TAR College has been upgraded to University College which will allow the institution to offer undergraduate degree programmes leading to the awarding of Bachelor degrees. With the upgrading, the College will thereafter be renamed as Tunku Abdul Rahman University College.

The upgrading was approved in the cabinet meeting on 5 December 2012. The Certificate of Registration was presented to the College in the launch ceremony held on 2 May 2013 which was graced by Yang Berbahagia Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek, Chairman of the TAR College Council. With the certification of registration, the College will now officially operate as a University College.

The upgrading from College to University College is a natural progression taking into cognizance TAR College’s 4 decades of academic excellence. Having educated 160,000 graduates many of whom are now national leaders, established businessmen, entrepreneurs, CEOs and professionals, TAR College education has transformed the lives of many and contributed immensely to nation-building. The change of status will allow the institution to expand its role in building human capital for the country and developing Malaysia as the regional centre of excellence for education.

In his address during the launch ceremony, Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek said: “The Universiti College will continue to maintain its stringent academic standards to ensure that the qualifications meet the needs of the industry. Widening access to quality education continues to be our main focus in our efforts to ensure that Malaysians are not deprived of education particularly in this age of globalization where knowledge is a commodity”.

In keeping with its mission, Tunku Abdul Rahman University College remains committed to perpetuating quality and affordable education.

“TAR College was well-known not just for its academic excellence but also the affordability that was within the means of average Malaysian family in line with the vision and mission laid down by the founding fathers. In continuing this noble aim, the education offered by Tunku Abdul Rahman University College will remain affordable to all Malaysians”, said Datuk Dr Tan Chik Heok, President of Tunku Abdul Rahman University College.

49 Bachelor Degree programmes are slated to commence by September 2013 subject to meeting the necessary standards and requirements set by Ministry of Higher Education.
Presentation of Certificate of Registration by Professor Dr Morshidi Bin Sirat (2nd from right), Director General of Ministry of Higher Education, to Datuk Dr Tan Chik Heok (3rd from left), Principal of TAR College, while Mr Chan Kum Wing (1st from left), Vice Principal of TAR College, Tan Sri Dr Fong Chan Onn (2nd from left), TAR College Council Member, Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek (4th from left), Chairman of TAR College Council, Dato’ Dr Hj Mohd Shafei Bin Abdullah (3rd from right), Wangsa Maju UMNO Division Head, and Datuk Professor Dr Roziah Binti Omar (1st from right), Deputy Director General of Ministry of Higher Education look on

All the VVIPs and senior College officials of TAR College, witnessing the launch of Tunku Abdul Rahman University College.
Yang Berbahagia Professor Dr Morshidi Bin Sirat, Director General and Registrar of the Ministry of Higher Education delivering a speech on behalf of Yang Berhormat Dato’ Seri Mohamed Khaled Bin Nordin, Minister of Higher Education.

The award-winning KTAR Choir performing on stage for all the guests present during the launch ceremony.

Guests, TAR College staff and students congregate at the College Hall to celebrate the grand occasion.

Students swaying their hands according to the tempo of the “La Man” song.