

UCSI launches new master's programme in Child Psychology

KUALALUMPUR: UCSI University recently launched a new master's programme, namely, the Master of Child Psychology in an event attended by leading figures from non-profit organisations, academia and the local government.

They included Public Service Department of Malaysia Director (Psychology Management Division), Dato' Dr Abd Halim Bin Mohd Hussin, Protect and Save the Children (P.S. The Children) Executive Director, Nagasayee Malathy and UCSI Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Postgraduate Studies), Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Nizam Isa, to name a few.

Alongside the programme launch, the event also adopted the stance of protecting abused,

neglected and underprivileged children, an initiative that Prof Nizam strongly advocates.

"The very niche field of child psychology is gaining much attention globally. Child and adolescent disorders - the products of child abuse - pose a threat to the growth of our younger generation, which is why there is a need for professionals in this area," he explained.

"Through this programme offering and collaboration with P.S. The Children, we hope to produce more experts in this field to tackle this global concern."

Echoing the sentiments of Prof Nizam, Dato' Dr Abd Halim applauded UCSI for being the first private university in Malaysia to design such a programme.

"There is demand (for professionals) in this particular field as it is not yet common in our country," he added.

"By offering this programme, UCSI has gone one step further to meet the needs of the industry."

Focusing on a crucial stage in developmental psychology, the programme - offering full-time and part-time study options - is designed to equip graduate students with new insights on how children learn and the way they interact with their surroundings.

UCSI University Trust - the university's scholarship arm - is also offering scholarships to postgraduate students, including applicants for this newly launched programme.



(FROM RIGHT): UCSI FoSSLA Dean, Asst Prof Dr Chan Nee Nee, UCSI Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Prof Dr Teoh Kok Soo, P.S. The Children Executive Director, Nagasayee Malathy, Public Service Department of Malaysia Director (Psychology Management Division), Dato' Dr Abd Halim Bin Mohd Hussin, UCSI Deputy Vce-Chancellor (Research & Postgraduate Studies), Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Nizam Isa and UCSI Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni), Asst Prof Sylvester Lim, among other guests, posing for a group shot at the launch of UCSI's new master's programme in Child Psychology.



UCSI Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Postgraduate Studies), Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Nizam Isa in the midst of giving a speech during the launch of UCSI's new master's programme in Child Psychology.



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