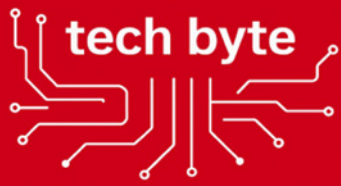
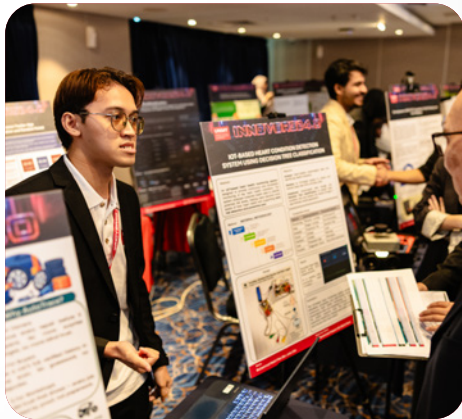


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From the Editor's Desk

Selamat Hari Malaysia, and welcome to Volume 2, Issue 2 of Tech Byte.

As September draws to a close, so does our May semester. For many of our students, this marks the culmination of their academic journey as they graduate; for others, it is a stepping stone into valuable internship opportunities, while the rest continue to persevere toward this milestone. This is the pivotal moment where a semester of relentless effort yields tangible results, and I could not be prouder of what our students have accomplished.

One need only look at the project initiatives and student innovations showcased this term. **INNOVERSE 4.0** offered the clearest testament to this talent, and I extend my warmest congratulations to every award recipient, as well as to all participants who put their heart into showcasing their work. While these projects originated from our students' own ingenuity, our next strategic evolution is to transform where these ideas begin.

Moving forward, our goal is to see academic projects and research initiatives originate directly from industry briefs. Through this model, students will receive guidance from sector professionals and transition seamlessly into internships where their solutions can be deployed in live operational environments, especially when partner companies seek practical implementation. That is the complete **pipeline** we are actively building.

Several breakthroughs presented at INNOVERSE demonstrate significant market potential. The logical next step is commercialisation, the birthplace of viable startups. A robust prototype is only the beginning; it must be validated in the market, attract early adopters, and benefit from experienced mentorship. This perspective was echoed by one of our **Adjunct Professors, Ts. Ng Kwang Ming, CEO of Digital Penang**, who encouraged aspiring founders to engage directly with customers early in the process and seek mentors with relevant domain expertise. Likewise, **Mr. Danny Leong, Founder & Managing Director Moonstone advisor & adventure**, who also serves as one of our Adjunct Professors of Practice, challenged students to move away from pursuing the "perfect idea" and instead focus on rapid prototyping and continuous user engagement. Though shared in different sessions, both speakers delivered the same clear message: **build, validate, and iterate**.

September is also a season of transition. As we bid farewell to our graduating cohort, we open our doors to the next generation of innovators. To our incoming students, welcome to UNIMY.

The **New Student Orientation** on 23 and 24 September marks the beginning of an enriching and rewarding journey. Embrace this opportunity with ambition and determination. While challenging weeks lie ahead, you will be supported by a dedicated faculty and a vibrant community committed to your growth, development, and success.

Institutionally, our highest priority remains closing the gap between academic study and industry reality. Students must learn directly from active practitioners, mastering the very technologies driving the sector today.

This vision underpins our strategic collaborations, such as our recent **MOU with Infoline** and specialized initiatives like the post quantum cryptography training delivered with **i Sprint Innovations**. We want our students mastering cutting edge architectures here, long before they encounter them in the workplace.

Equally transformative developments are underway with our upcoming **AI Hub**, which I look forward to detailing in our next issue.

As we step forward into this next chapter, I leave you with a couple of quotes. Which is your favourite?

"Do not wait until the conditions are perfect to begin. Beginning makes the conditions perfect."

— Alan Cohen

Or

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."

— Zig Ziglar

Personally, I love both.



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INNOVERSE 4.0: WHERE STUDENT IDEAS MEET INDUSTRY REALITY



Ts. Raidah binti Yazid

Head of Research Management Centre (RMC)

INNOVERSE 4.0 opened on a theme that said everything Prompting Creativity, Powering Innovation. Creativity, as the day would prove, does not simply appear. It needs to be directed, sharpened, and applied to problems that matter. And innovation, at least the kind worth talking about, is not a clever idea sitting in a slide deck. It is an idea that has been tested, refined, and turned into something real. That is the standard UNIMY set for its students on this day, and that is the standard they rose to meet. The event brought together students from five disciplines across two formats live project presentations on the Main Stage and poster reviews on the Exhibition Floor. Students were evaluated not only on what they built, but on how well they could communicate it. Industry readiness demands both.



Opening Impressions: The Main Stage

The day opened with Project Presentations Session 1, where students from AI and Software Engineering and Cybersecurity and Digital Defence took to the Main Stage. Every team stepped up to pitch their projects within a strict 3-minute window, with a dynamic video of their project playing on the background screen as they presented to a panel of industry judges. The strongest teams were not necessarily the most technically advanced. They were the ones who could move with ease between the technical and the human, explaining not just how their system works, but why it matters to the people who will use it. That ability to translate complexity into meaning is precisely what industry looks for, and precisely what INNOVERSE is built to develop. While the Main Stage held its first session, the Exhibition Floor was equally alive. Students from Robotics and Smart Technology, Creative Media and Gaming, and Digital Business presented in the Poster Review, a format that trades the spotlight for conversation. Judges moved from booth to booth, asking pointed questions and drawing out the reasoning behind each project. Each project



Afternoon Momentum: The Floor Opens, the Stage Returns

After the lunch break, the programme shifted gears. Students from Robotics and Smart Technology, Creative Media and Gaming, and Digital Business took over the Main Stage for Session 2, while AI and Software Engineering and Cybersecurity and Digital Defence brought their innovations to the Exhibition Floor. Every discipline experienced both worlds before the day drew to a close. The afternoon carried a sharper, more focused energy as teams returned armed with morning insights and a clearer vision of expectations. On stage, presentations grew bolder and more assured, while booth discussions became deeper and more probing. By the time the final group presented their work, the day had quietly proven its true purpose: participating in INNOVERSE does not merely test students it transforms them into better **innovators**.



Pitching for the Real World

One of the most deliberate choices behind INNOVERSE 4.0 was its pitching format. Students were not asked to present to a sympathetic audience in a familiar room. Instead, they were asked to step up the way industry expects: with absolute conviction, under genuine scrutiny, and in language that decision-makers can act on without needing a technical background. This is the exact gap that quietly holds many graduates back when they enter the workforce. The ability to build something is one skill; the ability to walk onto a stage, explain it clearly, defend it calmly, and leave with someone's confidence is quite another. INNOVERSE 4.0 gave students a structured space to master both, backed by industry professionals whose feedback carried real weight.

Industry Voices in the Room

Industry was not simply present at INNOVERSE 4.0. It was embedded in the day.

Prof. Vikneswaran Nair, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UNIMY, set the tone in his opening address knowledge alone is no longer the measure of a graduate. What counts is what you choose to create with what you know.



Industry speaker **Mr. Danny Leong** of Moonstone brought a frank perspective to the room. Every category in this showcase has an AI component, he observed, and the real question is not whether you are using it but how. A chatbot is not an AI business. A true AI-driven product is one where artificial intelligence shapes the core offering, the cost structure, and the competitive position. His message to students was direct, stop waiting for a perfect idea. Think hard, talk to people, and build.



Panel of Judges

- 1) Ts. Adj. Prof. Hon Fun Ping, *Managing Director & CEO, NetAssist (M) Sdn Bhd*
- 2) Adj. Prof. Murugason R. Thangaratnam, *CEO & Co-Founder, Novem CS*
- 3) Mr. Lim Say Thean, *CEO & Co-Founder, SquareCloud (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd*
- 4) Ts Syed Zaini Putra Aljamalullail, *CTO, T-Robot*
- 5) Mr. Danny Leong, *Business Adviser & Venture, Moonstone*
- 6) Dr. Maniyarasi A/P Gowindasamy, *Dean, School of Business Technology*
- 7) Mr. Effendy Zulkifly, *Chief Digital Officer, YAPEIM Holdings*
- 8) Dr. Ahmad Zakwan Azizul Fata, *Software Application Lead, Sapura Defence Sdn Bhd*
- 9) Mr. Alwi bin Yahya, *Technical Game Developer, Malayan Tech Labs*
- 10) Ms Sophie Azlan, *Lecturer, University of Wollongong, Shah Alam*

A New Chapter: UNIMY and Infoline Sign MOU

One of the day's most significant moments came with the formal signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between UNIMY and Infoline, with **Mr. Arthur** representing Infoline at the ceremony. The agreement is built on a straightforward conviction: universities develop the talent, and industry provides the context in which that talent grows into capability. Each needs the other, and this partnership formalises that relationship. At the heart of this partnership is the **UNIMY-Infoline AI Hub**, a shared platform where students, researchers, and industry practitioners can work side by side on ideas that matter. It is where academic rigour and industry relevance stop being opposites and start working as partners, giving the next generation of innovators real-world input from day one.

Awards and Recognition

As the day ended, four award categories brought the best of INNOVERSE 4.0 into the spotlight. Best Innovative Product, Best Poster, Best Presentation, and the Industry Award were each decided by the panel of judges, who evaluated entries on real-world potential, quality of thinking, and how well teams communicated their work.



Celebrating Excellence: Winners by Category

AI & Software Engineering

Best Poster: Mayar Mohammed Ebrahim Yousef, Naveed Khadija, Ayden Yoong Don Kit, Lee Shi Chin

Best Innovative Product: Abdelazim Zeyad Abdelazim Mahmoud

Best Presentation: Terrell Devan Inigo

Cybersecurity & Digital Defence

Best Poster: Fardowsa Abdullahi Daud, Ingein Khin Khin

Best Product: Dal Lem Thang, Elzahi Saaïd, Shanti A/P Tharmavelu

Best Presentation: Vethavarman A/L Vijakumaran, Yaashwan

Robotics & Smart Technology

Best Poster: Nur Haiza Izzati Binti Mohd Hezri

Best Product: Krish Prakash Chandnani

Best Presentation: Ahmad Akmaluddin Bin Bujang, Norbert Michael A/L Nicholas, Muhamad Daniel Mohd Fadzil, Leong Sheng Di

Creative Media & Gaming

Best Poster: Aidil, Chan Li Sam

Best Product: Naqvi Syed Muhammad Abuzar, Shayne

Best Pitch: Ryan Lee-Panjalingam

Digital Business

Best Poster: Zanurul Huzaima Zainudin

Best Product: Laveniyia Laksmmi A/P Muralitharan

Best Pitch: Wasanthee Sinnasamy

Industry Award: Saabiresh Letchumanan and Zanurul Huzaima Zainudin



INNOVERSE 4.0 was more than a showcase. It was a statement of intent, from a university that believes its students are not just preparing for the future but already building it. To every participant who presented, pitched, and put their work in front of a room of strangers, well done. And to every judge, partner, speaker, and organiser who gave their time to make the day possible sincere thanks.

WHERE AI MEETS OPPORTUNITY: INFOLINE AND UNIMY SIGN MOU TO ESTABLISH NEW AI HUB



Fernandez Foo

Principal Consultant System & AI Infra, Infoline IT Solutions Sdn. Bhd.

When university lecture halls meet industry data centres, the results usually stay in PowerPoint presentations. A new partnership between Infoline and UNIMY is trying to change that.

The collaboration was formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 27 August 2026 at the UNIMY campus. At the heart of the collaboration is the establishment of the **INFOLINE–UNIMY AI Hub**, which will provide a space for learning, research and closer engagement between the university and industry.

Today, AI is evolving rapidly and finding its way into more sectors, influencing how businesses operate, how services are delivered and the technologies we use every day. This makes it increasingly important for students and future technology professionals to understand not only the concepts behind AI but also how the technology is used in practice. It is also an area where closer links between academia and industry can be valuable, bringing academic knowledge closer to the needs and realities of the workplace.

A Place to Learn, Explore and Build

The AI Hub is envisioned as a place where students, academics and industry practitioners can come together to exchange ideas, explore AI technologies and gain a better understanding of how AI is being used in practice.

For students, this means greater exposure to the technologies and working environments they may encounter in the industry after graduation.

For researchers and academics, it creates opportunities to connect academic knowledge with industry perspectives and explore areas of applied research. For Infoline, it provides an opportunity to engage with emerging talent and UNIMY's academic community.



AI Hub — Now Live

A highlight of the collaboration is the technology infrastructure that Infoline is contributing to support the AI Hub. The Hub is equipped with an 8× NVIDIA H200 GPU node, providing more than 1.1 TB of GPU memory and over 31 petaFLOPS of AI computing power. This gives students and researchers access to the computing resources needed to explore demanding AI workloads and run large-scale AI models of up to 400 billion parameters in-house.

The AI Hub is also supported by GPUStack, an enterprise-grade platform that enables AI models to be securely deployed and accessed, while providing real-time visibility into the AI Hub's computing resources and performance.



In addition, four KVM virtualisation nodes provide students with dedicated and persistent virtual environments, giving them their own computing environment to develop and run projects. This allows students to develop practical AI applications such as AI agents, chatbots and RAG applications, while accessing the H200-powered AI models through the network.

This combination of high-performance computing and hands-on learning environments allows students to move beyond theoretical concepts and gain practical experience in developing and working with AI technologies. It also creates opportunities for students and researchers to explore projects that connect academic learning with real-world industry applications.

"The AI Hub reflects our commitment to supporting talent development and giving students opportunities to gain exposure to industry-relevant technologies," said Arthur Too, Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) of Infoline.

From Ideas to Future Projects

The collaboration also creates opportunities for future Enterprise Projects and Academic Research Projects. The AI Hub will provide a platform for UNIMY and Infoline to identify areas of mutual interest and explore potential projects as the collaboration develops. This opens the door for students and researchers to work on real-world challenges and projects with industry relevance.

Beyond the AI Hub, the MOU also provides room for future collaboration in professional training, joint research, technology development and other areas of mutual interest.

Ultimately, the INFOLINE–UNIMY AI Hub is about creating more opportunities for people to learn from one another. By bringing together students, researchers and industry, the partnership aims to strengthen the connection between what is learned in the classroom and how technology is used in the workplace.

As the collaboration grows, the AI Hub is expected to become a platform where ideas can move beyond the classroom, giving students and researchers greater opportunities to engage with industry and contribute to future innovations.

MASTERING POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RECENT MANAGING PQC MIGRATION TRAINING



Pallav Kulshrestha

Director, Product Engineering

As quantum computing capabilities rapidly evolve, traditional encryption methods like RSA and ECC face a future risk that needs planning now from Shor's algorithm. To help organizations proactively secure their digital infrastructure, a one-day technical training course, **Managing PQC Migration Using the QubitSafe Platform**, was conducted by i-Sprint Innovations. The session covering Hardware Security Modules (HSMs) was delivered by Zhong Han from Utimaco. Aimed at developers, security engineers, architects, and IT operations teams, the program delivered a comprehensive, practical roadmap for transitioning application-layer security to Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) standards.

Below are the primary technical highlights, practical demonstrations, and key takeaways from the session.

Key Technical Topics Covered

The training structured the quantum migration journey around four main phases: **Discover, Assess, Implement, and Monitor**.

1. Cryptographic Asset Discovery & CBOM:

Participants explored multi-language source code scanning, binary composition analysis to build a complete Cryptography Bill of Materials (CBOM) in the CycloneDX 1.6 format. The curriculum highlighted a 9-layer IT stack classification (from in-house code down to silicon hardware roots of trust) to determine ownership and remediation routes.

2. Quantum Risk Prioritization (QARS & Mosca's Inequality):

Attendees learned how to score vulnerable assets using the Quantum-Adjusted Risk Score (QARS) across five weighted parameters: *Algorithm Strength*, *Key Size*, *Data Sensitivity*, *External Exposure*, and *Data Longevity*. This was paired with Mosca's Inequality ($X+Y>Z$) to determine whether an asset requires immediate migration (Wave 1) or ongoing monitoring.

3. PQC Standards & Algorithms:

The session provided in-depth coverage of NIST's finalized post-quantum standards, including FIPS 203 (ML-KEM), FIPS 204 (ML-DSA), and FIPS 205 (SLH-DSA), alongside Hardware Security Module (HSM) readiness and Key Management System (KMS) lifecycle updates.



4. **Governance & Regulatory Alignment:** The course addressed regional regulatory frameworks, such as MAS TRM, CSA QRI (Singapore), HKMA QPI (Hong Kong), and BNM RMIT (Malaysia), and showed how auto-generated platform outputs map directly to compliance requirements.

Practical Exercises and Demonstrations

The hands-on workshops allowed participants to apply theoretical knowledge to a simulated enterprise environment powered by the QubitSafe platform:

- **Environment Setup & Automated Discovery:** Attendees registered sample Git repositories containing Java, Python, C++, Go, and .NET applications. Using QubitSafe's discovery engine, they ran automated scans to generate a CycloneDX 1.6 CBOM JSON export.
- **Risk Assessment & Recommendations:** Participants inspected specific cryptographic findings, evaluated calculated QARS scores, and reviewed recommended remediation actions for non-compliant algorithms.
- **Application Migration:** Trainees practiced implementing PQC upgrades using SDK integration tasks. The curriculum also demonstrated zero-downtime algorithm switching via a crypto-agility PQC service and hybrid classical + PQC patterns e.g., ML-KEM-768 with RSA-2048 for key establishment, and ML-DSA-65 with ECDSA for signatures".
- **Rescanning and Verification:** After completing migration tasks, learners performed automated rescans to confirm the closure of all security recommendations and baseline their updated risk posture.
- **Governance Dashboard Setup:** Hands-on activities included enabling compliance frameworks (e.g., CSA QRI), assigning policy violations to team leads, creating custom cryptographic rules, and exporting immutable audit trails.

Core Learning Outcomes

By the conclusion of the training, participants gained actionable skills to drive PQC readiness within their respective organizations:

- **Full-Stack Visibility:** Ability to identify buried cryptographic assets across source code, compiled binaries, and certificate stores without relying on manual audits.
- **Data-Driven Prioritization:** Skills to calculate urgency using QARS and Mosca's timeline to build a defensible, multi-wave migration roadmap.
- **Crypto-Agility Architecture:** Understanding how to design applications so cryptographic algorithms can be swapped dynamically via configuration rather than continuous code refactoring.
- **Audit-Ready Compliance:** Proficiency in leveraging automated dashboards and structured exports to report migration progress and regulatory posture to auditors, CISOs, and board committees.



CEO@UNIMY: BUILDING A START-UP COMMUNITY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SHARING



Ts. Ng Kwang Ming

Chief Executive Officer, Digital Penang | Adjunct Professor, UNIMY

Turning an idea into a business requires an understanding of customers and access to people who can help it develop. These were among the topics I discussed with UNIMY team during my recent CEO@UNIMY engagement at UNIMY.

My experience at IBM, Motorola and MIMOS, and my current role at Digital Penang, provide the background to these exchanges. Working with the university community offers an opportunity to discuss the practical decisions aspiring entrepreneurs face as they move from concept development to venture building.

One theme in our conversation was the openness of start-up communities. Founders may feel protective of their ideas, particularly in the early stages. Yet discussing an idea with others can reveal assumptions that

need testing or problems that have been overlooked. Sharing experiences also allows entrepreneurs to learn from people who have faced similar challenges.



For students and researchers, these conversations can help connect academic work with potential applications. Feedback from practitioners and prospective users can clarify whether a proposed solution addresses a practical need and how it might be improved.

We also explored funding and market access. Securing capital remains a challenge for emerging businesses, but reaching customers deserves equal attention. Founders need to understand who would use their product or service, what those customers value and how to reach them. These questions should inform development from an early stage.

Angel investors can contribute to this process through both mentorship and funding. Investors who understand the business and its products or services can offer guidance grounded in experience. That support can help founders assess their options when resources are limited and decisions carry uncertainty.

As an Adjunct Professor at UNIMY, I value the opportunity to bring these discussions into the university. CEO@UNIMY creates space for an exchange between academic perspectives and industry experience, allowing the challenges of entrepreneurship to become part of the learning process.

I thank Mr Thillai and the UNIMY team for the exchange. My encouragement to aspiring founders is to speak with potential customers early and seek mentors who understand the business they are trying to build. What they learn from those conversations can help shape the next stage of their work.

DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT FOR SENIORS: MAKING TRAVEL EASIER, ONE TOOL AT A TIME



Al Assme Osama

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For seniors, planning a trip means keeping track of bookings, accommodation, transport, activities etc. As part of **Creating a Digital Nation Series #24**, UNIMY conducted a **Digital Empowerment for Seniors** workshop on **12 September 2026**, to help seniors build practical digital skills and confidence in managing their journeys independently. The session was conducted by **Al Assme Osama, Graduate Research Assistant (GRA), UNIMY**.

Rather than showing participants where to find information online, the workshop focused on helping them understand how different digital tools can work together throughout a journey. **TripIt** was introduced for organising travel information, **Booking.com** for finding accommodation, **Rome2Rio** for comparing transport options and **Klook** for discovering attractions, activities and experiences.



From Planning to Managing

The session moved through realistic travel situations, allowing participants to learn by doing. They created sample itineraries with TripIt, explored accommodation while considering reviews, prices, locations and cancellation policies. Compared different ways of travelling between destinations using Rome2Rio and also explored Klook to discover activities and learned to check important details such as dates, duration, location, inclusions and digital ticket instructions.

From Planning to Managing

The workshop concluded where participants organised a five-day trip, including finding accommodation, planning a journey and selecting an activity.

Through this hands-on experience, the workshop showed that technology can make travelling easier – not by replacing personal decision-making but giving seniors the tools and confidence to manage their journeys independently.

UNIMY WELCOMES MUHAMMADIYAH DELEGATION FROM KOTA MALANG



Dr Lina Tioh

Director of International Marketing, BAC Education / UNIMY



On 21 August 2026, BAC Education Group welcomed a delegation from Muhammadiyah High Schools across Kota Malang, Indonesia, comprising 30 school principals and 10 students, led by Bapak Zainullah, Pimpinan Dikdasmen Muhammadiyah Kota Malang, and facilitated by Dr. Alamsyah.



The delegation received an introduction to BAC Education Group, including BAC College, IACT College, Veritas University College, UNIMY, and Reliance College. The session was presented by Mr. Muhammad Zahier, Prof. Dr. Amer Hamzah Jantan (VC Veritas University College), and Assoc Prof. Dr. Nor Azlinah Md Lazam (DVC UNIMY).



The visit strengthened the relationship between BAC Education Group and Muhammadiyah Kota Malang and explored opportunities for future academic collaboration.

CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY (GPEBT) 2026

Meet and Learn from Distinguished Speakers

The conference will feature distinguished speakers from academic and professional backgrounds who will share perspectives on developments shaping the future of education, business, and technology. These sessions complement the research programme by providing participants with broader insights into leadership, innovation, digital transformation, and the changing relationship between research and professional practice.

The poster is a vertical rectangular graphic with a dark blue background featuring a glowing globe and abstract light trails. At the top, logos for UNIMY (University Malaysia of Computer Science & Engineering) and VERITAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE are displayed. The main title 'GPEBT 2026' is in large, bold, white and blue letters, followed by the subtitle 'Global Perspectives on Education, Business & Technology'. Below this, a blue box contains the text 'CALL FOR PAPERS'. A paragraph invites researchers, academics, postgraduate students, and industry professionals to submit papers across three key tracks: BUSINESS (represented by a bar chart icon), EDUCATION (represented by a graduation cap icon), and TECHNOLOGY (represented by a gear icon). A central section describes the opportunity to present research, exchange ideas, and connect with the academic and professional community, noting that accepted papers will be eligible for publication in selected MyCite-indexed journals and conference proceedings, subject to review and approval. Below this, two boxes provide key dates: 'PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE 17 October 2026' and 'CONFERENCE DATE & TIME 28 November 2026 | 9.00 AM – 5.00 PM Omnia Auditorium, Level G, Menara BAC'. A table titled 'CONFERENCE FEES' lists the costs for Public Participants (RM50), BAC Education Presenters (RM350), and Other Presenters (RM450 / USD130). At the bottom, a yellow box encourages submission and provides the website 'gpebt.bac.edu.my' along with a QR code. The tagline 'Connect. Innovate. Lead.' is centered at the very bottom.

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Keynote Speakers



Y. Bhg. Professor Emeritus
Tan Sri Anuwar Ali

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Anuwar Ali is one of the leading figures in Malaysian academia. He was the President/Vice-Chancellor of Open University Malaysia (OUM) and Chief Executive Officer of Multimedia Technology Enhancement Operations Sdn Bhd (METEOR), the holding company of OUM. Prior to joining OUM, he was the Director of the Higher Education Department at the Ministry of Higher Education (1995-1998) and later, moved on to become the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Anuwar began his career as an Assistant Director at the then Ministry of Trade and Industry in 1970. Three years later, he joined UKM as a tutor at the Faculty of Economics. His career with UKM spanned over 30 years where he held various posts including the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Deputy Vice-Chancellor before his appointment as the Director of Higher Education. Currently, he is also the Chairman of the Advisory Panel of the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER); Chairman of the Critical Agenda Projects (CAPS), National Higher Education Strategic Plan (NHESP), Ministry of Higher Education and Board Member of the Research Institute of Investment Analysts Malaysia. His previous experience include being the Chairman of the Southeast Asian Open Learning Centre (SEAMOLEC) based in Jakarta; Member of the Griffith Asia Pacific Council (GAPC) Griffith University, Australia; Board Member of the Association of Southeast Asian Institute of Higher Education Learning (ASAIHL); Chairman of the Malaysian Examinations Council; Board Member of Bank Pembangunan Malaysia (Malaysia Development Bank); Member of the Securities Commission Malaysia; Board Member of INTI University College; Board Member of SIRIM Training Services Sdn. Bhd. and Visiting Fellow, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia. He was appointed as Economic Consultant to a number of national and international projects such as UNIDO Consultant to the Industrial Master Plan, Malaysia (1986 – 1995); UNIDO Consultant to the Industrial Development of Bhutan, 1990 – 1991; Consultant to the Action Plan for Technology Development, Malaysia and the Action Plan for Small and Medium Scale Industries, Malaysia.

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