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25th Anniversary!

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President & CEO  
Professor David Whitford

### **25 years of PMC/RUMC**

Life is full of important milestones and my view is that it is important to celebrate these. In a medical career, milestones include getting into and starting medical school, graduating as a doctor, deciding your specialism, passing postgraduate examinations and taking on the first consultant post. I clearly recall all of these. RUMC has been through many milestones over the years – opening in 1996, first graduation in 2001, accreditation by Malaysian and Irish Medical Councils, 1000th graduate in 2013, becoming the 10th Foreign University Branch Campus in Malaysia in 2018.

However, 2021 may dwarf all of these years as a year to remember for milestones. It is our 25th (Silver) anniversary since students first commenced in 1996. It is our 21st year of graduating doctors from PMC/RUMC and this year we will be graduating the 2000th graduate from this university!

So much to be extremely proud of. It is somewhat a shame that most of our activities must be online again this year and colleagues from Ireland are not yet able to join us. However, we promise you that as soon as we are able to celebrate these remarkable achievements of this outstanding university face to face, we will do so and will ensure that alumni are fully involved. In the meantime, you can continue to be proud of your alumnus that remains at the forefront of excellent medical education in Malaysia after 25 years.





## ALUMNI STORIES



### *About Dr Anith Ayuni*

Born as a Kelantanese, I am the eldest sister from three siblings. I studied in SMK Gunung Rapat Ipoh and did my A-level at INTEC Shah Alam.

I am currently working as a district medical officer in Hospital Kinabatangan Sabah.

### *Inspiration to Pursue Medicine*

I had one person who inspired me to choose the career pathway in medical line and that's my mother. Neither she was from medical field nor have any experience in it, but she knows me the best and constantly motivated me throughout my journey in Medicine.



### *Cherishable Dublin Moments*

I did my Pre-Clinical Years at University College Dublin - which gave me the invaluable opportunity to engage with people from all around the world.

Travelling was also one of my fondest memories during my stay in Dublin, as I managed to visit most parts of Europe.

Meeting up with new people and building new friendships with people across the globe are definitely something that I can never forget.





## ALUMNI STORIES

### *Clinical Years in Penang*

Upon returning to RUMC for Clinical Years, I was looking forward to gaining a truly immersive learning experience. I also got to meet my new colleagues who returned from RCSI.

I must say that I really miss my time in Penang. We use to come very early in the morning and had first-hand experience with all the teaching doctors - either on learning about patients or even doing procedures.



### *Career Aspiration*

My current interest is to be in the surgical field. I have done attachment in a tertiary hospital as a surgical medical officer.

I am planning to do my Master in Surgery and perhaps become an aspiring surgeon down the road.

## Happy 25 Years RUMC!



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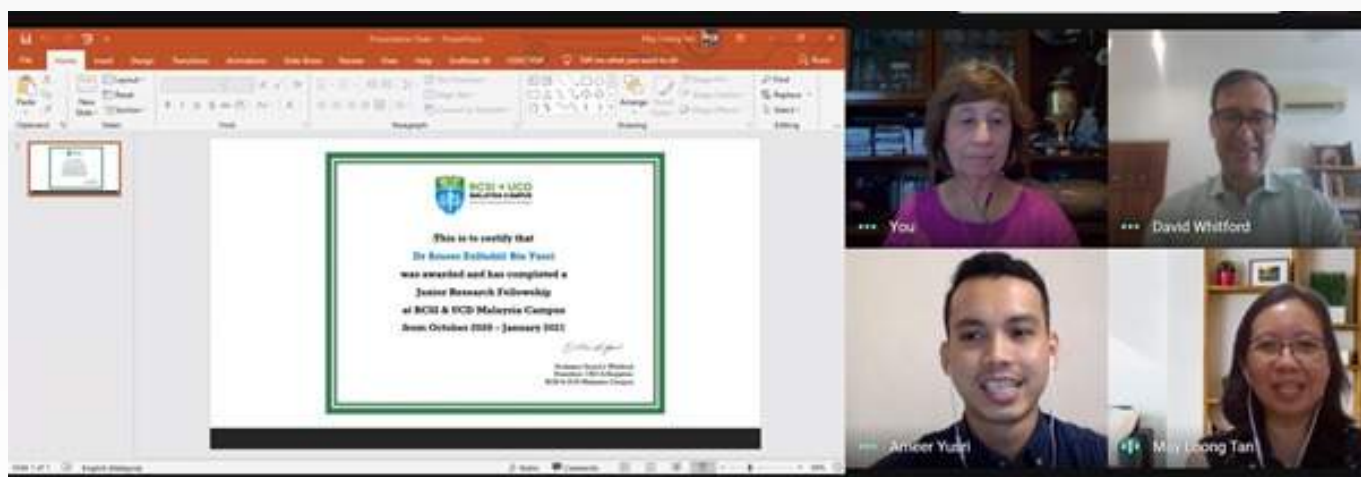
RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year - indicating another significant milestone along with its vast network of alumni around the world.

Stay tuned with us for more exciting updates on our silver jubilee anniversary.

## Cochrane Malaysia's Junior Research Fellow 2020 – Dr Ameer Zulfadzli Bin Yusri (Class of 2020)

Dr Ameer Zulfadzli Bin Yusri from the Class of 2020 completed a 4-month research fellowship with Cochrane Malaysia (October 2020 – January 2021). The fellowship focused on the final phase of research, which is the understanding of research findings and disseminating them in a meaningful way. After a short training on how to describe the findings of Cochrane reviews in a way that people can understand including choosing appropriate pictures to express the concepts of the reviews, he was primarily responsible for putting up translated Cochrane Plain Language Summaries in Cochrane Malaysia's Facebook page.

This page (***Ringkasan Cochrane Bahasa Malaysia***) is dedicated to reviewing summaries that have been translated to Bahasa Malaysia. In addition, he also helped to develop a glossary of terms in Bahasa Malaysia that would be used to express certainty of evidence.



Dr Ameer told us why he enjoyed the fellowship – “It exposed me to the world of research” and this had prepared him to consider how he would communicate with his future patients, using evidence-based facts. He was also happy that he helped in disseminating important evidence to the general public as his posts were in Bahasa Malaysia.

In 2019 & 2020, his translated Bahasa Malaysia Cochrane summaries had over 1.5 million views per year. He also valued the fellowship as preparation for housemanship because he had to read up on the conditions and treatments that were mentioned in the reviews.

Do visit our Facebook page – Cochrane Malaysia to read & like his posts.

Want to be a part of us?

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drop us an email at [cochrane@rcsiucd.edu.my](mailto:cochrane@rcsiucd.edu.my)



# International Alumni Network

Over the years, RUMC has graduated nearly 1,900 high-performing medical doctors who are now practising Medicine in various countries around the world.



Dr Teoh Chia Wei  
(Class of 2006)

Dr Dhssraj Singh  
(Class of 2007)

Staff Paediatric Nephrologist &  
Director of Kidney Transplant  
Program at The Hospital for Sick  
Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
&  
Assistant Professor, Department of  
Paediatrics,  
University of Toronto, Canada

Clinical & Advanced Heart  
Function Cardiologist  
  
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Dr Yvette D'Oliveiro  
(Class of 2002)

Consultant Anaesthetist in  
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(Class of 2020)

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# PROGRAMMES@RUMC



A unique Pre-University programme, offering students an early introduction to medical and clinical fields in a hospital setting. Upon conclusion of the programme, with a CGPA of 3.5-4.00, students are eligible to apply for the 5-Year Medical Degree Programme at RUMC.

**Next Intake: May 2022**



The University's flagship programme, the MB BCh BAO, is awarded by the National University of Ireland (NUI). Receive the best of both worlds with our transnationally delivered medical degree. RUMC is well-known for offering high-value tuition and exceptional quality in clinical training, as it continues to graduate high performing, industry-ready doctors.

**Next Intake: Sept 2021**

Malaysian doctors can now pursue the Family Medicine specialist training using the ICGP curriculum and assessment. Managed and delivered by RUMC, the curriculum of the programme is specifically adapted for the Malaysian healthcare scenario.

**Next Intake: July 2022**

For more information, visit [rcsiucd.edu.my/programme/mintfm](http://rcsiucd.edu.my/programme/mintfm) or email: [mintfm@rcsiucd.edu.my](mailto:mintfm@rcsiucd.edu.my)



## Career Opportunities @ RUMC

### Available Academic Positions

Head of Department in:  
o Medicine

Lecturers in:

- o Psychiatry
- o Medicine
- o Surgery
- o Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- o Family Medicine
- o Orthopaedics

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