

TAR University College In the Limelight

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Marking TAR UC's 50th anniversary

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A SENSE of nostalgia filled Datuk Yap Kuak Fong as he reminisced about his days as a Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) student, when he enrolled in 1977.

The managing director of Ebara Pumps Malaysia Sdn Bhd would have had a very different life now if it weren't for TAR UC.

"I would probably be a salesman if the institution was not available at the time," said Yap who is Tarcian Alumni Association president.

He noted that school leavers in the past had limited pathways if they did not secure a spot in public universities.

One of the institution's 200,000 graduates, he said: "Once a Tarcian, forever a Tarcian."

TAR UC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on March 16 and 17 next year.

Its president Prof Dr Lee Sze Wei said the celebration - which is themed "HomeComing" - is the perfect opportunity for Tarcian alumni to "reconnect" over a series of programmes and activities held over the two days.

"On the first day, there will be sharing sessions, showcases, a concert and a forum where our partners and special guests would discuss the future of education.



The 50th anniversary celebrations will be held at all campuses in case alumni, students and staff cannot make it to the main campus, says Prof Lee (inset).

"Our grand 50th anniversary would be held on the second day where fellow alumni can reconnect and also get to know our existing students," he said during a press conference at TAR UC's Kuala Lumpur campus on Thursday.

"The celebrations would be held at all TAR UC campuses.

"The grand one will be carried out at the main campus on March 16 and 17 followed by celebrations

at each branch campus.

"This is to ensure alumni, students and staff in various parts of Malaysia can join the celebration if they cannot make it to the main campus," he said.

Dates, he added, of the celebrations at branch campuses would be announced soon.

Prof Lee noted that Tarcians (alumni) could start booking their favourite lecture hall or classroom

to have their "mini gathering" on campus grounds during the anniversary celebration.

"Our alumni who graduated in 1988 have already booked their old lecture hall for their reunion party," he added.

Prof Lee hoped that Tarcians would "come home" to the place where nostalgic memories were made.

"Alumni from around the world,

please come home and join us on this joyous occasion," he said.

He added that many Tarcians have not come back to visit since they graduated.

Besides alumni, Prof Lee said former lecturers and staff of TAR College are also invited to be part of the celebration as a "big family".

TAR UC's 50th anniversary celebration is also a time to reflect on its history and struggles of the then college before it was upgraded to university college status in 2013.

Established in 1969, TAR UC has carved out a reputation for academic excellence and holistic education.

Over the past 49 years, TAR UC has educated about 200,000 individuals who have gone on to become professionals, national leaders and successful entrepreneurs nationally and globally.

"The fact that we have 200,000 alumni is evidence that TAR UC has played its part in nation building and the social economic development of Malaysia," said Prof Lee.

Those who wish to register for the event can scan the QR code that is available at www.tarc.edu.my.

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