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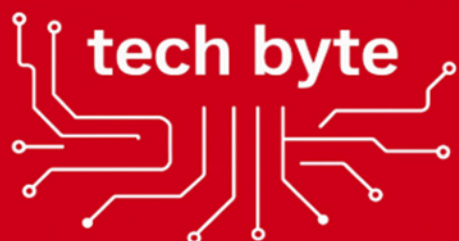
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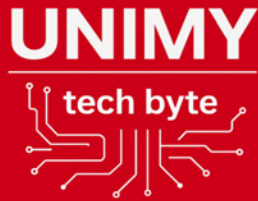
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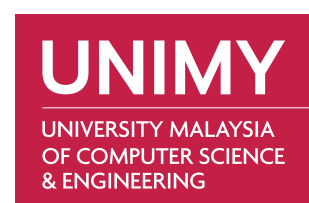
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# From the Editor's Desk

**Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair**

Editor / Deputy Vice Chancellor, UNIMY



Thank you for the warm response to the inaugural issue of *UNIMY Tech Byte*. Many of you wrote in to say that the e-newsletter was timely, practical, and easy to share with colleagues and students. That encouragement matters.

Our cover story this month celebrates a major research milestone on UNIMY's latest success in securing the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)'s Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS). The AI project, "**Graph-based Dynamic Edge Strategy for Human-Object Interaction Recognition**," secured **RM97,400**. Led by **Prof. Dr. Habibollah Haron** with co-researchers **Noor Fadzillah** and **Nur Faiqah**, this grant is more than a headline—it is an investment in sharper algorithms, stronger publications, and a new generation of students who will learn AI by doing, not just by reading. The award presentation by MOHE's Director-General at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) marks an important vote of confidence in UNIMY's research direction.

This issue also spotlights how UNIMY continues to anchor technology education beyond its campus. At the **5th RYSC 2K25 – International Robotics Competition 2025**, 50 students from Malaysia and Indonesia came together for two days of cross-border STEM collaboration under the theme "*To Be Fair, To Be Transparent – The World in Your Hands.*" Co-hosted with Rotary partners, Sekolah Robot Indonesia, and UNIMY, the event showed how robotics can teach not only coding and engineering, but also ethics, fairness, and teamwork.

We also feature UNIMY's presence at the **KL Engineering Science Fair 2025** at The Mines International Exhibition & Convention Centre from 14–16 November 2025. Our booth and outreach sessions drew strong interest from students, parents, and educators keen to understand where STEM education is heading—especially with AI becoming a core literacy for future careers. These engagements reinforce UNIMY's role as both a university and a public educator on technology.

We invite you to be part of future issues. Send articles of not more than **300 words**, together with selected **high-resolution images**, or opinion pieces supported by photos or diagrams from your classrooms, labs, industry projects, or community work to **Vikneswaran.N@unimy.edu.my**. Your stories will help show how UNIMY builds Malaysia's digital talent with purpose.

Thank you once again for your continued support, critique, and contributions. Let this newsletter remain your monthly checkpoint on what UNIMY is building, testing, and ready to share next.



# UNIMY Secures FRGS Grant to Advance Next-Generation AI for Smart Cities

**Prof. Dr. Habibollah Haron**

Head, Research, Innovation and Commercialisation (RICE) Department, UNIMY



*The UNIMY FRGS team led by Prof. Dr. Habibollah, receiving the grant award from Director-General of Ministry of Higher Education, Datuk Professor Dr. Azlinda Azman.*

UNIMY is proud to announce that our researchers have secured a Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS) award worth RM97,400 from the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) for the project "Graph-based Dynamic Edge Strategy for Human-Object Interaction Recognition." Led by Prof. Dr. Habibollah Haron with co-researchers Noor Fadzillah Azman and Nur Faiqah Ab Hamid@Fauzi, the project positions UNIMY at the forefront of AI and computer vision innovation.

At its core, the research tackles a key challenge in intelligent systems, which is how computers can reliably understand what people are doing with objects around them, i.e. whether lifting a box, using a tool, or interacting with equipment in public spaces. Existing Human-Object Interaction (HOI) models struggle with accuracy and require heavy computing power.

This project responds by designing three cutting-edge components, namely the Interaction Recognition Graph Neural Network (IR-GNN) to filter out non-relevant human-object pairs, the Parallel Multi-Head Graph Attention Network (PMGAT) to focus on fine details such as body posture and facial cues, and a Graph Sampling-based Dynamic Edge Strategy (GraphSADES) to make the whole system faster and more efficient.

Using benchmark datasets, the team will build and test models that can deliver higher precision with lower computational cost. The outcomes will support safer roads through better driver-monitoring systems, smarter surveillance for public security, and more responsive human-machine collaboration in areas such as healthcare, robotics, and industrial automation.

Beyond publications and potential IP, the project will nurture postgraduate talent and provide rich research problems for UNIMY students who are keen to work in AI, data science, and smart city solutions. This FRGS success underscores UNIMY's commitment to advancing Malaysia's digital economy and contributing AI technologies that are not only powerful, but purposeful and socially relevant.





# From Campus to Cyber Readiness: Building Human-Artificial Intelligence (AI) Partnerships for Malaysia's Security

**Prof. Dr. Vikneswaran Nair**

Editor / Deputy Vice Chancellor, UNIMY



The CEO@UNIMY Faculty Tech Talk with the theme, "Cybersecurity and AI Convergence", gathered leaders from education, industry, and government to address the widening gap between university training and employer expectations.



*Raja Singham (Founder, Managing Director & Chief Future Office, BAC Education);  
Dr. Noor Azizah Atdenan (Registrar); Prof. Ts. Dr. Salwani Mohd Daud (Vice Chancellor)*

**Raja Singham**, the Founder, Managing Director and Chief Future Officer of BAC Education, argued that graduates must leave with practical competence rather than only theoretical knowledge, and he called for co-teaching and live projects with industry experts. He noted Malaysia's estimated shortage of 12,000-27,000 cybersecurity professionals and urged students to treat learning as continuous through platforms such as Coursera and LinkedIn Learning. Citing Charles Darwin, he reminded the audience that survival favours those most adaptable to change. **Thillai Raj T. Ramanathan**, the CTO, BAC Education moderated the discussion.



*The moderator and the panelist – adjunct professor of practice at UNIMY – sharing their thoughts*

**Krishna Rajagopal**, CEO Akati Sekurity, highlighted the pace and scale of digital risk, noting projections that cybercrime could reach USD10.5 trillion in 2025. He demonstrated the persuasive power of deepfakes and other AI-generated content and showed how tools such as “Evilpedia” can personalise phishing attacks. He outlined the evolution from artificial narrow intelligence (ANI) to artificial general intelligence (AGI) and artificial superintelligence (ASI), and argued that a “digital workforce” is emerging in which people will manage several AI agents. His central point was clear. AI will not replace humans, but humans using AI will replace those who do not.



**Ts. Wan Roshaimi Wan Abdullah**, CTO CyberSecurity Malaysia, grounded the discussion in Malaysia's current experience. He reported that 94% of Malaysian organisations faced at least one cyber-attack last year and that Malaysians lost an estimated RM1.4 Billion to scams in 2024. He described AI as both an enabler and a threat

(powering better detection and response while also enabling data-poisoning and automated attacks) and he emphasised a "human-in-the-loop" approach. He referred to the Cyber Security Act 2024 and the National Artificial Intelligence Office (NAIO) and called for hands-on learning rather than classroom theory alone.



**Christi Paul**, Associate Director at a Payment Service Provider, focused on governance and assurance. He mapped the zero-trust security model and supply-chain scrutiny to recognised guidance, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). He cautioned that advances in quantum computing could compress timelines for cryptographic risk and highlighted three material challenges inside AI systems: model poisoning, data-privacy exposure, and the audit limits of black-box models. His position matched the others: AI should augment accountable people, not replace them.





In short, AI will amplify whatever systems we build. Pair practical, hands-on training with clear governance anchored to recognised standards, and let humans lead high-stakes decisions while AI accelerates detection and response. Continuous learning, industry collaboration, and zero-trust security (Zero Trust) are the fastest route from classroom to resilient practice.



*Thillai Raj T. Ramanathan, the CTO, BAC Education & UNIMY Adjunct Professor, moderating the discussion*

For students and educators, the message was practical. Build skill through continuous learning, real tools, and realistic simulations; share knowledge with peers; pair degrees with professional certifications; and cultivate problem-solving habits that apply to live incidents.

# UNIMY-ITS Surabaya: Expanding Global Mobility and Research Collaboration

## Dr. Lina Tio

Director of International Marketing, BAC Education / UNIMY



On 5 November 2025, UNIMY welcomed representatives from Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) Surabaya, Indonesia to strengthen ongoing academic collaboration and explore new opportunities for staff and students. The visit also provided a timely opportunity to reconnect with UNIMY students who previously participated in ITS's flagship mobility initiatives.

During the meeting, ITS reaffirmed its strong support for UNIMY by highlighting the full scholarships awarded to UNIMY students who joined the two-week mobility programme in 2022, 2023 and 2025, aimed at fostering cultural exposure and technological exchange among international participants. ITS also announced two upcoming COMMTECH programmes:



the Technology Edition in January 2026 and the Sustainable Edition in February 2026. For each edition, ITS will offer one full scholarship for a UNIMY student and one slot for a UNIMY staff member.



ITS Surabaya with the UNIMY Team

The discussion further explored collaborative research opportunities between UNIMY's Faculty of Game Development and ITS, supported by ITS's annual government research grant for international partnerships. In addition, ITS proposed hosting two UNIMY staff members for a fully sponsored five-day staff exchange visit to Surabaya in May 2026. The visit concluded with ITS sharing plans for the 15th Anniversary of the COMMTECH Programme in 2026, which will bring together alumni from around the world – including UNIMY participants – to celebrate 15 years of meaningful collaboration and global engagement.



# Building Bridges in Tech and Business: BAC Education Meets Zhaoqing University, China

## Dr. Lina Tio

Director of International Marketing, BAC Education / UNIMY



*ZQU Vice President, Prof. Xinchang Li presenting a token of appreciation to UNIMY Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ts. Dr. Salwani Mohd Daud.*

On 27 October 2025, BAC Education Group warmly welcomed a delegation from Zhaoqing University (ZQU), Guangdong, China, for a strategic meeting hosted jointly by University Malaysia of Computer Science and Engineering (UNIMY) and Veritas University College (VUC).

The visit focused on exploring concrete avenues of collaboration in Computer Science, Engineering, Business, and Education – key academic strengths within BAC Education. Discussions centred on student mobility, faculty and academic exchanges, joint research projects, industry-linked internships, and future cooperation in scholarly publications and international conferences. The dialogue was dynamic and forward-looking, reflecting a shared commitment to preparing graduates for an increasingly global and technology-driven world.





*The ZQU delegates with UNIMY and Veritas University-College team*

Zhaoqing University, a comprehensive institution with more than 55 years of history, currently serves over 27,000 undergraduate students and is supported by 1,698 academic staff. Its wide-ranging disciplines span education, electronics, mechanical and automotive engineering, biology, international business, and design. Since 2000, ZQU has actively built a strong international footprint, forming partnerships with more than 70 universities and research institutions in countries such as the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. Its experience in dual-degree programmes, master's progression pathways, credit transfer schemes, and short-term study programmes provides a solid foundation for meaningful collaboration.

The engagement at BAC Education concluded on a highly positive note, with both parties expressing strong interest in developing

postgraduate study pathways for ZQU staff, student exchange and mobility programmes, and co-created academic initiatives.

This potential partnership between BAC Education Group and Zhaoqing University not only promises new opportunities for students and staff but also strengthens academic and cultural ties between Malaysia and China. It marks an important step towards building a sustained, mutually beneficial collaboration that supports knowledge exchange, talent development, and regional educational leadership.

# From UNIMY to Brighton: Fast-Track Pathways to UK Computing Degrees

**Maryann Vargis**

Regional Manager, Southeast Asia, University of Brighton, UK



UNIMY has recently partnered with the University of Brighton to offer advanced entry onto three Brighton undergraduate degrees.

The University of Brighton is a global community of around 17,000 students and 150,000 graduates in more than 140 countries.

Based on the south coast of England, just one hour from central London, there are three campuses across the city of Brighton & Hove. Brighton is ranked in the top 100 Best Student Cities in the QS World University Rankings 2026, and in the top 4.3% of institutions globally in the 2025 Centre for World University Rankings.

The university focuses on employability, with technical knowledge and practical skills at the core of teaching. Students don't just learn theory; they put it into practice through real-life projects, placements and practical learning.







# University of Brighton

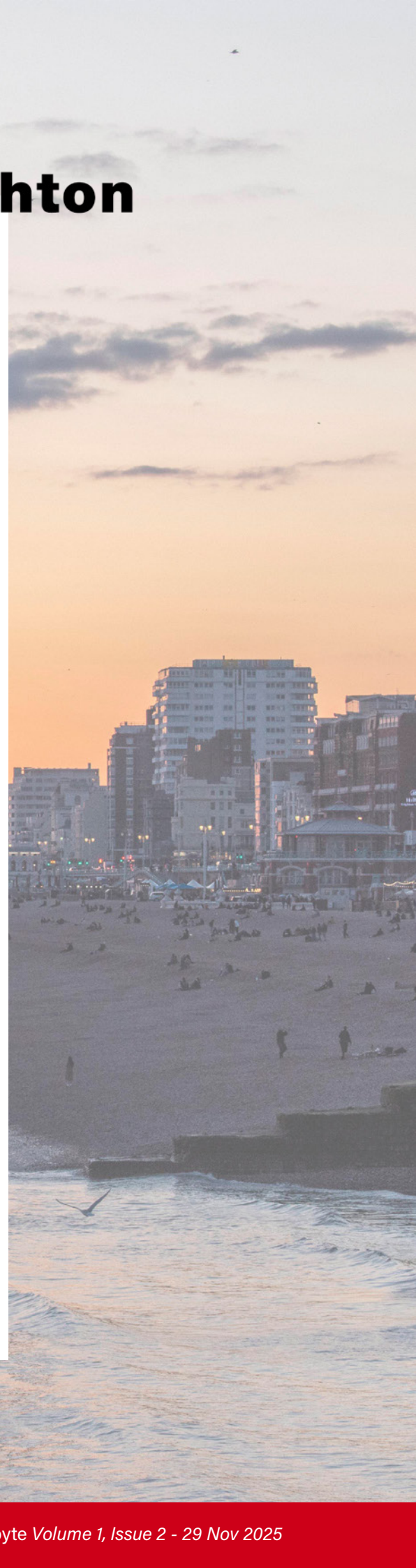
**Students can transfer from the following UNIMY courses to these University of Brighton degrees:**

- Diploma in IT to Year 2/Level 5 BSc(Hons) Computer Science
- Diploma in Information Technology (Cybersecurity) to Year 2/Level 5 BSc(Hons) Computer Science with Cybersecurity
- Year 1 of Bachelor of Software Engineering with Honours course to Year 2/Level 5 BSc(Hons) Software Engineering
- Year 1 of Bachelor of Computer Science with Honours course to Year 2/Level 5 BSc(Hons) Computer Science

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- Final-year show for students to showcase their work to potential employers.

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# How digital transformation has made cybersecurity everyone's responsibility

## **Murugason R. Thangaratnam**

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Adjunct Professor of Practice, UNIMY



For years, cybersecurity had been viewed mainly as a concern for the Financial Services Industry (FSI) and Telecommunications (Telco) sectors.

These industries handle vast volumes of sensitive data, operate critical infrastructure, and are frequent targets of sophisticated cyberattacks. But that narrative no longer holds.



Cybersecurity is no longer a sectoral issue – it is a societal imperative. Every organisation, regardless of size or industry, sits on a digital fault line where a single breach can shake trust, disrupt operations, and erode reputations built over decades.

Digital transformation has blurred the lines between industries. Manufacturers now use connected supply chains. Hospitals run on cloud-based patient systems. Retailers rely on AI-driven analytics and e-commerce platforms. Even small businesses store customer data online or depend on third-party software.

In this hyper-connected world, every organisation has become part of a digital ecosystem. Every weak link is a potential entry point for threat actors.

The common thread among all sectors today is data dependency. Whether it is customer profiles, intellectual property, research and development data, or financial records, every organisation holds digital assets of value to cybercriminals.

Attackers are not discriminating by industry. They are opportunistic. A mid-sized logistics company or a government agency might be just as lucrative a target as a bank.

The recent rise in ransomware-as-a-service and AI-powered phishing has made it even easier for attackers to scale across industries, hitting anyone, anywhere, anytime.

Governments and regulators are increasingly acknowledging this reality. Malaysia's Cybersecurity Act 2024, the recently amended Personal Data Protection Act, and similar laws globally are expanding accountability across all sectors.

No longer can a manufacturing firm, educational institution, or even a sports association claim that cybersecurity is "not their core business."

Non-compliance now carries legal, financial, and reputational consequences regardless of industry classification.

Digital trust is fast becoming a brand differentiator. Customers, partners, and investors expect organisations to protect data, respect privacy, and ensure resilience.

A single breach can destroy that trust overnight. Whether you are a hospital protecting patient data, a logistics firm securing cargo manifests, or an SME safeguarding client records, cybersecurity is at the heart of your credibility.

At its core, cybersecurity is not about technology. It is about continuity and confidence – ensuring that an organisation can operate, recover, and grow despite evolving threats.

In an era where disruptions can come from anywhere – from nation-state attacks to insider threats – cyber resilience has become synonymous with business resilience. Those who fail to invest in it risk not only their data but their survival.

The notion that cybersecurity is only a pain point for FSI and Telco is outdated and dangerous. Every organisation that connects, collects, or communicates digitally is part of the cybersecurity ecosystem.



Cyber threat actors exploit human vulnerabilities. While technological defences are vital, attackers increasingly depend on manipulating human error through AI-driven social engineering. Continuous staff awareness and training are therefore essential across all industries to strengthen technical controls and minimise attack surfaces.

Modern cyberattacks frequently involve the misuse of legitimate credentials, allowing intrusions that evade traditional security systems. This highlights the importance of robust identity and access management (IAM) practices and the adoption of zero-trust architectures in every organisation.

Operational technology (OT) risks are also on the rise. Beyond IT, sectors such as manufacturing and utilities face mounting threats within their OT environments, where a single compromised controller can disrupt production or cause serious safety incidents. Securing OT networks is thus critical to safeguarding operations and ensuring business continuity.

Cybersecurity regulations are evolving to hold leadership accountable. Frameworks such as the EU's NIS 2 Directive and Malaysia's Cyber Security Act now impose broader responsibilities, including incident reporting and third-party risk management, with penalties for non-compliance that affect organisations of all sizes and sectors.

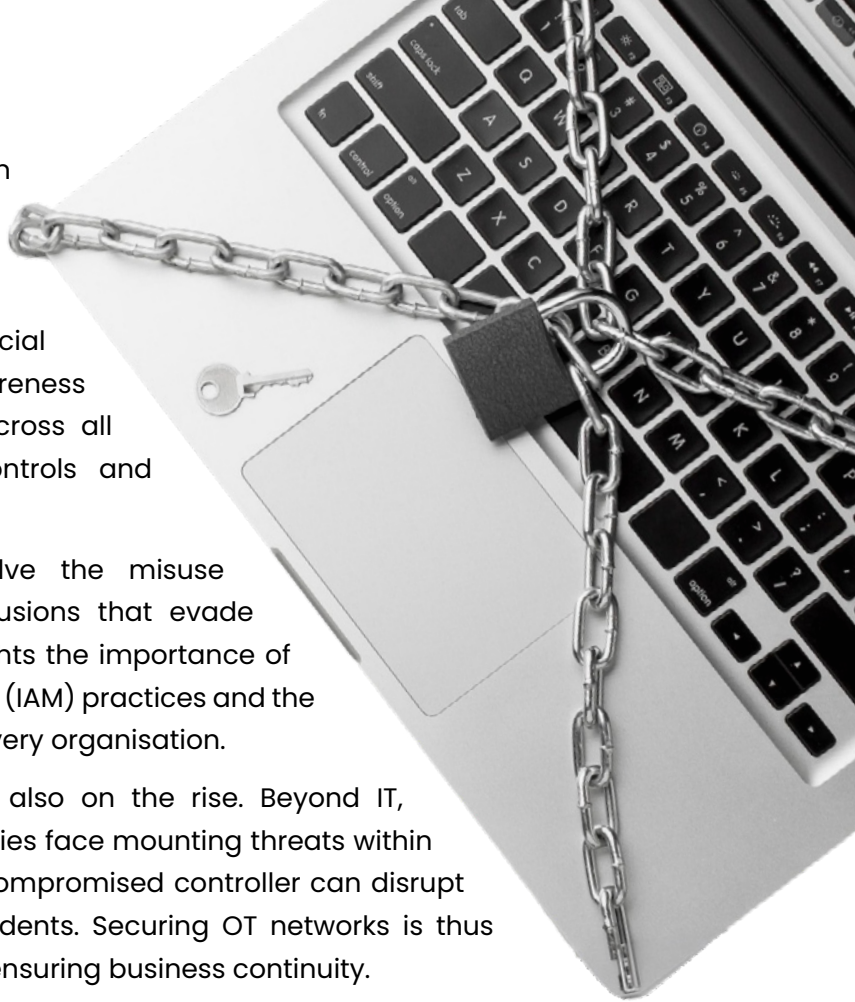
Cyber resilience has become a competitive edge. Organisations that maintain strong security postures inspire digital trust among customers, partners, and investors, making them more attractive in the marketplace. Conversely, breaches can inflict lasting damage on reputation and financial stability. Recent high-profile incidents across industries underscore the need for robust incident response, rapid threat detection, and continuous vulnerability management to contain risks and speed recovery.

The time has come for leaders across all sectors to move beyond viewing cybersecurity as a compliance requirement – and instead recognise it as a strategic driver of trust, growth, and long-term resilience.

The time has come for leaders across all industries to shift their mindset from viewing cybersecurity as a compliance checkbox to recognising it as a strategic enabler of trust, growth, and resilience.

Cybersecurity is not just about protecting systems. It is about protecting societies, economies, and the future itself.

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# Malaysia-Indonesia Youth Unite at UNIMY for RYSC 2K25

**Ts. Dr. Syahril Anuar Bin Idris**

Head, Centre of Artificial Intelligence, Robotics & Automation (Caira), UNIMY



The 5th RYSC 2K25 – International Robotics Competition 2025 from 7-8 November 2025, concluded with energy, creativity, and true sportsmanship, where 50 students from Malaysia and Indonesia came together for two inspiring days of cross-border STEM collaboration. Hosted jointly with Rotary partners, Sekolah Robot Indonesia, and UNIMY, the event lived up to its theme, “To Be Fair, To Be Transparent – The World in Your Hands.”



UNIMY's campus provided an ideal setting for the competition, with students, staff, and volunteers supporting teams across all categories. From Maze Solving and Line Tracer challenges to Sumo RC & Auto, Soccer RC, Drone Racing, and even Underwater robotics, participants showcased strong technical skill and thoughtful problem-solving. Each performance reflected careful design, coding discipline, and the kind of ethical decision-making that robotics education should foster.



*The Indonesian delegates with Rotary partners and UNIMY*

What stood out most was the spirit of collaboration with Rotary Clubs, Rotaract, Interact, educators, parents, and young innovators working together across borders. The partnership strengthened ties between Malaysia and Indonesia, proving once again that shared learning environments can bring out the best in our students.

A special acknowledgment goes to the media partner, LombaRobot.ID, and to the many judges, mentors, and volunteers who ensured fairness, transparency, and smooth operations throughout the event. To every participant, your effort, discipline, and creativity made this year's RYSC a success. You reminded us that the future of robotics belongs to those who build with integrity and purpose.





# Inspiring Young Minds with AI at the KL Engineering Science Fair 2025

## Communication and Digital Marketing Unit

UNIMY was proud to be part of the KL Engineering Science Fair 2025 held at The Mines International Exhibition & Convention Centre from 14–16 November 2025. The exhibition



*Muhammad Haqeen Mohd Nasir of UNIMY*

drew strong interest from students, parents, and educators — all curious about the future of STEM education especially with AI playing a significant role.

Special mention on the session by Muhammad Haqeen Mohd Nasir of UNIMY who broke down the National AI Policy in Education in a way that kids could truly relate to — how AI will shape their learning journey, future careers, and everyday life. Judging from the smiles, questions, and excitement, the message landed incredibly well.

Events like this are crucial in nurturing curiosity and confidence in STEM from a young age. Kudos to the organisers for championing STEM education and empowering the next generation of innovators.





# National AI Strategies in Education: From Vision to Classroom Impact

**Muhammad Haqeen bin Mohd Nasir**

Lecturer, School of Engineering and Frontier Technology, UNIMY



Around the world, governments are racing to embed Artificial Intelligence (AI) into education to improve learning outcomes, increase efficiency, and prepare students for a digital future. National AI strategies in education are now featured in policy blueprints, budget speeches, and long-term human capital plans. On the other hand, their impact will ultimately be evaluated in classrooms and lecture halls.



A robust national AI strategy in education usually rests on four pillars. The first one is clear policy and governance which includes ethics and data protection. The second pillar is curriculum reform that builds AI literacy for all learners. The next pillar is continuous professional development for teachers. Finally, sustained investment in research, infrastructure, and local innovation. To achieve all these pillars, international bodies such as United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have outlined the guidance and blueprint for national policies. For example, Elements of AI platform from Finland is one of global initiatives to show how AI knowledge can be opened and accessible to the wider public.



Furthermore, Malaysia's own trajectory reflects these global currents. The MyDIGITAL Blueprint, the National AI Roadmap, and the Digital Education Policy position AI as a driver of future-ready talent. This is supported by funding for AI research and by emerging governance guidelines that stress fairness, transparency, privacy, and accountability. Public-private partnerships and university-industry collaborations are beginning to translate these ambitions into concrete programmes.

UNIMY contributes to this agenda by focusing squarely on AI education and talent development. Across its programmes, AI-related modules and projects are embedded to ensure students gain both conceptual understanding and hands-on skills. Research

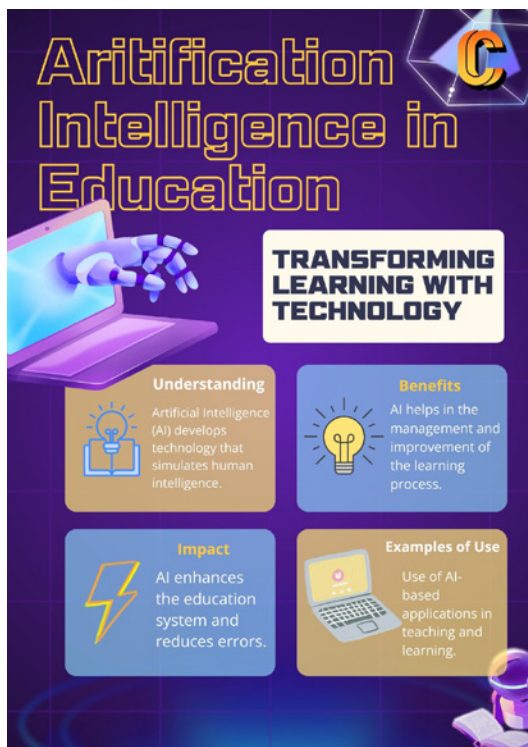
initiatives include funded AI projects, exposing undergraduates and postgraduates to frontier work. At the same time, outreach activities with schools, public talks on AI in education, and engagement with national and industry stakeholders help build wider awareness. In doing so, UNIMY positions itself as a practical partner in turning national AI strategies in education into meaningful opportunities for learners of all ages.



# UNIMY Student Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in International Poster Design Competition

**Dr. Lina Tio**

Director of International Marketing, BAC Education / UNIMY



Mohamed Rushd, a Year 2 Diploma in Information Technology student at UNIMY, has won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the International Poster Design Competition organised by College Collaboration Indonesia and Falatehan University, Indonesia.

Held in Jakarta, the competition attracted more than 100 participants and featured 45 creative poster entries from universities across the region. The event aimed to encourage students to communicate their ideas through design and innovation on an international platform.

Representing UNIMY, Mohamed – an international student from Sri Lanka under UNHCR – impressed the judges with his strong visual concept, thoughtful message, and solid technical execution. His poster was commended for its originality, clarity of ideas, and professional standard of presentation, earning him a well-deserved second-place finish.

Mohamed's success reflects not only his dedication and talent but also UNIMY's commitment to providing students with global exposure, industry-relevant skills, and opportunities to test themselves beyond the classroom. It also underlines the strength of our diverse and inclusive learning community, where creativity and cross-cultural collaboration are actively encouraged.

Congratulations to Mohamed Rushd for this remarkable achievement and for bringing pride to UNIMY on the international stage. We hope his success will inspire more UNIMY students to participate in future regional and global competitions.



# UNIMY Honoured with GBS ASEAN Awards 2025

**Thillai Raj T. Ramanathan**

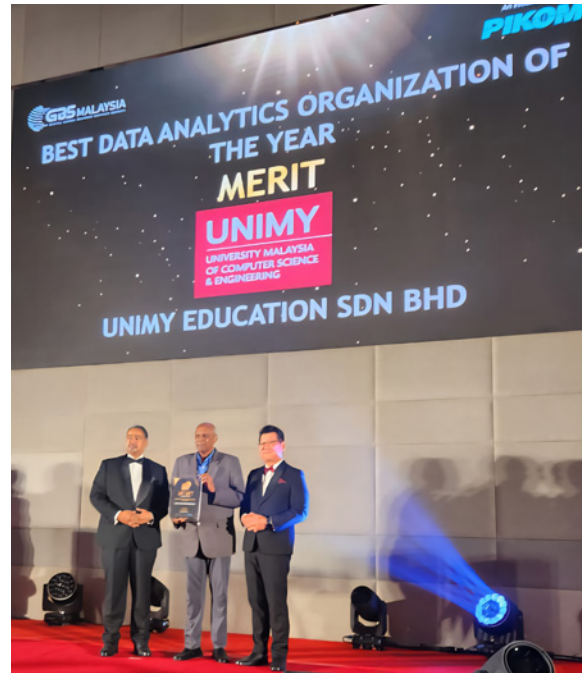
CTO, BAC Education Group | Adjunct Professor, UNIMY



UNIMY was honoured with the Merit Award in the Best Data & Analytics Organisation of the Year category at the GBS ASEAN Awards 2025, held on 30 October 2025 at M Hotel, Petaling Jaya presented by Minister of Digital, YB Gobind Singh Deo

The GBS ASEAN Awards 2025, organised by GBS Malaysia (a chapter of PIKOM), is Southeast Asia's flagship awards programme recognising leading organisations and professionals in the Global Business Services industry for excellence in IT, finance, customer experience, data and digital innovation.

This recognition reflects a true team achievement and underscores UNIMY's growing strength in data analytics education, research, and industry collaboration.



At the event, I was privileged to speak on Panel Session 3, "GBS with Impact – Embedding ESG in ASEAN's Operating Models," moderated by Cheah Kok Hoong (President, ESGAM & Executive Chairman, Steerquest Group), alongside Amar Chhajjer (UST Global Malaysia), Farra Farish (Techno Mech), Dato' Sivananthan (Media Prima Berhad) and Jay Padasian (NUGKK Borneo Sdn Bhd), where we discussed how ASEAN organisations are embedding ESG principles in practice – from diversity and inclusion to green infrastructure and responsible supply chains.






Congratulations to the entire UNIMY community for this significant milestone.





# The future isn't waiting - why should you?

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A promotional poster for 'FutureVerse' by UNIMY. The background is a vibrant, futuristic cityscape with neon lights and digital elements. In the center, a person wearing a VR headset is shown in profile, looking into the future. The text 'ENTER -THE- FUTURE |||VERSE' is prominently displayed in the upper center. In the top right corner, it says 'powered by UNIMY UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING'. A QR code with a WhatsApp logo is located on the right side. At the bottom, the text 'The Future isn't coming. It's already there.' is written in a large, bold font, followed by a pink button that says 'Enter the FutureVerse on WhatsApp'.