SPECIAL CONFERMENT CEREMONY

in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of IMU

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Welcome and thank you for being a part of today’s Special Conferment Ceremony. Today is the day the International Medical University (IMU) confers seven Honorary Degrees to a group of close associates who have contributed immensely to the development, and advancement of IMU in the past 25 years. For without their counsel, unwavering support and heartfelt encouragement, the University will not be where it is today.

2017 is a special one for the IMU. It is the University’s 25th anniversary. And just recently, IMU has been awarded the self-accreditation status – by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). With this status of autonomy, IMU is able to accredit all its non-professional courses. The award demonstrates the fact that the IMU consistently maintains high standards of quality and integrity in all its programmes.

IMU began as International Medical College (IMC) in 1992, as an exciting educational experiment that was the vision of three Malaysian academicians, supported by two eminent international medical educationalists. At that time, Malaysia was facing a serious shortage of doctors. Dr Kamal Salih, a visionary, and Dr Mei Ling Young, a social scientist with a strong interest in development, and Dr Saidi Hashim, a medical doctor hit on a brilliant, simple idea – if young Malaysian students could not go out into the world to get the medical education they wanted and deserved, they would bring it to them.

Today, IMU has grown from one school, offering a single medical programme, to another four schools, i.e. Pharmacy, Dentistry, Health Sciences and Postgraduate Studies. The University’s unique partner transfer model has been very successful in establishing IMU as a leading private university in Malaysia. We have made our mark with a strong reputation among the medical practitioners and healthcare providers. Since 1993, we have educated and nurtured just over 10,000 healthcare professionals who are competent, compassionate and adaptable life-long learners.

As the University progresses into a rapidly changing world, where knowledge and technology is moving at an unimaginable pace, the IMU retains its vision of becoming an innovative global centre of excellence in learning and research, supporting a community of scholars and professionals committed to serving society, promoting the development of students to reach their true potential in becoming competent, ethical, caring and inquiring citizens and visionary leaders.
The International Medical College (IMC) was officially launched on 13 April 1992 by the then Education Minister, YB Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Haji Daud, demonstrating the full support of the Malaysian Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

Changing the landscape of medical education, IMC introduced the world’s first unique curriculum model that allows medical students to spend the first five semesters at the IMC in Kuala Lumpur, before moving to one of the five leading Partner Medical Schools (PMS) around the world.

Gaining University Status
On 4 February 1999, IMC was granted university status and became the International Medical University (IMU), thus providing students the additional option of reading the whole medical degree in Malaysia, graduating with the IMU MBBS. With this, IMU also became the country’s first private medical college to be upgraded to a university.

Since then, IMU has grown from a medical college with five PMS offering one programme, to an internationally recognised higher education institution offering 24 programmes with 33 world class partner universities in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom and China. It is also the first university in Malaysia that offers conventional and complementary medicine, all under one roof.

Healthcare and Research
In January 2010, IMU took a bold step in its plan to be a holistic healthcare provider. IMU opened its first Oral Health Centre, which was quickly followed by the Chiropractic Centre in May 2010, Medical Clinic in July 2010 and the Chinese Medicine Centre in November 2010. These clinics formed the IMU Healthcare Centre, which serves as a teaching site for IMU students and plays an important role in educating future healthcare professionals who understand the importance and benefits of offering holistic healthcare services. It also extends the learning experience beyond the partnerships already offered by the Ministry of Health hospitals and clinics.

While medical and healthcare-related research continues to be an area of focus, the University also places emphasis on medical education research. To support research, the University established the Institute of Research, Development and Innovation (IRDI) in 2012.

Poised to be a significant player in biomedical and clinical research, IRDI’s four key thrust areas are cancer and stem cell research, bioactive molecules and drug delivery, environmental and population health, and health professional education research.

This is also part of the IMU’s vision to be a leading private Asian health educator that creates value through integrating education, research and healthcare. The current development of the IMU Hospital and a planned network of clinics is an important part of this vision and set to be completed by 2021.

Serving the Community
One of IMU’s core values is that to be good healthcare professionals, students must be moulded to be good human beings. And this includes being aware of, and sensitive to the needs of the communities in which they live and work, hence IMU’s tradition of active community engagement.

Since its launch in 2002, IMU Cares programme has played an important part of university life, providing the opportunities for students and staff to engage with...
the community beyond the university. From small-scale fund-raising activities in 2002, IMU Cares has expanded to provide more than just financial assistance to the less privileged. The programme now strives to deliver healthcare, to promote health and wellness, and to prevent disease. In addition, IMU Cares has begun providing more holistic care, including medication counselling and nutritional assessment. Cases requiring further treatment are referred to the IMU Healthcare clinics, and the Khazanah IHH Healthcare Fund (KIHF) underwrites treatment costs.

IMU Cares has also looked into the education and training of caregivers, to enable and empower them to provide better care. From integration and application of knowledge and skills to inter-professional learning and collaborative practice, the programme has become a platform for experiential learning. It enables students to learn leadership, inter-professional teamwork, and to practise the values of professionalism and ethics while making a difference to communities. One of IMU’s commendable efforts was seen through its long-running Village Partnership programme which won first place; out of 63 international universities in the prestigious MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship Award 2013. In 2013, the University also won the Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) ASPIRE for Excellence Award in the area of “Student Engagement” at the AMEE conference in Prague, Czech Republic.
MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

As the International Medical University (IMU) celebrates its 25th anniversary, we reflect on our early founders whom we honour and respect for their vision and foresight, and to whom we owe the achievements of today. In just two and a half decades, IMU has evolved into a modern university that is focused on medical education, research, patient care and community service. Twenty-five years is a milestone in the life of an institution, and this is the time to celebrate the past, reflect on the present, and make plans for the future.

Established in 1992, this University was a unique educational venture established in line with the Malaysian government’s objective of making the country a leading centre of educational excellence in the region and providing Malaysian students with the opportunity to achieve their aspirations of becoming doctors and healthcare professionals.
Now, IMU is an integrated medical and healthcare institution focusing on education, healthcare and research in partnership with some of the world’s most respected individuals and universities. It is Malaysia’s only university focused 100 per cent on medical and healthcare education, and continues to play a significant role in nation-building.

To mark IMU’s 25th anniversary, we have an exciting calendar of events planned for 2017, including conferences, a homecoming dinner, conferment of honorary degrees, and many others. We kick-started our celebrations at University Day, an event held annually to commemorate the conferment of the institution’s university status in 1999.

This year, the University will be giving out seven special conferment to individuals whose vision, expertise and generosity of spirit have contributed to the growth and establishment of the University. This ceremony is our way of honouring the University’s close associates, individuals whose dedication, hard work and sacrifice have greatly impacted our success over the 25 years. We are proud to present honorary degrees to these seven befitting associates for whom we will always be indebted to.

In light of our anniversary, IMU is renewing its commitment to drive changes in the medical and healthcare education, research, patient care and community service, as well as what makes IMU unique with the theme Better Health, Better Society. In our quest to promote better health, we aspire to nurture a better society; a society that is empowered to take charge of its well-being and in turn lives a happy and prosperous life that is central to the nation’s socio-economic development.

Moving forward, we will continue to innovate and maintain our leadership role as an exemplary University. The focus will be to further develop medical education in Malaysia where IMU will shoulder the responsibility to nurture the best medical graduates with the core values of IMU – ethics and altruism – so ingrained in them. We will strive to meet our commitment in giving our students the very best in pre-university, undergraduate and postgraduate education; they will receive the best experience, skills, competencies and values to help them succeed.

In approximately five years’ time, we will achieve yet another milestone – the opening of IMU Hospital. With this, our students will receive the best exposure ever to a technologically advanced setting. It will set us apart as an academic health centre where the hospital’s facilities will function as a network of healthcare services, teaching and research.

Here’s to a more vibrant and exciting future for IMU.

Thank you.

Dato’ Dr Amir Abbas
Chancellor
DPMP, DMedSc (Hon) (UKM), FRCP, DTM&H (L’pool), FAMM, MBBS (UM-S’pore)
As we settle into a very special year, IMU’s 25th year, we have much to celebrate for this distinct milestone. Twenty-five years is not a very long time. Yet, the University, which is a realisation of the vision of our founders – namely, Tan Sri Datuk Dr Kamal Salih, Dr Mei Ling Young and the late Dr Saidi Hashim – has achieved many milestones as an institution with a prominent history of specialising in medical and healthcare programmes.

It is an honour to participate in the 25th Anniversary Celebrations of IMU. I am pleased to see Tan Sri Datuk Dr Kamal Salih
returning to IMU to attend our special conferment of honorary degrees for this celebration. Tan Sri is among seven distinguished individuals who received the honorary degrees and who have made a mark on IMU since its early years. I would like to take this opportunity to record my highest appreciation as it is with their wise counsel that has helped steer the University towards achieving national and international recognition, placing the University in a well-regarded position in the education industry. Thank you and congratulations to the seven honorary degree recipients!

Having reached this milestone, we look back and are truly thankful that we have benefitted more than 10,000 students who now have the skills and knowledge to make a difference in the lives of others in Malaysia and other parts of the world. We look forward to welcoming them back for a homecoming dinner as part of our 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

The University recently received a Self-accreditation Status from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) for its non-professional programmes. This is an honour from the agency as well as the Ministry of Higher Education, and a reflection of IMU’s solid internal assessment and quality assurance processes.

IMU is in the culture of progression. Which is why we will strive to identify new areas to fill the gap between problems and solutions in the medical field, to identify new niches and areas of distinction. To get us started on this, we will evolve to be more learner-centred, decentralised and flexible. Technology will also be a core feature of this dynamic change to bring about a new and relevant teaching/learning experience.

With the support of our alumni, staff and other stakeholders, we look forward to many more successful years for the University.

Prof Abdul Aziz Baba
Vice-Chancellor
MBBS (Melb), MRCP (UK), MRCP (Ireland), FRCP (Edin), AM
SPECIAL CONFERMENT CEREMONY

Monday, 10 April 2017, 4:30 pm
Auditorium 2, 4th Floor, IMU

4:30 pm  Arrival of Guests
4:40 pm  Guests to be seated
4:50 pm  Grand Procession
          Recital of Doa
          Announcement of the Purpose of the Congregation by the Vice-Chancellor
          Official Opening of the Special Conferment Ceremony
5:10 pm  Address by Prof Abdul Aziz Baba, Vice-Chancellor of IMU
5:15 pm  Conferment of the Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Medical Education
- Prof Karen Mann (Posthumous), citation by Prof Vishna Devi Nadarajah
- Prof Trudie Roberts, citation by Prof Victor Lim

Doctor of Medicine
- Prof Nicholas Glasgow, citation by Prof Peter Pook
- Prof James McKillap, citation by Prof Abdul Aziz Baba
- Prof Richard Hays, citation by Prof Toh Chooi Gait
- Prof Dato’ Dr Mafauzy Mohamed, citation by Prof Dato’ Dr Kew Siang Tong

Doctor of Science
- Tan Sri Datuk Dr Kamal Salihi, citation by Dr Mei Ling Young

Acceptance Speech by Prof Trudie Roberts on behalf of the Recipients

6:00 pm  Closing by the Chancellor
          Negaraku (the National Anthem)

Procession exits
Official photography
Refreshment
CITATIONS

Prof Karen Mann
Prof Trudie Roberts
Prof Nicholas Glasglow
Prof James McKillop
Prof Richard Hays
Prof Dato’ Dr Mafauzy Mohamed
Tan Sri Datuk Dr Kamal Salih
Professor Karen Mann was an illustrious but humble scholar with over 50 years of progressive contributions in the field of medical education. Karen received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Dalhousie University in 1964. She later pursued her postgraduate studies at Dalhousie and graduated with a Masters in Science (Health Education) in 1978 and a Doctorate in Education in 1986.

Karen began her career in education as a nursing instructor at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax. In 1986, she joined the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie as Director of the Medical Education Unit. Later, in 1995, Karen became the founding Head of the Division of Medical Education at Dalhousie University and was promoted to Professor in 1997. Widely respected, Karen assumed numerous national and international leadership roles in medical education, including President of the Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME), Chair of the Research in Medical Education Planning Committee, Chair Group on Educational Affairs at AAMC and Chair of the International Editorial Board for Medical Education. She was also a Professor and part-time chair of Medical Education at the University of Manchester, UK, a member of the Professional Education Advisory Committee (PEAC) and the 2nd Ron Harden Visiting Professor at the International Medical University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Recognised for her relevant and impactful contributions, Karen received numerous awards including the Distinguished Contributions to Medical Education in 1996 by CAME, a Dalhousie Instructional Leadership Award in 2000, the 2005 Award for Contributions to Medical Education Research from the Society of Academic CME, and in 2007 she was awarded honorary membership in the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Karen was also awarded the notable Merrell Flair Award for distinguished contributions to medical education in North America in 2010.

Her main research interests were in self-assessment and feedback, as well as faculty development, experience based learning and inter-professional education. Throughout her career, she was involved in over 65 research projects, authored over 160 research papers with more than 5,000 citations and contributed to over 30 monographs, book chapters, proceedings and learning modules. She also tirelessly served on the editorial boards of a number of international medical education journals.

In addition to her outstanding record of leadership and research in medical education, she was held in great affection by the medical education community. This is because Karen was also a person who was full of kindness, had a great sense of humour and showed gentle fearlessness when advocating issues related to medical education. Karen believed passionately in the power of educational research and theory to strengthen both medical education and healthcare. Karen once wrote, “Medical educators today are preparing learners for the professional roles they will enact tomorrow and are seeking to develop professionals who are competent, self-aware, able to self-monitor and self-assess their performance and to continue learning throughout their practice lifetimes.” Karen was an exemplary role model of professionalism in medical education.
Professor Trudie Roberts graduated from Manchester with a degree in Medicine and a BSc in Anatomy. She undertook her early medical training in Manchester and subsequent research in Manchester and the Karolinska Institute in Sweden.

In 1995, she was appointed Senior Lecturer in Transplant Immunology at the University of Manchester. In 2000, she was appointed as Professor of Medical Education at the University of Leeds with the responsibilities of leadership and scholarship in medical education. Adding on to her portfolio, Trudie was appointed as Director of the Leeds Institute of Medical Education and Honorary Consultant Physician at the Leeds Acute Hospital Trust in 2009, and continues to serve in these positions today.

Her main research interests and expertise are in the areas of assessment of competence, professionalism, and transitions in training and education. Recently, she has been awarded approximately £7 million in research and scholarship grants for various projects in teaching and learning in both national and the EU. Recognised for her extensive contributions in medical education, she was also awarded a National Teaching Fellowship in 2006 and recently in 2017 the Miles Award by the National University of Singapore for medical education.

Nationally and internationally, Trudie held various leading positions and memberships in professional bodies. She was a council member of the General Medical Council from 2009 until 2012, Chair of the Association for the Study of Medical Education until July 2013 and currently member and Censor for the Royal College of Physicians of London. In September 2013, she was elected as President of the Association of Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) and continues to serve in this position. At the International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia, she was a member of the Academic Council from 2004 representing University of Leeds and later appointed as Chair of the Professional Education Advisory Council (PEAC) in 2013. She is also currently the Ron Harden Visiting Professor for the IMU.
HONORARY DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Prof Nicholas Glasgow

Professor Nicholas Glasgow is an experienced general practitioner and palliative medicine physician. He graduated with his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) in 1981 and later obtained his Doctor in Medicine (MD) in 1999 from the University of Auckland.

Better known as Prof Nick Glasgow, he is a respectable national leader in the field of health and medicine. His passion in the teaching and learning was also evident when he later obtained his Graduate Certificate of Educational Studies (Higher Education) from the University of Sydney in 2002. He has held senior academic appointments at the University of the United Arab Emirates, the University of Sydney and the Australian National University (ANU).

Throughout his career, Nick has won research and development funds in excess of $25 million. Over $4 million of these funds are in NHMRC grants in which he is named as a principal investigator. His research interests include asthma and respiratory health, chronic disease care, end of life care, health system research including health workforce research, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. He has over 70 peer reviewed publications and is regularly invited to speak at national and international meetings in relation to his research, educational and leadership interests.

His wide experience spans across all aspects of curriculum development, approaches to teaching, assessment and evaluation of educational programmes across the vertical continuum of medical education. In 1997, Nick received the Excellence in Teaching prize which was awarded by the University of the United Arab Emirates. Later in 2011, he was awarded the “Top Supervisor” Award by the ANU. He has twice been a Harvard Macy Scholar.

In addition to his university service, he is active in various professional and health service committees of organisations and is known as an effective and consensus building chair. In 2011, he was appointed by the Federal Minister of Health to be a member of the National Lead Clinicians Group. He served as Acting Chair of this group for 18 months until the incoming Federal Government disbanded it in 2014.

Nick is an excellent teacher, primary healthcare researcher and leader within primary healthcare, university and administrative settings. At the International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia, Nick joined the Academic Council (AC) as a member representing the Australian National University in 2008. He was appointed as Chair of the Academic Council since 2015. He played a vital role in working closely with IMU to get ANU recognised by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) in 2009. This recognition allows Malaysian medical students graduating from ANU to practise in Malaysia.
Professor James McKillop, who is fondly known as Jim McKillop, graduated with first class honours in 1970 with the Bachelor of Science in Physiology from the University of Glasgow. He later obtained his MBChB (Hons) in 1972 and his doctorate in 1979 also from the University of Glasgow. He received his FRCP in Glasgow (1986), Edinburgh (1990) and London (1992). As an expert in the use of radioactivity for the diagnosis and treatment of disease, he was appointed as Muirhead Professor of Medicine at the University of Glasgow and held the Muirhead Chair of Medicine from 1989-2011.

Having served as a clinical academic for more than 35 years, Jim loved the challenge of clinical practice and research in the development of new diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. With a special interest in acute medicine, thyroid diseases and nuclear medicine, Jim had published over 200 peer reviewed publications one of which is the notable “Tomorrow’s Doctors 2009”. This publication was used to set standards for all 32 UK Medical Schools as well as the International Medical University (IMU)’s clinical school.

Jim McKillop believes strongly in promoting realistic opportunities in medicine for others who have disabilities. This has been achieved through work with the General Medical Council (GMC) and with other bodies such as the Higher Education Occupational Practitioners Group.

He has also won numerous awards including the Most Inspiring Clinician Award from the Glasgow Medical Students and one of 35 “Role Models in Academic Medicine” identified by the British Medical Journal, Honorary Fellowship of Academy of Medical Educators and the BMJ Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Throughout his career and his passion in medical education, Jim actively served in various academic boards and councils including the GMC where he was also chair for the undergraduate board, the audit and risk committee. He is also an external advisor to Medical Schools or medical regulators in the UK, Sweden, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Japan, South Korea and Australia.

Jim was member of the Academic Council for the International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia from 2003-07 representing the University of Glasgow. The Academic Council acts as a consultative body with regard to the medical and dental programmes of the IMU. In 2013, Jim became a member of the Professional Education Advisory Committee (PEAC) for IMU and continues to contribute and provide guidance to the IMU on all matters relating to the education and training of students enrolled in the professional undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing professional development (CPD) programmes of IMU.
Professor Richard Hays, after graduating with MBBS from the University of Queensland in 1976, spent the early years of his career as a clinical general practitioner in northern Queensland before becoming a full-time academic in 1991 when he took on the post of Senior Lecturer in the Department of General Practice, University of Sydney.

Richard later obtained his doctorate from the James Cook University of North Queensland in 1991 and received his Higher Doctorate in Medicine from the University of Queensland in 2004. He also has several professional qualifications including Dip RCOG, FRACGP, FACTM, FACRRM, FAcadMed to name a few.

Richard had played a key role in the development of several new medical education programmes, including James Cook University (Australia), Keele University (United Kingdom) and Bond University (Australia). As Foundation Dean, he was responsible for the educational development and accreditation of the School of Medicine, James Cook University which in 1999 was the first new Australian medical school to open in 26 years with a new curriculum reflecting regional healthcare and workforce needs.

As one of Australia’s leading experts in medical education, Richard had visiting academic engagements to many universities in North America (Southern Illinois University, British Columbia), Europe (UCL, Cambridge, Tromso, Limerick), Western Pacific (Fiji) and Asia (China, Hong Kong, Malaysia). He has also participated in many international medical education quality assurance reviews.

Richard has been awarded about AUD 3 million in competitive research and development grants. He published approximately 105 research papers in peer-reviewed journals, 270 other journal articles, book reviews, published abstracts and 8 books, primarily on assessment, curriculum design and educational quality assurance.

Throughout his career, Richard’s research interests include curriculum and assessment practices that deliver particular workforce outcomes, with a strong Social Accountability focus. This overlaps strongly with his rural health service delivery and programme evaluation interests. He is actively involved in the review of programmes and its quality of delivery.

Richard still loves leading change based on medical education development and remains in part-time clinical practice. He is also currently the Chair for the Tasmanian Rural Medical Generalist Coordinating Council and Editor for the MedEdPublish based in the UK.
Professor Dato’ Dr Mafauzy Mohamed is currently an Honorary Professor of Medicine and Senior Consultant Endocrinologist at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). He was formerly the Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Director of Campus, Director of Hospital and Dean at the same university in Kelantan, Malaysia. He was a Colombo Plan scholar and obtained his MBBS from the University of Adelaide, Australia in 1980. He went on to specialise in Internal Medicine, and received his MRCP (UK) in 1985. He obtained his Master of Medical Science from the University of Sheffield in 1987. He was appointed as a Lecturer in USM in 1987, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1992. In 1996, he was admitted as Fellow of Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh) and in 2000 he was promoted as full Professor of Medicine.

He is actively involved in the field of endocrinology and diabetes. He serves as an examiner for the Royal College of Physicians, United Kingdom and has been invited by the International Medical University (IMU) and several universities as External Examiner for Professional Examinations at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and also as Masters and PhD theses examiner. IMU is fortunate to have Prof Dato’ Dr Mafauzy as a panel member of the Professional Education Advisory Committee (PEAC) since 2009. He continues to serve in this committee and provides guidance and advice to ensure the programmes at IMU are of high standards.

Mafauzy is also actively involved in research and has to date obtained over 110 research grants mainly in the field of diabetes, dyslipidemia and thyroid disorders. He participated in many clinical trials, including cardiovascular and renal outcome trials, relating to diabetes and metabolism. He has supervised over 25 postgraduate students and has published and presented numerous papers in national and international journals, and in national and international meetings. He has been Chief Editor of the Malaysian Journal of Medical Sciences, Journal of ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies and Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism. He is also a council member of the Malaysian Medical Council since 1994 and is actively involved in accreditation and recognition of medical programmes by the Council and Malaysian Qualifications Agency.
A gifted visionary social scientist, Tan Sri Datuk Dr Kamal Salih is one of the three founders of the International Medical University (IMU) in 1992. The mission is to provide Malaysians an opportunity to realise their own dreams of becoming doctors and healthcare professionals. Born in 1946, Kamal earned his Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours from Monash University, Australia in 1969. He obtained his Masters and Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, USA in 1972 and 1973 respectively. All these were on scholarships. Kamal returned to Malaysia in 1973 and served as a Lecturer in the School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). He quickly rose to being Deputy Dean of Humanities and later, Dean of the School of Social Sciences at USM and, finally becoming the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) in 1982. As well as his academic career, Kamal was also actively involved as a consultant to the Malaysian government and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Japan.

Having carved a name for himself as an economist and regional scientist, Kamal was involved in various state government planning committees and played a major role as a Consultant to the Economic Planning Unit under the Prime Minister’s Department on regional development policies for the Third Malaysia Plan, the birth of the New Economic Policy. He later served as a member of the Prime Minister’s Economic Panel in 1981-86. He left USM and founded the think-tank, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) in 1986. He was a member of the Malaysian Business Council 1991-96 and was the Rapporteur-General of the first National Economic Consultative Council 1989-91, which gave directions to the next phase of the New Economic Policy. He was an economic advisor to the National Implementation Task Force, a high-level group of experts under the Prime Minister’s Department from 2006-08.

A true academic at heart, Kamal has published widely in the area of regional development and policies, growth poles, unequal development, the electronics industry and the international division of labour, urbanisation and poverty. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Economics and Development at the University of Malaya and senior technical advisor at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Malaysia.

Kamal’s strength is in his ability to pull together ideas, synthesise them and create something exciting. Perfect in the realm of ideas, he continues to do what he loves most, to read, write and be imaginative.
List of IMU Distinguished Fellows,
Honorary Doctor of Medicine,
Honorary Doctor of Science and
Honorary Doctor of Medical Education

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2007
Sir Patrick Forrest
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

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Prof John Ruedy
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2007
Prof Ian Simpson
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2007
Prof John Simpson
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2007
Prof Terry Healey
Honorary Doctor of Science

2007
Prof Brian Furman
Honorary Doctor of Science

2009
YABhg Tun
Dr Mahathir Mohamad
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2012
Prof Ronald M Harden
Honorary Doctor of Medical Education

2012
Prof Joseph S Gonnella
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2012
Prof Roger Green
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2012
Prof John Marley
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2012
YBhg Tan Sri Dato’
Dr Yahya Awang
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2015
Prof Chris Stephens
Honorary Doctor of Medicine

2015
Prof Mak Joon Wah
Honorary Doctor of Science

2015
Prof James
Roland Lawrence
Honorary Doctor of Medical Education
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM PARTNER UNIVERSITIES
The University of Aberdeen is immensely proud to have been one of five original partner medical schools with the International Medical College in 1992. Our shared graduates shine a light on the power of this collaboration: caring for patients; undertaking community work; achieving academic distinction; and some even learning to wear the kilt!

We send heartfelt congratulations and thanks to IMU. We value the ongoing influences to our curricula, the friendships and the significant benefits that come from being part of the unique worldwide network of IMU partners. We are excited for the possibilities of the next 25 years.

The Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences of the University of Adelaide has a long-standing collaboration with the International Medical University (IMU) which started back in 2009. This relationship is held in high regard and it is with my warmest wishes that I congratulate all staff and students of the IMU, past and present, on this 25th anniversary. We look forward to continuing this key partnership which welcomes students into our Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery/Bachelor of Dental Surgery degrees.

I commend the IMU for your innovative approaches to clinical education which seek to develop not only the very best healthcare practitioners but also the next generation of clinical leaders.
On behalf of ANU, it gives me great pleasure to add our voice in celebration of the International Medical University, and to congratulate the institution on its 25th anniversary.

Over its 25 years, IMU has grown to be an impressive provider of an education in medical and health sciences in South East Asia. It has given Malaysia the opportunity to educate its own doctors, and its students are also able gain valuable experience at partner universities abroad through its programmes. ANU is proud to be a partner of this university since 2009 and 26 students have graduated since the commencement of the partnership.

My staff and I at the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic (AECC) would like to extend our best wishes and congratulations to your 25th anniversary. This is a major milestone that your fantastic institution has reached and we at the AECC are very proud of our association with your University. Your students are a pleasure to teach and are a real testimony to the high level of education and training they have received before they come to join us. Enjoy your silver jubilee celebrations and related events!

Prof Haymo Thiel
Principal
Anglo-European College of Chiropractic

Prof Brian Schmidt
Vice-Chancellor
Australian National University
Congratulation to the International Medical University (IMU) on your 25th anniversary. It is a major achievement to develop and grow a university focused on health. As one of your partner institutions, we are delighted that your silver anniversary will see dental students from IMU join our Faculty of Dentistry at Dalhousie University to complement the existing and very successful training programme for medical students shared between our universities.

Next year, Dalhousie University will celebrate its 200th anniversary. As we both look towards the future, we wish IMU long and successful prospects as an international leader in health education.

I would like to offer my personal and warm congratulations to IMU on its 25th anniversary. The link between the Medical School at the University of Dundee was established at the inception of IMU and has grown stronger over the years. We are very proud of the medical graduates from Dundee who have started their studies in the IMU; they are a credit to both institutions and are an excellent example of the benefits of international partnerships in education. We look forward to developing our relationship with IMU further over the next decade and to develop excellence and innovation in medical education. We are delighted that our Dean of Medicine, Prof Gary Mires currently serves as Vice-Chair of the IMU Academic Council.

Dr Richard Florizone  
President and Vice-Chancellor  
Dalhousie University

Prof Sir Pete Downes  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor  
University of Dundee
Congratulations on your Silver Jubilee from the University of Edinburgh.

It gives me great pleasure, as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, to send warm congratulations to colleagues at International Medical University on the occasion of your silver jubilee.

The University of Edinburgh enjoys an active and enduring partnership in medical education with IMU. Since 2011, nearly 100 medical students have transferred from IMU to join the Edinburgh undergraduate programme in clinical medicine, building a strong community of IMU/Edinburgh alumni in Malaysia that will contribute significantly to your jubilee theme “Better Health, Better Society”.

Once again, warm congratulations on 25 years of achievement by your esteemed University and we look forward to future success and partnership between our respective institutions.

On behalf of the Medical School at the University of Glasgow, I am delighted to congratulate the International Medical University on the auspicious occasion of its Silver Jubilee. Our educational partnership with IMU is a source of great pride for us, and we look forward to many more years of fruitful partnership with an institution which shares our commitment to excellence and our vision of better health and better society.

Prof Sir Timothy O’Shea
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
The University of Edinburgh

Prof Dame Anna Dominiczak
Vice-Principal and Head of College
College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences
University of Glasgow
On behalf of the National University of Ireland Galway, may I congratulate all of our friends - staff and students alike - at the International Medical University on your silver jubilee celebrations. This is an important milestone in the development of IMU from its establishment in 1992 as the IMC to its current status as one of the foremost private medical universities in the South East Asian region. NUI Galway, as one of IMU’s original partner medical schools, has been privileged to share this exciting journey and we have taken pride in providing a high quality clinical education to many IMU transfer medical students over the years. Congratulations on the many accomplishments and successes in your first 25 years of existence, and for refining your innovative model of a truly trans-national outcome-based medical education. We wish you particular success as you progress ambitious plans for your own Academic Health Centre in Kuala Lumpur. NUI Galway looks forward to even closer cooperation with IMU as educational and research partners in the future. We can both look ahead with considerable optimism and a shared commitment to excellence.

Prof Pól Ó Dochartaigh
Registrar and Deputy President
NUI Galway

The University of Leeds sends warm good wishes to IMU on its silver jubilee. We are very proud to have been a Partner Medical School for the last fifteen years and we value this relationship very highly. During this time, many IMU students have graduated from our medical course. These talented young people have enriched our course and contributed to the vibrant culture that exists in the School of Medicine at Leeds. The partnership we have with IMU emphasises the importance we attach to cultural diversity; and enhances academic and professional life here in the UK.

We congratulate all students and staff at IMU on their achievements over a quarter of a century of academic excellence and look forward to continued collaboration for many years to come.

Sir Alan Langlands
Vice-Chancellor
University of Leeds
It is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations to the IMU for its 25th anniversary. Liverpool Medical School has been a partner to the truly innovative international collaboration between the IMU and partner medical schools from the start, and I have been constantly impressed by the quality of students who come to us from the IMU. Our collaboration has survived several political and financial challenges over the years and I look forward to a continuing relationship in the years to come.

The University of Manchester is proud to have collaborated with International Medical University for over 20 years, working together to educate generations of medical students. We send our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your 25th anniversary.
On behalf of the University of Newcastle, Australia, I am delighted to send the International Medical University our best wishes on the occasion of your 25th anniversary.

The University of Newcastle has been a proud Partner Medical University to IMU since 2003, delivering international exchange opportunities within the Bachelor of Medicine each year that have enriched the programme for local students. We look forward to many years of productive collaboration as we move into a new era of medical education with the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (MD).

Congratulations to the International Medical University on your 25th anniversary! UNSW Sydney greatly values our partnership with IMU, and looks forward to working together to advance medical education and healthcare in both our nations. We wish IMU continued growth and success.

Prof Caroline McMillen
Vice-Chancellor and President
The University of Newcastle

Prof Ian Jacobs
President and Vice-Chancellor
UNSW Sydney
On behalf of the University of Nottingham in China, Malaysia and the UK, I would like to congratulate IMU on its 25th anniversary. You celebrate this significant milestone with your 10,000th member of the alumni community who, I am sure, are making a real impact on the lives of those people they come into contact with. As you celebrate your 25th anniversary, the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus is approaching its 20th anniversary. I hope our two Institutions continue to provide significant benefits to higher education in Malaysia for many years to come. Enjoy your celebratory year!

Tēnā koutou katoa – On behalf of the entire University of Otago, I offer you our warmest congratulations as you celebrate your esteemed institution’s 25th anniversary.

The partnership between our two universities is an important one. One which has afforded many positives for mutual learning and development for our respective students.

We look forward to building on our already strong, co-operative relationship with your University – one which will bring our countries closer together and foster innovative and exciting collaborations between our two nations for many years to come.

Prof Sir David Greenaway
Vice-Chancellor
The University of Nottingham

Prof Harlene Hayne
Vice-Chancellor
University of Otago
We would like to extend our warmest wishes and congratulations to our colleagues and friends at IMU on their 25th anniversary, and to acknowledge their achievements in the provision of quality medical and healthcare education. IMU graduates are excellent ambassadors for the University and are serving society, both locally and internationally, in driving forward better health. We wish the IMU alumni community every success for their future. We at Queen Mary University of London are proud of our association with them and look forward to the continuation of this successful partnership.

Queen’s University Belfast is delighted to send best wishes to the International Medical University in Malaysia as it celebrates its 25th anniversary. Our School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences is proud to have worked with IMU over many years, with IMU students coming to Belfast to complete their undergraduate medical training at Queen’s.

We look forward to a continued strong working relationship with IMU over many years to come and send our best wishes to all staff and students at IMU for your silver jubilee celebrations.

With many congratulations and best wishes.

Prof David Sadler
Vice-Principal International
Queen Mary University of London

Prof Patrick G Johnston
President and Vice-Chancellor
Queen’s University Belfast
Congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the founding of International Medical University, Malaysia. RMIT University and International Medical University have benefited from a strong collaborative relationship over the past 10 years and we look forward to continuing this tradition. Our partnership has been grounded by a positive flow of students between our two universities. We are proud to have had 22 students transfer to our Bachelor of Health Science/Applied Science Chiropractic and Chinese Medicine programmes. We look forward to continued engagement to ensure that we may continue to build on the breadth and depth of our partnership.

As a long-term partner of IMU, we feel honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to join IMU in developing and promoting Traditional Chinese Medicine in Malaysia. We admire your commitment to excellence in medical education and triumphs in improving medical quality and standard. With gratitude and appreciation, and on behalf of Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, I would like to congratulate IMU on its 25 years of success and I look forward to another 25 years of fruitful collaboration with IMU.

Mr Martin Bean CBE
Vice-Chancellor and President
RMIT University

Prof Xu Jianguang
President
Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Congratulations and warm wishes from your colleagues and friends at the University of Southampton. It has been a pleasure to work closely with you and to see the International Medical University go from strength to strength in delivering high quality medical education that’s needed to equip our graduates to thrive in rapidly-changing healthcare systems. We wish you every success for your 25th anniversary Homecoming with its fitting theme “Better Health, Better Society” - and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with you for many years to come.

It is a pleasure for me as Vice-Chancellor of the University of South Wales to extend warmest congratulations to the International Medical University on the occasion of your 25th anniversary. We have a Memorandum of Co-operation in place enabling students from IMU to progress to study Chiropractic studies at our campus in South Wales. We are very proud of our partnership and hope that it will continue for many years. Like USW, IMU is committed to creating unique opportunities for students and to making a difference to their lives. On behalf of all of us at the University, many congratulations!

Prof Iain T Cameron
Dean, Faculty of Medicine
University of Southampton

Prof Julie Lydon OBE
Vice-Chancellor
University of South Wales
The University of Tasmania extends its sincere congratulations on the occasion of the International Medical University’s 25th anniversary. Founded on a visionary model of internationalised curriculum in 1992, IMU continues to produce graduates who are prepared for life and careers in the globalised society of the 21st century. These graduates build Malaysia’s capacity to address the complex challenges in health delivery and research locally, nationally and internationally. The University of Tasmania is proud to be part of the global network of partners associated with IMU and looks forward to celebrating the next 25 years of IMU’s success.

We congratulate IMU on what they have achieved over their first 25 years and on the unique international collaborations they have forged to achieve this.

IMU students are now a firm part of the Warwick landscape and we hope to continue to work closely with IMU for the benefit of those who have and will transfer, for the benefit of both IMU and Warwick Medical School.

Prof Peter Rathjen
Vice-Chancellor
University of Tasmania

Prof Stuart Croft
Vice-Chancellor and President
The University of Warwick
On behalf of Western Sydney University, I am delighted to congratulate the International Medical University (IMU) on their 25th anniversary. Our proud association with IMU has been instrumental in creating medical education opportunities for our students, with many graduating to take up important medical roles in Malaysia and Australia. Western Sydney University is pleased to welcome our first IMU alumna, Dr Renuka Shanmugalingham, to our PhD programme.

Western Sydney University looks forward to further strengthening our partnership with IMU and we offer our warmest congratulations on your silver jubilee.

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