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THE Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and University College Dublin (UCD) institutions established a collaboration called RCSI and UCD Malaysia Campus (RUMC), previously known as Penang Medical Centre (PMC), in 1996.

In 2018, it was awarded university status by the Higher Education Ministry as a Foreign University Branch Campus.

RUMC is the only Irish university in the region, recognised by both the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) and Irish Medical Council (IMC) for producing high-performing doctors.

RUMC students receive a comprehensive medical education and hands-on training, preparing them for global medical careers.

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RUMC offers a Foundation in Science and a Pre-Medical Foundation Year, providing essential academic and practical knowledge in science and healthcare.

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Interactive lectures and collaborative learning at RUMC inspire and shape the next generation of medical professionals.

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RUMC provides a medical programme that integrates academic study with clinical training and is the only Irish Medical School in Malaysia.

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The programme ensures students gain early patient interaction, critical thinking skills and hands-on clinical experience.

With boutique-sized classes, students receive personalised attention from experienced faculty, fostering a supportive learning environment.

RUMC graduates are recognised globally for their expertise and compassionate care, making them sought-after in the healthcare sector.

RUMC offers a dual pathway, combining Irish medical education with Malaysian clinical exposure.

Students gain hands-on clinical training through exclusive access to four hospitals: Hospital Pulau

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With recognition from the National University of Ireland (NUI) and support from experienced faculty, RUMC graduates are well prepared for successful careers in medicine and healthcare innovation.

The future of healthcare

In today's digital age, medical informatics is crucial for enhancing healthcare systems by integrating technology and data management to improve patient care and support decision-making.

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Making the most of learning on the go

YOU have read the textbook and you've been to class but you're not sure how much you've taken in. By the second time you go over your notes, you're parroting beautifully but a sentence out of context throws you for a loop. So now you're panicking: how much do you know and is it enough to pass the exam?

You could look for online tests, do past year papers and find similar textbooks and do the exercises you find there, or you can try

this: pick a question that you think will appear in your exam.

Make it short, sweet and standard, like, "What three factors make an online advertisement popular?" Or "Name six scientifically proven ways to manage stress."

Now, do something that is completely routine like swimming laps, jogging, bicycling in a gym, or taking the train to school.

Whatever it is, it has to be something you do automatically,

without company, and it has to last at least 15 minutes.

Start your activity and talk your way through your answer. If you can list the three factors, and support your ideas, or if you can name six ways to produce calm, with supporting evidence, then you know you have it down.

If you get stuck, that's also great because it means you have identified where you need to do a bit more work.

Just make a mental note of

what you've got to repeat, hit the books again, and then repeat the exercise.

If you have a pile of work, or you're taking a long course, make your morning commute your revision time. Just think about it: if you have a 15-minute journey, you'd be adding five hours of quality study time to your schedule per month.

If you work it on the way home, you double it. That can only be good, right?

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Sweet success against the odds

ANTHONY Heng Lean Chin's time at Management and Science University (MSU) provided more than just academic knowledge – it equipped him with vital life skills to navigate unpredictable challenges.

A proud alumnus, Heng graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor in International Business (Hons) programme under the Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies (FBMP).

He is now the founder of Speed Bake Bakery Supplies in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur, a business that blossomed from an unexpected opportunity.

During his time at MSU, Heng was actively involved in the university's Chinese Culture Society (CCS), where he served as chairman.

"My role as chairman of the society helped me become more people-orientated," he said, reflecting on his experience.

"It was not just about running activities – it was about learning how to connect with others, which is crucial in business."

Heng's journey into entrepreneurship was far from conventional. Before establishing Speed Bake, he worked in a completely different field.

As an executive with Auto Precision Malaysia Sdn Bhd, he focused on manufacturing precision gears for medical equipment, aerospace and automotive industries.

However, the movement control order in 2020 drastically affected his business, leaving him and his partners in an unexpected situation.

"The pandemic forced us to rethink our future," he recalled.

"We were sitting at home with nothing to do and started thinking about what our retirement might look like. That's when the idea of starting a bakery supply business came about."

Establishing Speed Bake during the pandemic wasn't without its challenges. One major obstacle was securing the necessary funding from business partners.

"Managing finances was tough," Heng admitted.

"It's always a challenge when funds come from shared business partners, especially during uncertain times."

Another significant hurdle was



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dealing with suppliers.

"Suppliers often require a 'Minimum Order Quantity' before they'll even deliver. If we couldn't meet that threshold, they wouldn't send the products. It was a tough lesson in managing supply chains," he explained.

Despite these challenges, Heng credits his time at MSU for giving him the skills to persevere.

"MSU helped build my confidence to interact with people from all walks of life. As chairman of CCS, I learned how to lead a team and plan activities from start to finish. These are the same skills I use today in my business."

His involvement at MSU also provided him with the opportunity to engage with high-level stakeholders, including government ministers and foreign delegates.

The university helped him develop leadership skills, provided exposure to cultural diversity and offered access to holistic teaching facilities, equipping him to overcome difficult challenges.

"That experience was invaluable. It helped me learn how to communicate with people in positions of authority and across various industries," he reflected.

Today, Heng's success with Speed Bake is a testament to his resilience and the skills he developed during his university years.

He exemplifies the principles of fostering sustainable economic growth, creating opportunities for productive employment and ensuring decent work for all.

"I never expected to be in the bakery business. But I have learnt that, sometimes, the unexpected can lead to your greatest achievements," he said.

Apart from FBMP, MSU houses the Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering, International Medical School, School of Pharmacy, School of Education and Social Sciences, School of Hospitality and Creative Arts, School of Graduate Studies, Graduate School of Management and Centre for Fundamental Studies.

In all, as an applied, enterprise, holistic and international university, MSU offers foundation, undergraduate, postgraduate and flexible programmes through an entry system that facilitates admission of students from all walks of life, where it aims to adhere to its tagline of "Transforming Lives and Enriching Futures".

■ For more information on the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes available at MSU, call 03-5521 6868, email info@msu.edu.my or visit www.msu.edu.my

The write way to remember

GOT a mind like a sieve? Here are some ideas to help you plug those holes.

Stop multi-tasking

It's been a popular idea that we can do several things at once, but studies show we can't. At least, we can't do anything particularly well unless our mind is focused on it.

For example, you might think you can wash a car automatically as you work out a good approach to your essay but what happens is that your mind is occupied by the academic issue.

If some evil person would happen to put paint in the bucket, chances are you'd not notice

until your paintwork was ruined. So, rule No.1 is to focus. When you're listening to a lecture, switch off your phone. Don't try and read a book. Just open your ears and listen.

Get some sleep

When you're tired, your body doesn't work well and that includes your brain. This means getting in at least seven hours of sleep a night.

If you have insomnia, knock off the soft drinks, coffees, green teas and teh tarik.

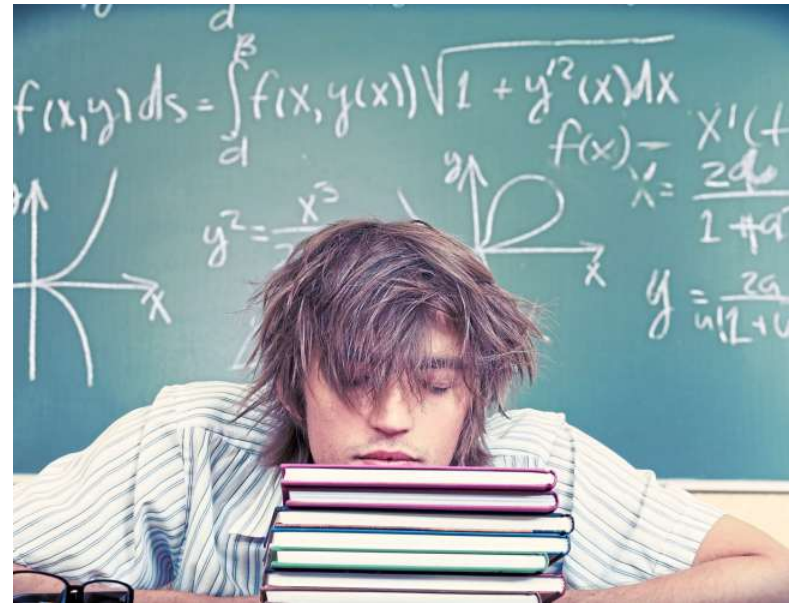
Exercise at the end of the day, have a warm shower and make sure you have a comfortable bed. If you've noisy neighbours, foam

ear plugs are cheap and easy to source.

Write, don't type or save an image

When you read notes, you're working just a small part of your brain. When you write them down, you're using your body – something that helps stimulate your mind and your memory.

So, instead of passive reading or copying cute-looking infographics from the Net, start writing your own notes. Honestly, you'll be amazed at how effective a memory boost it is. If you can, read over your own notes while you work out to boost retention. Don't be afraid to talk out loud.



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Exploring graphic design career pathways



MSU College's School of Science and Technology offers a Diploma in Graphic Design, allowing students to creatively develop and explore their graphic design skills.

GRAPHIC design is the art and practice of planning and projecting ideas and experiences using visual and textual content. In other words, graphic design conveys ideas or messages visually.

These visuals can be artistic advertisements, eye-catching graphics on websites, or beautifully arranged spreads in magazines.

Graphic design is one of the fastest-growing creative disciplines and is always in high demand.

Recognising the potential, MSU College's School of Science and Technology (SST) offers a Diploma in Graphic Design for students to explore the wonders of developing skills in graphic design creatively and becoming the next generation of highly skilled creative and innovative workers.

The programme is comprehensively designed to provide the necessary skills for acquiring knowledge, conducting research, and designing solutions for industry-related projects.

The programme includes a variety of subjects that have been chosen wisely to prepare students to be industry-ready graduates in visual communication, typography, communication skills, advertising design, and interactive multimedia.

Those who complete the programme will be able to work as technical illustrators, layout artists, creative directors, or graphic designers in a variety of

commercial positions in both print and digital media.

Their job scopes may include or be related to advertising and promotion, art direction, branding, corporate identity, instructional design, packaging, signage, mobile apps, software interfaces, and website layouts.

This two-and-a-half-year diploma programme requires a pass in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) or its equivalent, with three credits in any subject, or an MSU College certificate in a relevant field with passes in all subjects.

Upon completion of diploma, credit transfer is also available to those who choose to pursue a second-year bachelor's degree programme at Management and Science University (MSU) through the Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering (FISE).

MSU College is also an MSU APEL Centre for potential candidates to take the APEL Aptitude Test as the non-conventional pre-qualification for entry into higher studies, in which MSU currently offers APEL A and APEL C at T-3 (certificate), T-4 (diploma), T-6 (bachelor's degree) and T-7 (master's degree) levels.

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MQA/A9294
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MQA/PSA11353
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MQA/PSA16046
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JUL . SEP

Medicine

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FEB . SEP

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MQA/PSA11367
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Top-notch business education

FOUNDED in 1945, Henley Business School at the University of Reading has a long-standing reputation as one of the top business institutions in the UK.

According to the Financial Times European Business School Rankings 2022, Henley is ranked as a Top 10 UK Business School.

For the past 20 years, Henley has been recognised as one of the world's top 100 elite business schools, holding triple-crown accreditation from Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), and Association of MBAs (AMBA), a testament to the exceptional quality of its teaching and research.

Cutting-edge facilities

Malaysian students can enrol in Henley Business School programmes at the University of Reading's international campus in EduCity, Iskandar.

Henley's presence in Malaysia dates back to 2013 with the establishment of its branch campus.

The Malaysian campus boasts cutting-edge facilities, providing students with access to state-of-the-art amenities such as IT-enabled classrooms, PC labs, a financial dealing room, dedicated social spaces, and a comprehensive Learning Resource Centre (LRC) complete with breakout rooms.

Students studying with Henley in Malaysia enjoy the advantages of both worlds, as they earn the same degree at a lower cost than those studying in the UK.

Innovative programmes

As a leading institution in business education, Henley remains at the fore-



Henley Business School in Malaysia is located at the University of Reading's branch campus in EduCity Iskandar.

front of the field. The ICMA Centre, inspired by the International Capital Markets Association, consistently ranks among the top institutions for finance both nationally and internationally.

Henley has updated its course offerings to suit the most recent advancements in business and finance and has lately added new subjects including:

- > Machine learning
- > Fintech

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- > Entrepreneurship
- > Social responsibility
- > Programming (for business analytics)

Henley offers four undergraduate degree programmes in Malaysia:

- > Accounting and Finance (Henley-ICAEW programme)
- > Finance and Business Management
- > Business and Management
- > Real Estate

All programmes are closely aligned with the needs of the industry and relevant professional bodies. Students have numerous opportunities to network with business partners, ensuring they are well prepared for success in the workplace.

Excellent employability for graduates

Henley Business School in Malaysia places a strong emphasis on graduate employability, and many of its alumni are employed by reputable companies.

The accounting and finance, business and management, and real estate programmes consistently achieve a 100% graduate employment rate each year. Job offers are often extended to students even before graduation. Additionally, the university hosts an annual career expo that attracts reputable companies.

Option for UK transfer

Students can take advantage of flexible options that enable them to study at Henley in the UK for one or two years on the university's main campus in Reading, located on 130 hectares of beautiful countryside.

Reading town is within a 30-minute train journey from London and the university is renowned for its high-quality teaching, research and graduate employability and was ranked 61st in the world for Global Impact by Times Higher Education (2023).

The university is accepting applications for its upcoming intakes which commence in March (foundation only), May (undergraduate only), July and September 2025. Students and parents are advised to contact the university for a consultation or to register for campus tours.

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Henley's strong emphasis on industry networking and rigorous curriculum fosters high graduate employability.

Enhancing diabetes care

AS a practising clinical dietitian, Kamar Alfathima Muhamad Hanif Irusan faces challenges in educating patients with diabetes beyond dietary management.

She often encounters gaps in education methods, particularly in encouraging patients to adhere to their comprehensive treatment plans, which include lifestyle changes, medication and regular monitoring.

Addressing non-compliance is crucial, as it can lead to poor diabetes control and complications.

That is why she found the Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Education and Management programme at International Medical University (IMU) to be exceptionally valuable.

The curriculum was meticulously designed to cover a wide range of essential topics for effective diabetes management, including psychosocial perspectives, advancements in diabetes care, different treatment approaches for special groups with diabetes, and effective patient education techniques.

The programme content is both comprehensive and current, incorporating the latest research and guidelines in diabetes care.

This ensures that students learn the most up-to-date and evidence-based practices. All the lecturers are also experts in their field and convey complex concepts in a clear and accessible manner, making the learning process engaging and enjoyable.

Kamar said that one of the highlights of the programme was the interactive case study discussion session on "applying my learning to patients with microvascular and macrovascular complications".

The discussion involved reviewing the case management of a patient with microvascular and macrovascular complications from a multidisciplinary perspective and interacting with a person living with diabetes.



Kamar highly recommends IMU's Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Education and Management programme to anyone interested in specialising in diabetes care.

This approach allowed her to apply theoretical knowledge to real-life scenarios, enhancing problem-solving and counselling skills.

These practical sessions were instrumental in building Kamar's confidence to provide tailored education and management to patients with diabetes.

Additionally, the programme fostered a collaborative learning environment, encouraging discussions and knowledge sharing among peers from diverse healthcare backgrounds including pharmacists, dietitians and nurses.

This interdisciplinary approach

enriched the learning experience and provided a broader perspective on diabetes care management.

Overall, this programme greatly enriched Kamar's understanding of diabetes management and equipped her with the necessary skills to effectively educate and support patients with diabetes.

"I highly recommend this programme to anyone interested in specialising in diabetes care," she said.

IMU's Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Management and Education is a comprehensive evidence-based programme designed to equip healthcare professionals

with the knowledge and skills to effectively manage and educate individuals with diabetes.

This specialised postgraduate diploma focuses on the latest advancements in diabetes care, providing students with a deep understanding of the disease and its management.

Additionally, graduates will gain expertise in diabetes education, enabling them to effectively communicate with patients and empower them to take control of their health.

Offered as a 100% online learning programme that combines asynchronous and synchronous online learning activities, work-based learning at the student's place of work and independent assignments, it offers a flexible learning environment, allowing graduates to balance their studies with their professional commitments.

Graduates will also explore strategies for preventing and managing diabetes-related complications, as well as the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in providing holistic care.

By completing IMU's Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Management and Education programme, graduates can contribute to improving the lives of those living with diabetes and play a vital role in preventing and managing chronic conditions.

The next commencement of this programme is in March. If you are interested in joining this programme, make an online application today.

■ For more information on this or IMU's other postgraduate programmes, visit www.imu.edu.my or email postgraduate@imu.edu.my, or call 03-2731 7272.

Shaping healthcare leaders through interdisciplinary education

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This interdisciplinary model is especially evident in the diverse subjects integrated throughout the curriculum. The MBBS programme includes a strong foundation in medical sciences, while also embedding courses on social entrepreneurship, traditional medicine and public health.

The postgraduate offerings further enhance the interdisciplinary focus, particularly through programmes such as the Master of Medical Science in Public Health.

These courses go beyond the traditional boundaries of medicine, allowing students to engage in research and practices that



A lecturer and students at UTAR's MK FMHS engaging in a hands-on practical session, learning medical techniques with a training model in the clinical lab.

combine public health expertise with clinical knowledge, aiming for tangible improvements in global health.

Through research-driven initiatives and collaborations across disciplines, MK FMHS graduates are well-positioned to lead and innovate in healthcare settings.

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