



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### UNITAR COLLABORATES WITH PERKESO TO SET UP A PHYSICAL MYFUTUREJOBS SATELLITE CENTRE IN MALAYSIA

**PETALING JAYA, SELANGOR** – **UNITAR International University (UNITAR)** and **Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (PERKESO)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to foster and improve graduates' employability via the establishment of a **physical MYFutureJobs Satellite Centre** at UNITAR's Main Campus in Kelana Jaya, Selangor.

The agreement further formalises the mutual collaboration between the two organisations in facilitating **job placements, initiating employment efforts** and **increasing the employment rate** amongst UNITAR's students and alumni. Additionally, PERKESO will provide **career consultations** to students including career advice to help them identify skills and plan for suitable career pathways, based on planned engagement sessions.

The signing was sealed by **Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Sri Ir. Dr. Sahol Hamid Bin Abu Bakar**, the Vice-Chancellor of UNITAR and **Dato' Sri Dr. Mohammed Azman Bin Dato' Aziz Mohammed** on behalf of PERKESO.

Expressing his gratitude to PERKESO for the cooperation, Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Sri Ir. Dr. Sahol Hamid said, "During this difficult time, our collaborative efforts will open more job opportunities for our students and alumni and provide the platform for UNITARians to showcase their knowledge, skills and unlimited potential. We also look forward to the joint effort in organising conferences, seminars, roadshows, talks and other activities that is mutually beneficial to this collaboration."

Meanwhile, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohammed Azman said, "The MYFutureJobs Satellite Centre at UNITAR increases PERKESO's outreach for employment services to Malaysian fresh graduates. Previously, we have launched virtual satellite centre at the Pusat Komuniti Desa for the rural communities, but we are also expanding physical presence at universities as part of our outreach strategy. Therefore, PERKESO looks forward to more universities coming forward to establish physical satellite centres with us."

Through this initiative, UNITAR will **allocate dedicated spaces in its main campus**, where students and alumni will be able to access the MYFutureJobs portal. **MYFutureJobs** is the National Employment Services Portal managed by PERKESO, an agency under the Ministry of Human Resources, where it has



played an active role in the National Economic Recovery Plan in providing instantaneous job-matching function and Employment Services covering job placement, individualised placement support and career counselling.

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### **ABOUT UNITAR INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

UNITAR International University (UNITAR) was established in 1997 as the first virtual university in Southeast Asia and among the earliest private universities in the country. It is the first institution in Asia to be awarded a QS 5- Star Rating for the Online Learning category. In alignment with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, UNITAR's holistic and innovative learning ecosystem provides a comprehensive programme offering for all socio-economic levels whilst developing highly employable and entrepreneurial global citizens.

It aims to go beyond just providing the learning journey for students in acquiring relevant skill sets, but through their C.A.R.E. — Collaborative, Adaptive, Reflective, and Entrepreneurial education methodology, UNITAR nurtures its students in developing self-awareness of their talents and abilities, as well inculcating in them the need for social responsibility whilst moulding them to be better citizens of the nation.

UNITAR's programmes are offered in 13 locations, including its main campus in urban Kelana Jaya. It has a total enrolment of over 5,000 students spread within 40 homegrown programmes ranging from the Foundation, Diploma and Bachelor's levels to the postgraduate Master's and Doctorate's. To meet the current needs of the industries, UNITAR also provides over 50 professional certification programmes. With APEL, working professionals can continue their education journey with the option to reduce their programme duration.

UNITAR takes pride in having committed academics housed in various faculties and schools. The academic verticals comprise of the Faculty of Business & Technology, Faculty of Education & Humanities, the School of Culinary Arts and School of Media, Art & Design. Since its inception, UNITAR has embarked on an innovative learning methodology where technology is featured significantly, but never aimed to replace human relationships. Its pursuit to offer competitive quality education in both conventional and online teaching modes continues till today, meeting the needs of 21st Century education.

### **ABOUT THE PERTUBUHAN KESELAMATAN SOSIAL (PERKESO)**



Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial was established as one of the government departments under the Ministry of Human Resources to provide Social Security coverage to workers under the Employees' Social Security Act 1969 (Act 4) and Employees' Social Security General Rules 1971, Self-Employment Social Security Act 2017 (Act 789) and Employment Insurance System Act 2017 (Act 800). PERKESO's core principles are based on the concept of joint responsibility through pooling of resources, sharing of risk and replacement of income.

Since the start of the pandemic in 2020, PERKESO has been tasked by the Government to implement various initiatives under the PRIHATIN, PENJANA, KITA PRIHATIN stimulus packages, as well as Belanjawan 2021, PERMAI, PEMERKASA and PEMERKASA+. PERKESO is currently implementing improved assistance for employers and workers under the Pakej Perlindungan Rakyat dan Pemulihan Ekonomi (PEMULIH) through the following initiatives: Wage Subsidy Programme 4.0 (PSU 4.0), PenjanaKerjaya 3.0, KerjayaGig and SIP Prihatin 2.0.

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