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EDUCATION GUIDE

## Rewarding journey in Chinese Medicine

*Low Li Xin, a graduate of the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chinese Medicine programme at IMU, shares her academic experiences and insights.*

My journey through Chinese Medicine at IMU has been a continuous and enriching experience. I vividly remember what inspired me to begin this path – my enduring struggle with chronic skin conditions drove me to seek holistic healing, sparking a deep interest in Chinese Medicine.

Embarking on the study of Chinese Medicine was initially challenging, given its abstract concepts, the need for a vivid imagination, and some philosophical understanding.

Thankfully, our dedicated lecturers spared no effort in clarifying these complexities, patiently guiding us in building a strong foundation in Chinese Medicine knowledge.

In my second year, the global outbreak of Covid-19 disrupted our lives, prompting a shift to

online learning. Adapting to this new modality was challenging for everyone, but IMU's swift response ensured the seamless continuation of classes.

Despite these efforts, I faced moments of anxiety and uncertainty, compounded by some personal factors, which led me to make a bold decision in my third year – taking a one-year break from my studies.

During this time, I worked in a Chinese Medicine Centre and developed a keen interest in traumatology. A year later, I returned to campus, revitalised and eager to resume my studies.

Upon my return, I happened to have lectures related to traumatology, which I found highly valuable.

The final semester, dedicated to clinical training, holds a special place in my heart. It provided the opportunity to apply the knowledge accumulated over the previous four years to clinical practice.

It was during this semester that I truly understood the



(Front row, first from left) Low with her Chinese Medicine classmates at the IMU Bukit Jalil campus.

strictness of our lecturers – each effort was intended to instil in us a clear understanding of our mission and our responsibility as future healthcare practitioners.

Now, having secured a job, I am reminded of the proverb, 'A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.'

I am ready for the next chapter of my life, armed with the knowledge, experience and passion gained during my time studying

at IMU.

### Opportunities at IMU

IMU offers a five-year BSc (Hons) in Chinese Medicine.

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the IMU Chinese Medicine programme.

Students will then be awarded Bachelor degrees in Chinese Medicine from the respective partner universities upon completion of their studies.

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theory and techniques in order to understand financial and accounting activities. Topics of study include economics, information technology and accounting law.

Students with three credits in mathematics, science and any other subject in the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) or recognised certificates can expect a conducive learning environment and high-calibre academics with years of practice and experience in the field.

Credit transfer allows MSU College graduates to pursue a second-year bachelor's degree at Management and Science University (MSU) through its Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies (FMBP).

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**Acupuncture (MSc)**  
KPT/JPT(R/721/7/0071)03/2027  
MQA/SWA8570  
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KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0059)01/2027  
MQA/A10260  
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**Chiropractic**  
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0054)08/2026  
MQA/A8294  
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### School of Business and Technology

**Business Administration in Healthcare Management (PG Cert / PG Dip / Master)**

KPT/JPT(R/345/7/1082)09/2028  
MQA/PSA11354  
KPT/JPT(R/345/7/1090)12/2028  
MQA/SWA11355  
KPT/JPT(R/345/7/1085)10/2028  
MQA/SWA11353  
MAR . SEP

### Business Administration with Healthcare Management

KPT/JPT(N/0414/6/0180)01/2029  
MQA/PSA17191  
FEB . APR . JUL . SEP

**Digital Health**  
KPT/JPT(N/482/6/0209)03/2028  
MQA/PSA14380  
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### Health Informatics and Analytics (PG Cert / PG Dip / Master)

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MQA/SWA13973  
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### School of Dentistry

**Dentistry**  
KPT/JPT(R3/724/6/0010)01/2030  
MQA/FA7026  
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**Endodontics (PG Dip)**  
KPT/JPT(R/0911/7/0003)05/2029  
MQA/SWA12162  
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### School of Health Sciences

#### Biomedical Science

KPT/JPT(R3/421/6/0011)12/2027  
MQA/A8230  
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#### Diabetes Management and Education \*\* (PG Dip)

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MQA/PSA16046  
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#### Dietetics with Nutrition

KPT/JPT(R2/726/6/0021)09/2029  
MQA/A8176  
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#### Medical Biotechnology

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MQA/FA15505  
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MQA/FA1298  
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MQA/PSA17574  
JUL . SEP

#### Medicine

KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0033)09/2026  
MQA/FA6155  
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#### Public Health # (MSc)

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A10261  
KPT/JPT(R-DL/720/7/0811)09/2028  
MQA/SWA11356  
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### School of Pharmacy

#### Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry # (MSc)

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MQA/FA1191  
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MQA/PSA11367  
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### Molecular Medicine (MSc)

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MQA/FA1299  
KPT/JPT(N-DL/545/7/0101)09/2025  
MQA/SWA11357  
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MQA/A8229  
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### Pharmacy

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### Pharmacy Practice (Master)

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MQA/SWA02796  
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### School of Psychology and Social Sciences

#### Clinical Psychology (Master)

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MQA/PSA15641  
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#### Communication with Health

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MQA/PSA17573  
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MQA/A8177  
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### Centre for Postgraduate Studies by Research

#### Healthcare Management (PhD)

KPT/JPT(N/0910/8/0002)10/2030  
MQA/PSA16676  
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#### Health Professions Education (PhD)

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MQA/SWA14379  
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#### Medical and Health Sciences (MSc / PhD)

KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0049)06/2026  
A10618  
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A3767  
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#### Health Professions Education (PG Cert # / PG Dip / Master)

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# Financial aid opens doors for students

AS the cost of higher education continues to rise, the challenge of providing financial aid to students has increased. But for Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT), providing financial aid to deserving students to pursue their tertiary education is one of the core functions deeply rooted in the university's founding principles.

Over the years, TAR UMT's financial aid options have expanded to cater to the many calls for assistance, which include interest-free student loan funds, and externally administered financial aid such as the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN), and Pembiayaan Pendidikan Boleh Ubah (PPBU) Yayasan Bank Rakyat.

One of the latest beneficiaries of the university's interest-free student loan fund is Tan Kian Hui, who was able to pursue the Foundation in Science programme at TAR UMT. Due to his family's financial constraints, Tan was initially unsure if he could further his studies after high school.

"My goal was always to further my studies and obtain a degree, but my family's financial situation is a huge challenge. I had to work part-time to help support my family, however, working part-time while also studying full-time was a huge challenge as it demanded a lot of physical and mental strength.

"I did not have much choice, but I did not give up on searching for a better solution to my predicament. Through online research, I found out about the TAR UMT student loan fund and immediately applied for assistance."

"It was a tremendous relief for me and my family when my application was successful because I can now concentrate on my studies without the constant stress of figuring out how to afford the tuition fees," said Tan, whose dream is to have a bright career in the field of mechanical engineering.

He also offered words of encouragement to those seeking higher education who might be too shy to seek financial aid.

"I encourage my peers to stay focused on their education goals and not to feel discouraged. Numerous financial aid options are available to support their studies. Furthermore, a dedicated financial aid team on campus provides guidance to qualified students throughout the application process," he added.

Tan is among the more than 16,000



TAR UMT's financial aid has allowed deserving students like Tan to have access to education.

students of the university who benefited from the revolving interest-free student loan fund which was established in 1979.

Similar to Tan, Teo Kah Chin was also a recipient of the university's student loan fund. The only difference is he received financial assistance over 30 years ago, and graduated with a Diploma in Technology (Electronics Engineering) in 1990 from the then TAR College.

"I remember that I was not able to be completely happy upon receiving the acceptance letter from the then TAR College because my family's financial background could not support my higher education.

"However, I still went to college on the first day with this worry in mind, and I was relieved when I learnt about the institution offering financial aid during one of the briefing sessions," he reminisced.

The financial aid was a much-needed lifeline for Teo, and thanks to the qualification and skills he acquired at TAR UMT, he continued to excel as a quality assurance engineering assistant for many years.

"The loan fund was a lifesaver for me and my family. It helped me achieve my academic goals, opened doors to countless opportunities after my graduation, and made me who I am today.

"I would not have achieved what I am doing now if not for the financial support from the TARC student loan fund (now known as TAR UMT Student Loan Fund)," he added.

■ To find out more about TAR UMT's financial aid options, head to the university's Open Day from Jan 17-19, 10am to 5pm at TAR UMT KL campus or any of the TAR UMT branches nationwide. Prospective students can also call +0111-087 5854 or visit [www.tarc.edu.my](http://www.tarc.edu.my) to apply online.



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MSU is recognised as one of the top universities in the world by QS. In the QS World University Rankings 2025, it is ranked 580th. Additionally, MSU is in the QS Top 100 for the best young universities globally, ranks 129th among Asia's best universities, is 28th in South-East Asia, and is listed in the QS Top 301+ for Graduate Employability Ranking.

MSU's commitment to academic excellence and outstanding achievements on the global stage is demonstrated by its remarkable rating in the top 1,000 worldwide or in band 801-1,000 in their debut into THE World University Rankings 2025.

This accomplishment reflects the university's sustainable

# A window of opportunity

development goals (SDG) ranking, placing it at the World 301-400 in THE World Impact Ranking 2024.

In QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024, MSU is ranked in the top 30 universities worldwide for hospitality and leisure management, the top 100 for art and design, and the top 300 for business and management studies.

MSU also debuted in the rankings, placing in the top 550 for social sciences and management, as well as the top 650 for computer science and information systems. Additionally, MSU received the Engaged and Sustainable University of the Year 2024 award, the People's Choice Award 2023, and the Global Green University of the Year 2023 from ACEEU.

This builds upon MSU's earlier recognition as the "Most Entrepreneurial and Engaged University in Asia" by ACEEU in 2019, as well as its status as "Entrepreneurial University of the Year 2020."

Before that, MSU became the first higher education institution to achieve an EMNA E-STAR from the Entrepreneurial Mindset Network, an international community dedicated to helping people make unique contributions to the world. Furthermore, MSU was listed for the first time in the AppliedHE Private University Ranking: Asean 2025, coming in



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In addition, MSU was named one of Malaysia's most exceptional universities, bagging Talentbank's Employer's Choice of Universities 2024 as a notable recognition of its efforts in shaping the nation's future workforce and continuously producing highly sought-after graduates.

MSU is also the first university recognised outside of Japan by the ABEST21 and the first to be

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As the recipient of Malaysia's Best University (TVET Education) through Malaysia Education and TVET 2023 award, MSU has proven its unwavering commitment in promoting TVET-based education both in Malaysia and internationally.

This recognition has been strengthened even further by the implementation of numerous innovative strategies that prioritise TVET components across the curriculum in various

study programmes.

MSU International Medical School Bangalore campus is Malaysia's first offshore medical school granted the full five-year accreditation by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC).

MSU's MBBS programme is recognised by India's National Medical Commission (NMC), the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) and the Maldives Medical and Dental Council (MMDC).

The establishment of the MSU Medical Centre (MSUMC), has put MSU as the first private university in Malaysia to have its own private specialist hospital.

Blending technical vocational education and training (TVET) with traditional academic curricula, MSU enhances competencies with industry internship, community and creative entrepreneurship, and global exposure – empowering graduates with the well-roundedness desired and sought after by employers.

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