Experiences in Sexuality Education for Young Children at Home: A Qualitative Study.	Ms Jacqueline Gun Chin Hun
	Exploring the Older People's Perspective on Factors Contributing to a Good Care Environment of Long-term Aged Care Homes (LTaCHs): A Qualitative Approach.	Dr Chee Kwan Foong
	Identifying Neural Markers of the Experience of Control in Individual and Joint Action Contexts.	Dr Michael John Jenkins
Sunway Microbiome Centre	Bioinformatics and AI-based Analysis of Human Cancer and Related.	Dr Wu Yuan Seng
	Comparative analysis of the immunogenicity of plasmid DNA and recombinant peptide vaccine candidates against SARS-CoV-2 in mice.	Dr Lim Hui Xuan
	Evaluation of Antiviral Activity and Serum Stability of Selected Antiviral Peptides with Nanoparticle Encapsulation Against Four Dengue Virus Serotypes.	Dr Wu Yuan Seng

SUNWAY BUSINESS SCHOOL WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 173,300 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Business Analytics	Learning Analytics in Higher Education: A Dual Perspective from Students and Staff.	Dr Mikkay Wong Ei Leen
	Unveiling Public Sentiment and Social Dynamics Towards the Governments' Reputation on Social Media: Insights from Sentiment Analysis and Network Analysis.	Dr Alias Abd Aziz

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Economics and Finance	Housing Imbalances in Malaysia and Macroeconomic Impact on the Property Overhang.	Dr Renee Kok Shiau Hui
	Multinational Investment Decisions and Production Networks in the Malaysian Manufacturing Sector.	Dr Choong Pai Wei
Management	Mapping the Future: Harnessing Industry 4.0 Capabilities for Supply Chain Resilience and Sustainability.	Associate Professor Dr Arsalan Zahid Piprani
	Exploring Post-Pandemic Sustainable Business Education for University Students.	Dr Stephen Thomas Homer
	Precarious Work and Career Planning: Implications on Workplace Inequality.	Professor Yuka Fujimoto
Marketing Strategy and Innovation	Optimising Industrial Energy Consumption with Constraint Programming and Machine Learning Predictive Models.	Dr Geetha Nadarajan
	The Impact of Perceived Corporate Reputation: Advocates for Service Robot.	Dr Soon Pei Shan









SUNWAY CENTRE FOR PLANETARY HEALTH WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 76,600 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Sunway Centre for Planetary Health	Exploring the Synergistic Effect of Chitosan and Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii Against Ganoderma-Basal Stem Rot (BSR) Infection in Oil Palm.	Dr Menaka Ganeson
	Tertiary Student Exposure to PM2.5: Will Intervention Campaign significantly reduce Traffic Related Air Pollutants in Campus?	Dr Fatimah P K Ahamad

CENTRE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES WAS AWARDED A TOTAL OF RM 19,800 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

DEPARTMENT / CENTRE	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
English for Specific Academic Purposes	Bridging Research and Practice for Sustainable Professional Learning: Designing, Facilitating and Evaluating an Integrated Book Study Programme to Support EFL Teachers in Low-Income Settings.	Dr Tiong Ngee Derk

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

	AMERICAN EDUCATION 	ARTS 	BUSINESS 	EDUCATION 	ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY 	HOSPITALITY AND SERVICE MANAGEMENT 	MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES 	MEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES 
Employed by graduation ¹	N/A	93%	96%	N/A	98%	91%	100%	97%
Graduates earning above RM3000 ²	N/A	34%	57%	N/A	68%	38%	63%	36%
New students ⁴	101	546	1,645	10	791	328	210	400
Total enrolment ⁴	210	1,327	3,904	21	1,873	720	555	1,147
International students ⁴	20%	14%	11%	19%	11%	26%	6%	11%
Total staff³								
AC: Academic	15	44	99	4	63	32	18	68
AD: Administrative	4	13	20	9	21	10	5	19
INT: International staff	5%	11%	23%	0%	21%	10%	4%	5%
International grants awarded ⁵	RM 28,000	RM 246,700	RM 173,300	RM 17,500	RM 1,096,500	RM 149,500	RM 106,300	RM 326,200
External grants awarded ⁵	RM 100,700	RM 211,000	RM 141,400	Nil	RM 1,089,000	Nil	RM 149,600	RM 1,601,400
Graduates (all)	N/A	313	1,059	N/A	391	284	187	316
Class I & II(I) (Bachelor's only)	N/A	82%	56%	N/A	83%	67%	60%	80%
New programmes launched							1. Master of Science in Applied Mathematics 2. Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences	

¹ Based on 2023 data extracted from the MOHE Tracer study portal in March 2024 (Number of Bachelor's & Diploma graduates who were employed full-time or part-time at the time of the survey, divided by the total respondents available for work)

² Based on 2023 data extracted from the MOHE Tracer study portal in March 2024 (Number of Bachelor's graduates earning above RM 3,000 divided by the Number of Bachelor's graduates who provided income information)

³ Absolute values are based on the headcount of full-time staff in December. Percentage values are calculated based on total headcount.

⁴ Absolute values are based on the headcount of full-time and part-time students in December. Percentage values are calculated based on total headcount.

⁵ Grant amount rounded up to the nearest RM 100.

School of American Education and School of Education were established 2023. Thus, there are no graduates to date.

Information is correct at the time of printing



INTERNATIONALISATION HIGHLIGHTS

FORGING NEW PARTNERSHIPS



Legend:



UNIVERSITY	COUNTRY	TYPE OF COLLABORATION
Edith Cowan University	Australia	Student Mobility
Comilla University Bangladesh	Bangladesh	Research Collaborations
Jashore University of Science and Technology	Bangladesh	Research Collaborations
Zhejiang Sci-Tech University	China	Academic Collaborations
Burgundy School of Business	France	Student Mobility
Ajeenkya Dy Patil University Pune	India	Research Collaborations

UNIVERSITY	COUNTRY	TYPE OF COLLABORATION
Gla University, Mathura	India	Research Collaborations
GOA Institute of Management	India	Research Collaborations
Indian Institute of Management Nagpur	India	Research Collaborations Student Mobility
Indian Institute of Management Shillong	India	Research Collaborations Student Mobility
Shoolini University	India	Academic Collaborations Research Collaborations Student Mobility
Minhaj University Lahore	India	Research Collaborations
STIKES Panakkukang Makassar	Indonesia	Student Mobility
Universitas Indonesia	Indonesia	Research Collaborations
Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta	Indonesia	Academic Collaborations
Kindai University	Japan	Student Mobility
De La Salle University	Philippines	Research Collaborations
University of Asia and the Pacific	Philippines	Academic Collaborations
Qatar University	Qatar	Research Collaborations
Cheng Shiu University	Taiwan	Research Collaborations
Ming Chi University of Technology	Taiwan	Research Collaborations
National Chung Cheng University	Taiwan	Research Collaborations
Providence University	Taiwan	Academic Collaborations
Chulalongkorn University	Thailand	Academic Collaborations Research Collaborations Student Mobility
Naresuan University	Thailand	Academic Collaborations Student Mobility
Prince of Songkla University	Thailand	Academic Collaborations Student Mobility
Trinity College London	United Kingdom	Academic Collaborations
American University of Bahrain	United States	Articulation (Outbound)
State University of New York - Plattsburgh	United States	Articulation (Outbound)
University of Wisconsin Green Bay	United States	Articulation (Outbound)
Oxus University	Uzbekistan	Academic Collaborations
Duy Tan University	Vietnam	Academic Collaborations
UEH University	Vietnam	Academic Collaborations Research Collaborations

GLOBAL PARTNERS DAY



The University held its inaugural Global Partners Day in November, hosting representatives from about 30 international institutions. This exciting event aimed to foster partnerships among global partners, offering a dynamic platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and exploring potential collaborations in research and education.

Participants enjoyed an immersive tour of Sunway's state-of-the-art campus facilities, providing a first-hand glimpse into the exceptional resources available to staff and students. This showcase highlighted the University's unwavering commitment to growth through forging strategic global partnerships and alliances that promote institutional visibility, recognition, and reputation as well as drive education and research excellence and innovation.

EXPLORATION DAY

The University advanced its internationalisation efforts by expanding the Exploration Day initiative to Bangladesh, Vietnam, South Korea, and Indonesia. These visits not only engaged potential students but also reconnected with alumni and provided an opportunity to share the latest updates and developments from the University.



DHAKA, BANGLADESH



HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM



MEDAN, INDONESIA



SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

PRIZES, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



SBS

Master in Public Policy alumna, **HE. Mrs. Cham Nimul** was appointed as the first female Minister of Commerce in Cambodia.



SBS

Professor Agamutu Pariatamby was elected as the Chairman of the International Consultative Committee of Waste to Energy (ICCWtE) in November 2023 in Hangzhou, China. ICCWtE is an international and non-profit committee comprising experienced professors, researchers, and engineers in the Waste-to-Energy field from developed and developing countries.



SHSM

The e-book *Food of Asia, Soul of Asia*, edited by **Chef Soon Pau Voon** with the support of the Sunway University Young Chefs Club, received awards in the following categories at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2023, held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

- C08—Asian Books: **BEST IN THE WORLD**
- A05—Food Professionals Free: **BEST IN THE WORLD**
- A05—Chefs Associations: **2nd BEST IN THE WORLD**
- C02—Plurinational Recipes: **4th BEST IN THE WORLD**



SMLS

Professor Emeritus Datin Dr. Chia Yook Chin, Head of the Department of Medical Sciences at the School of Medicine and Life Sciences, was awarded the esteemed title of Professor Emeritus by the University of Malaya in recognition of her lifelong dedication to medical research and profound influence on academia.



SMLS

Yong Shin Jie, a Master of Life Sciences student, was named in the Stanford University's 2023 Top 2% Researchers list for his impactful papers on COVID-19, long-COVID, and post-COVID syndrome.



SHSM

BSc (Hons) Conventions and Events Management students **Lim Hui Wen, Loh Yeh Hao Daryl, See Boon Shing** and **Chow Tse Hui** received the Special Recognition Award at the Asian Federation of Exhibition and Convention Associations MICE Youth Challenge (AAMYC) 2023 after winning the Malaysia Business Events National Challenge 2023.



SOA

The Department of Art, Design and Media participated in a hybrid mural painting in collaboration with Sports Direct Bangsar. The "Malaysiana Lifestyle" -themed mural was designed by 21 students from the BA (Hons) Design Communication programme. The project took 10 weeks to complete from design to execution.



SET

this vision, the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Water Award encourages bright minds

Professor Mohamed Kheireddine Aroua, Head of the Research Centre for Carbon Dioxide Capture and Utilization (CCDCU), in collaboration with Professor Mohd Azlan Hussain from the University of Malaya, were named the winners of the prestigious Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Water Award 3rd Cycle for their project titled *Solar Powered Self-Cleaning Mobile Ultrafiltration System*.



SET

Dr Athirah Mohd Ramly from the Department of Computing and Information Systems and her team were honoured with the National Book Award 2023 in the Best Science and Technology Book category for their work on *Komunikasi Tanpa Wayar Terhadapan untuk Revolusi Industri 4.0* (Wireless Communication for the Industry 4.0 Revolution).



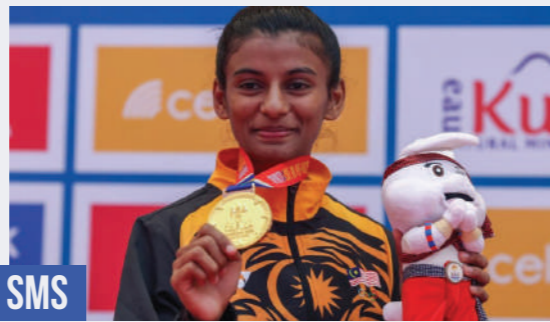
SAE

School of American Education alumni **Natasha Roslan** and **Sin Li Jane** met in the finals of the Women Singles event in the Bowling World Championship held in Kuwait from October 3 to 15, 2023. The two teammates competed against each other, with Natasha winning the duel and ending Malaysia's 12-year wait for a singles gold.



SMS

Matthew Liu Man Hin, a student pursuing the BSc (Hons) in Actuarial Studies, was honoured with the prestigious Sir Edward Johnston Prize 2023. This esteemed award recognises top-performing graduating students in actuarial programmes at universities affiliated with the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA), UK.



SMS

MSc in Actuarial Science student, **Shahmalarani Chandran** won the gold medal in the Women's Karate Kumite below 50kg category at the 2023 SEA Games in Cambodia.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES



JEFFREY CHEAH DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

DATE	SPEAKER DETAILS	TOPIC
16 January	Professor Rafael Gomez-Bombarelli Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Jeffrey Cheah Career Development Chair in Engineering	Computational Materials Design with Machine Learning and Atomistic Simulations
7 August	Professor Pippa Rogerson Master of Gonville and Caius College, and Former Director of Studies in Law (1990-2018) University of Cambridge	Private International Law in England Post BREXIT
15 August	Professor Patrick Chinnery FRCP FMedSci Professorial Fellow, and Director of Studies in Clinical Medicine, Gonville and Caius College Professor of Neurology, and Wellcome Trust Principal Research Fellow, University of Cambridge	Why Does Mitochondrial Dysfunction Target Specific Cell Types?
20 September	Professor Kehkooi Kee Deputy Director of Department of Basic Medical Sciences, School of Medicine, Tsinghua University	A 21st Century Odyssey in Life Sciences: From Genes and Stem Cells to the Tiangong Space Station
18 December	John Bowers KC Principal of Brasenose College University of Oxford	The Rule of Law: What Does It Really Mean



CAMPUS WITH A CONSCIENCE WEBINAR SERIES

DATE	SPEAKER DETAILS	TOPIC
22 February	Professor Simon Guy Pro-Vice-Chancellor Global (Digital, International, Sustainability), Lancaster University	Sustainability and the Climate Emergency: Delivering on Our Commitment
27 April	H.E. Dave Malcomson South African High Commissioner to Malaysia	Malaysia - South Africa: 30 Years of Partnership and the Way Forward
21 June	Dr Richard Ng Former Ipoh City Councillor President, Ipoh City Watch President, Gabungan NGO Prihatin Kinta, Perak	Tackling Climate Change Requires Climate Actions – Our Role as a Change Agent
28 July	Professor Rema Hanna Jeffrey Cheah Professor of South-East Asia Studies, Chair of the International Development Area, Harvard Kennedy School	Social Protection in Developing Countries: Lessons from Indonesia
31 July	Professor Muhammad Yunus Nobel Peace Laureate 2006	Entrepreneurship for a Better World: Achieving the Three Zeroes Agenda
21 August	Dr Maria Guevara International Medical Secretary, Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)	Saving Lives, Healing the Planet

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

NEW SENIOR HIRES

March

Professor Ir Denny Ng Kok Sum
Dean, School of Engineering and Technology

May

Professor Chai Lay Ching
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education)

June

Professor M A Hannan
Department of Engineering

Professor Rebecca Wong Shin Yee
Head, Department of Medical Education

July

Professor Ong Hwai Chyuan
Department of Engineering

Professor Lee Learn Han
Head, Sunway Microbiome Centre

August

Professor Goh Bey Hing
Head, Sunway Biofunctional Molecules Discovery
Centre

December

Professor Shakila Parween Binti Yaacob
Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asian Studies

NEW HONORARY, ADJUNCT AND VISITING PROFESSORS

Chancellery

Phillip Yeo
01 April 2023

Idris Jala
01 September 2023

School of Education

Orakanoke Phanraksa
01 December 2023 – 31 December 2026



School of Engineering and Technology

Serguei Demidenko
13 March 2023 – 31 December 2024

Laith Abualigah
01 June 2023 – 31 December 2026

Dragan Pamucar
01 August 2023 – 31 December 2025

School of Mathematical Sciences

Kotecha Ketan Virendrabhai
01 January 2023 – 31 December 2025

Ong Pauline
01 May 2023 – 31 December 2026

School of Medical and Life Sciences

Kamarul Imran Musa
01 January 2023 – 31 December 2024

Philip Keech Davies
01 January 2023 – 31 December 2024

Catherine A. Butler
01 April 2023 – 31 March 2025

Toh Teck Hock
01 April 2023 – 31 March 2025

Malebona Precious Matsoso
15 May 2023 – 31 May 2025

Murallitharan Munisamy
15 May 2023 – 31 May 2025

Mostafa Dianati-Nasab
01 June 2023 – 31 December 2024

David Ross Appleton
01 July 2023 – 31 December 2025

Abdelhakim Bouyahya
01 September 2023 – 31 December 2025

Poh Chit Laa
01 September 2023 – 28 February 2024

Sunway Business School

Saeed Pahlevansharif
01 June 2023 – 31 December 2025

Anis Yusal Yusof
01 August 2023 – 31 July 2025
Sunway Centre for Planetary Health

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

FACILITIES

As the University continues to enhance the learning environment and research capabilities through continuous investment in cutting-edge facilities, we are proud to showcase the developments that took place in 2023.

The School of Engineering and Technology made significant advancements by establishing six advanced laboratories. These facilities provide students with immersive learning experiences, integrating both theoretical and practical aspects of engineering. This initiative complements the expansion of our academic programmes, which now

include three undergraduate engineering degrees: Electronic and Electrical, Chemical, and Mechanical Engineering.

The addition of a new Behavioral Lab within our Department of Psychology enhances our ability to conduct groundbreaking research in behavioural sciences. Furthermore, the relocation of the Sunway Institute for Global Strategy and Competitiveness bolsters our academic offerings and research endeavours, reinforcing Sunway University's position as a leader in innovative education and research.



1. Electronic Lab @ SET Building-Ground Floor



2. Instrumentation Control Lab @ SET Building-Ground Floor



3. Physic Lab @ SET Building-Ground Floor



4. Electrical Power Lab @ SET Building-B1 Floor



5. Fluid Mechanics Lab @ Level 11 – Center Wing



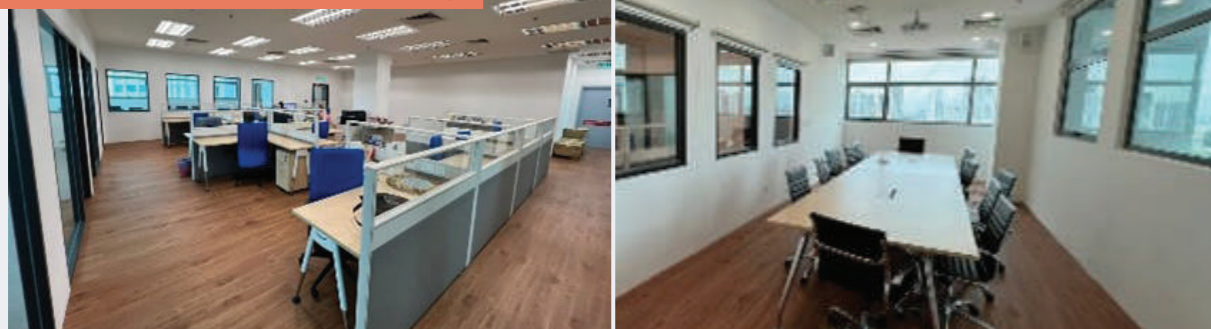
6. Heat Transfer Lab @ Level 11 – Center Wing



7. Behavioural Lab @ Level 10 – West Wing (Facing field) - SMLS



8. IGSC Office @ Level 8 – East Wing



TUN HUSSEIN ONN SUNWAY LIBRARY

1. Shelf-Reading ROBOT

The Tun Hussein Onn Sunway Library launched its very own shelf-reading robot to further improve library operations and enhance the user experience. Developed and built in-house by the School of Engineering and Technology, this new robot is meant to expand the touch-point network for students and staff while boosting library service efficiency.

The idea to create the library shelf-reading robot stemmed from a desire to revolutionise the tedious task of manual shelf checking and organisation. The groundbreaking concept aimed to develop a robot capable of swiftly scanning library shelves, swiftly detecting any misplaced or misfiled books. By delegating this task to the robot, librarians can now dedicate more time to customer-focused initiatives, thereby enhancing the overall efficiency of library operations and ensuring greater convenience and benefits for our valued student community.



2. Postgraduate Hub

The Tun Hussein Onn Sunway Library plays a crucial role in advancing the University's Research Strategy Plans and elevating the Postgraduate Research experience. As a testament to this commitment, the library has established the Postgraduate Hub, a specialised space designed specifically to meet the needs of postgraduate students.

The Postgraduate Hub offers an ideal environment for students to concentrate on their individual work or participate in collaborative projects. The hub includes two private rooms: PG Pod 1 and PG Pod 2, each capable of accommodating up to 6 individuals, fostering group dynamics and facilitating interactive sessions.



INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



APPLIEDHE RANKINGS

The AppliedHE Private University Ranking: ASEAN+ focuses exclusively on private universities, evaluating criteria such as teaching quality, employability, research output, community engagement, internationalisation efforts, and institutional reputation. In the inaugural AppliedHE Rankings, Sunway University emerged as the leading institution in ASEAN, securing the #1 position in the Private University Ranking: ASEAN 2024.



QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

The Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings employ a methodology encompassing various factors, including academic reputation, employer reputation, research impact, and internationalisation. The latest methodology utilised by QS incorporates metrics such as international research networks, employment outcomes, and sustainability.



Sunway University continues to strengthen its global reputation, achieving a notable ranking of #586 in the QS World University Rankings 2024. #103 in Asia and In the Asian region, Sunway stands proudly at #22 and boast six subjects which are ranked globally. These include Business and Management, Social Science and Management, Arts and Humanities, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Medicine, and Hospitality and Leisure Management.

UI GREENMETRIC RANKING

Launched by Universitas Indonesia in 2010, the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking evaluates green campus initiatives and environmental sustainability. This ranking utilises 39 indicators and 6 criteria to assess various aspects of sustainability, including Setting and Infrastructure (SI), Energy and Climate Change (EC), Waste (WS), Water (WR), Transportation (TR), and Education (ED).



In the 2023 rankings, Sunway University achieved a global ranking of #171, highlighting the institution's significant environmental commitment and initiatives. This recognition underscores the University's dedication to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

THE IMPACT RANKING



The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings is a unique global performance assessment that evaluates universities' contributions to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), employing indicators to offer a comprehensive and balanced comparison across four major domains: research, stewardship, outreach, and teaching.

Sunway University has secured a position among the top 400 globally in this ranking, affirming the university's steadfast dedication to embedding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into all aspects of campus life, from curricular offerings to co-curricular activities. This recognition highlights Sunway's unwavering commitment to advancing sustainable development goals across all facets of its operations.

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING



The Times Higher Education World University Rankings encompass 18 meticulously calibrated performance indicators evaluating an institution's achievements across five key domains: teaching quality, research environment, research excellence, industry engagement, and international outlook.

Based on these metrics, Sunway University has been ranked between 601 - 800 in the 2024 rankings. Furthermore, Sunway has secured a spot in the 201 to 250 bracket for THE Asia University Rankings and currently holds the #189 position in the 2024 Young University Rankings.



SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS



For students, two new courses were developed: Community Service for Planetary Health and Integrity and Sustainable Development. These courses were created to instil a culture of responsibility and ethical conduct, reinforcing our commitment to making a meaningful impact on global sustainable development efforts.



SDGacademy

The SDG Academy, based in Sunway University, leveraged the power of the digital platform LinkedIn, to broaden the understanding of sustainability principles, sharing knowledge and best practices with a global audience thus further contributing to the discourse on sustainable development.

Sunway University is steadfast in its commitment to sustainability through the Campus with a Conscience (CWAC) initiative, which seamlessly integrates sustainable development and planetary health into every aspect of campus life. This dedication embodies our accountability to the planet and its inhabitants, fostering a community deeply rooted in sustainable living principles. Through CWAC, we continue to conduct educational outreach via webinars, e-bulletins, and campus events, aiming to inspire positive change among staff, students, alumni, and the wider community.



IN 2023, THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES WERE UNDERTAKEN.

Staff training on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) continued with new material embedded into the staff curriculum that incorporated sustainable practices and how to embed them into their daily routines, further enhancing sustainable behaviours and mindsets.



The highlight of our CWAC initiative was the "Local Action for Global Goals" festival, a vibrant week-long event held in September to raise awareness and inspire action on the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The festival brought together numerous international brands showcasing their sustainability initiatives. The event aimed to educate the Sunway community on the essence of sustainability and encourage active participation in creating a sustainable future.

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