

PRESS RELEASE

UTAR Students to Benefit from YTL Foundation's Learn From Home Initiative

Learn From Home Initiative Extended to Other Tertiary Institutions

Sunday, 3 May 2020: Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (“UTAR”) students are the latest beneficiaries of YTL Foundation’s Learn From Home Initiative. Like all other tertiary institutions in the country, its 23,000 students from its two campuses in Sungai Long and Kampar are currently having to attend lectures and complete assignments online whilst staying at home.

The university therefore approached YTL Foundation for assistance to help its students cope with remote online learning during the temporary closure of the university due to the Movement Control Order.

Tan Sri Dr Francis Yeoh Sock Ping, Chairman of YTL Foundation said, “We fully appreciate the stress that university students are facing having been displaced from campus. Having access to fast internet connection is critical at this time in order that their studies can continue with minimal disruption. Despite UTAR being a private university, its fees are among the lowest in the country as it is a not-for-profit university largely funded by the community to ensure that the university’s excellent courses remain accessible to students from low income families. We are therefore pleased to extend the free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards with 40GB of data to UTAR students to support them during this time.”

From today until 31 May 2020, students from UTAR can apply for the free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards at www.ytlfoundation.org/utar. Each student is entitled to one free SIM card only. The SIM card will be delivered to the student’s address.

Ir Prof Dr Ewe Hong Tat, President of UTAR said, “During this period of the MCO, where teaching has transitioned into online learning, the most important link between staff and students of the university is through the internet. Internet access and the speed of the internet are important for a rewarding online learning experience and for students to access the resources available to successfully complete their course work.

UTAR is deeply grateful that YTL Foundation has come forward with its Learn From Home Initiative to provide that much needed assistance for students via the free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards with 40GB of data. This will ensure better equity to internet access among our students especially those who currently have limited internet access at home.”



YTL Foundation also announced that the free Yes 4G SIM cards will soon be made available to students from New Era University College (“NEUC”).

Parents with children in government schools and independent Chinese Secondary Schools as well as students in Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) can also visit www.ytlfoundation.org/learn to apply for the free Yes 4G prepaid SIM cards and to register for the FrogPlay Mobile revision quiz app and lessons in English, Mathematics and Science for students from Standard 1 to Form 5. For regular updates on the initiative, follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/ytlfoundation> or @ytlfoundation on Instagram and Twitter.

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About YTL Foundation

YTL Foundation (421570-A) was founded in 1997 on the belief that education is the basis on which every society progresses. By developing and improving education in the communities in which it operates, YTL Foundation aims to empower individuals and communities to be catalysts of change to enrich and benefit society. Over the years, YTL Foundation has provided aid to deserving individuals who would otherwise be denied opportunities to pursue higher education. More recently, YTL Foundation expanded its role; organising workshops, talks and conferences to enrich and inspire educators, students and parents, as well as programmes to bring 21st Century teaching and learning into schools. Through programmes, funding, thought leadership and by championing the use of technology, backed by the YTL Group’s 65 year heritage of nation building, YTL Foundation hopes to build better societies, through better education.

For more information about YTL Foundation, kindly visit www.ytlfoundation.org

About Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) is a not-for-profit private university established in 2002 and owned by the UTAR Education Foundation. UTAR is reputed as one of the fastest growing private higher education institutions in the country. From an initial intake of only 411 students, the University now has more than 23,000 students with campuses located in Kampar, Perak and Bandar Sungai Long, Selangor. UTAR has graduated over 64,400 students since its inaugural convocation in 2005. The University currently offers more than 110 programmes from Foundation Studies to Bachelor’s, Master’s, and PhD degrees in the fields of Accounting, Business, Finance and Economics, Actuarial Science, Mathematics and Process Management, Agriculture and Food Science, Arts, Social Sciences and Education, Chinese Studies, Creative Industries, Digital Animation, Multimedia and Design, Engineering and Built Environment, Information and Communication Technology, Life and Physical Sciences, and Medicine and Health Sciences. UTAR is ranked #501-600 in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2020, ranked #111 in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings 2019, ranked #181 in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings 2020 and awarded Self-Accreditation Status by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).

For more information, go to www.utar.edu.my or call 05-468 8888 (Kampar Campus), 03- 9086 0288 (Sungai Long Campus).