





BONJOUR PARIS! HOE YEAN IS UCSI'S FIRST OLYMPIAN

UCSI University's star swimmer Khiew Hoe Yean has been selected to represent Malaysia at the 2024 Paris Olympics in the men's 400m freestyle.

This is the first time a UCSI athlete will compete at the Olympics and all eyes will be on Hoe Yean as he seeks to set a personal best on sport's grandest stage.

Hoe Yean is the current holder of the national record which he set at the Australian Open in April this year, recording a time of 3 minutes and 48.36 seconds.

"I am grateful for this opportunity and I would like to thank UCSI University, Majlis Sukan Negara, Malaysia Swimming Federation, Olympic Council of Malaysia, Institut Sukan Negara, my family and friends for their support," said Khiew when contacted from his training camp in Australia.

"I will do my best to represent Malaysia in Paris."

Hoe Yean received a wild card granted by World Aquatics by virtue of amassing the three highest scores amongst Malaysia's male swimmers over the past year, scoring 895 (400m freestyle), 847 (200m freestyle) and 829 (800m freestyle) points.

Hoe Yean is pursuing a computer science degree at UCSI. He has been training in Australia for the past six months, joining 2023 FINA 400m freestyle world champion Samuel Short's camp.

The move has been a fruitful one as Hoe Yean has broken national records in the 400m freestyle, 800m freestyle and the 1,500m freestyle over the past six months.

He will now have his final training camp in Denmark before heading to Paris.

The 2024 Paris Olympic Games are scheduled to take place from July 26 to August 11.

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Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir launched Digital Skills TVET, the nation's first technical and vocational education and training programme that focuses on digital marketing.

Developed by UCSI University in collaboration with the Australian Digital Academy, ChamRun Digital and Malaysia Board of Technologist, the three-month distance learning programme is conducted by international digital marketing experts.

On his first visit to a private institution as Higher Education Minister, Zambry said that Digital Skills TVET was a good launch pad to careers in the RM 2.84 trillion global digital marketing industry.

UNITY MINISTER LAUNCHES SEJAHTERA MALAYSIA FORUM AT UCSI UNIVERSITY

The principles of Rukun Negara will be promoted extensively to foster unity and harmony amongst Malaysians, said National Unity Minister Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang.

Co-organised by KSI Strategic Institute for

Government initiatives include the appointment of 50 unity ambassadors and two unity icons this year and the construction of unity complexes at each state in Malaysia.

“The principles of Rukun Negara must be embedded in the soul of every Malaysian,” said Aaron in his keynote speech at the Sejahtera Malaysia forum at UCSI University.

“Respect and acceptance are core values we must instil in Malaysian society. We hope to complete the unity complexes by 2027.

He added that his Ministry would also work with the Defence Ministry to promote unity modules.



UCSI YOU in Youth 2024 held a charity night in March as their second event in collaboration with SUKA society, a non-governmental organisation dedicated to protecting and preserving the best interests of marginalised and vulnerable children in Malaysia.

Through this, the class of SM346 from the mass communication programme raised and donated RM8,100 to SUKA Society. This act aligns with two of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

The donation to SUKA Society could help



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UCSI University climbed 35 spots in the QS World University Rankings 2025 to rank 265th in the world, placing in the world's top 1% for the third year running.

By doing so, UCSI retains its status as one of Asia's top private universities in the competitive annual university rankings.

Acknowledging the results, UCSI vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Siti Hamisah Tapsir said the new ranking was a fair reflection of the good work that was taking place at the University.

"UCSI's 35-spot rise is most encouraging and I would like to thank all UCSI staff and students for their efforts," she said. "Everyone contributed immensely to the effort.

"This is the third straight year UCSI is ranked in the world's top 1%. It shows we are moving in the right direction and we will continue focusing on research, teaching, student experiences and graduate outcomes.

"We are cognisant that our true measure of success lies with our students and they are central to everything we do."

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The latest ranking marks a 216-spot climb - an average 36-spot improvement each year - since UCSI was first ranked in the 2019 edition.



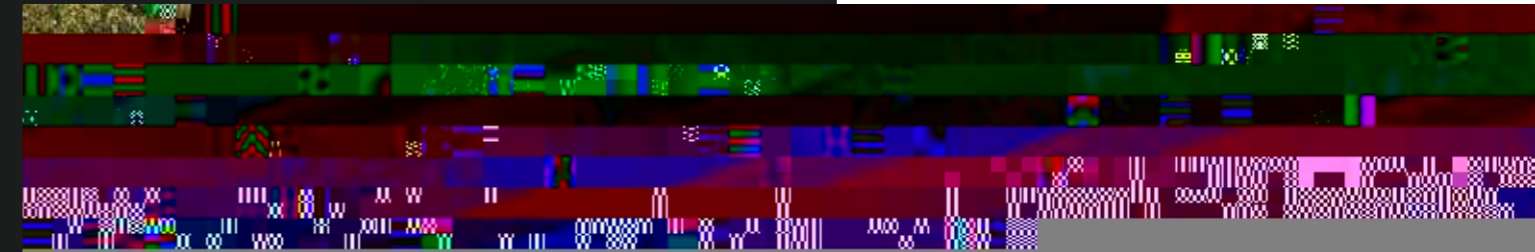
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UCSI Group CEO and UCSI University vice-chancellor





UNSW AND UCSI UNIVERSITY SAY YES TO JOINT RESEARCH



SYDNEY: UNSW and UCSI University have pledged to foster collaboration, training and knowledge sharing, particularly in the areas of RNA research, vaccines and therapeutic development.

The partnership was formalised via a memorandum of understanding between the UNSW RNA Institute and UCSI's Centre for Excellence for Research, Value Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

"We are very excited with the opportunity to collaborate with UCSI," said UNSW RNA Institute director Pall Thordason.

"Together, we hope to significantly shape the landscape of RNA technologies and therapeutics, creating a substantial impact on human welfare across our region.

Professor Dr Lionel In Lian Aun said that the partnership would boost UCSI's international research network, providing new opportunities for students and staff.

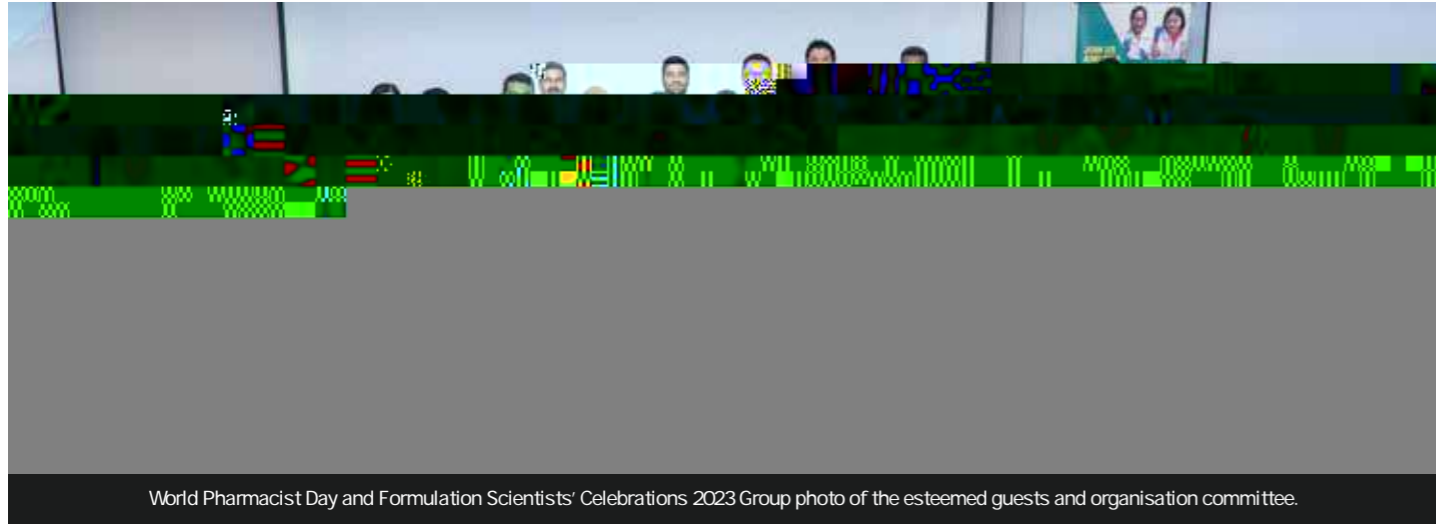
"UCSI is a strong advocate of international collaboration," he said. "We are eagerly looking to work together with UNSW to advance RNA research and arrive at consequential findings.

"We are confident such high-impact partnerships will have a spillover effect on our research scene."

UNSW's RNA Institute is a world-class RNA science, therapeutics and translational facility. Established with a \$25 million investment from UNSW, the Institute seeks to build NSW's capability to research, develop and manufacture RNA-based therapeutics locally. Malaysia is Australia's second-largest trading partner among ASEAN member states. The activities that follow this MoU will contribute further efforts that enhance bilateral and regional health initiatives.

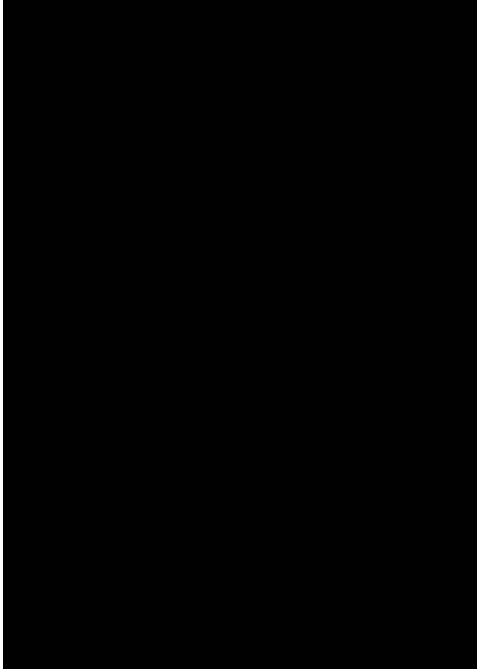
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