

SITE UPDATE UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA

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1. Academic Calendar



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Academic Calendar USM 2013/2014 Academic Year

Monday, 9 September 2013 – Sunday, 7 September 2014

FIRST SEMESTER		
<i>Monday, 9 September 2013 – Friday, 17 January 2014 (19 weeks)</i>		
Activity	Date	Duration
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 9 September 2013 – Friday, 1 November 2013	8 weeks
Mid-Semester Break	Saturday, 2 November 2013 – Sunday, 10 November 2013	1 week
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 11 November 2013 – Friday, 20 December 2013	6 weeks
Revision Break	Saturday, 21 December 2013 – Sunday, 29 December 2013	1 week
Examination	Monday, 30 December 2013 – Friday, 17 January 2014	3 weeks
Inter-Semester Break	Saturday, 18 January 2014 – Sunday, 16 February 2014	4 weeks

SECOND SEMESTER		
<i>Monday, 17 February 2014 – Friday, 27 June 2014 (19 weeks)</i>		
Activity	Date	Duration
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 17 February 2014 – Friday, 4 April 2014	7 weeks
Mid-Semester Break	Saturday, 5 April 2014 – Sunday, 13 April 2014	1 week
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 14 April 2014 – Friday, 30 May 2014	7 weeks
Revision Break	Saturday, 31 May 2014 – Sunday, 8 June 2014	1 week
Examination	Monday, 9 June 2014 – Friday, 27 June 2014	3 weeks
Inter-Semester Break	Saturday, 28 June 2014 – Sunday, 7 September 2014	10 weeks

COURSES DURING LONG VACATION		
<i>Saturday, 28 June 2014 – Sunday, 7 September 2014 (10 weeks)</i>		
Activity	Date	Duration
Break	Saturday, 28 June 2014 – Sunday, 20 July 2014	3 weeks
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 21 July 2014 – Friday, 1 August 2014	2 weeks
Examination	Monday, 4 August 2014 – Friday, 8 August 2014	1 week
Break	Saturday, 9 August 2014 – Sunday, 7 September 2014	3 weeks



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**Academic Calendar USM
2014/2015 Academic Year**

Monday, 8 September 2014 – Sunday, 6 September 2015






FIRST SEMESTER		
<i>Monday, 8 September 2014 – Friday, 16 January 2015 (19 weeks)</i>		
Activity	Date	Duration
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 8 September 2014 – Friday, 17 November 2014	6 weeks
Mid-Semester Break	Saturday, 18 November 2014 – Sunday, 26 November 2014	1 week
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 27 November 2014 – Friday, 19 December 2014	8 weeks
Revision Break	Saturday, 20 December 2014 – Sunday, 28 December 2014	1 week
Examination	Monday, 29 December 2014 – Friday, 16 January 2015	3 weeks
Inter-Semester Break	Saturday, 19 January 2015 – Sunday, 22 February 2015	5 weeks

SECOND SEMESTER		
<i>Monday, 23 February 2015 – Friday, 26 June 2015 (18 weeks)</i>		
Activity	Date	Duration
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 23 February 2015 – Friday, 29 May 2015	14 weeks
Revision Break	Saturday, 30 May 2015 – Sunday, 7 June 2015	1 week
Examination	Monday, 8 June 2015 – Friday, 26 June 2015	3 weeks
Inter-Semester Break	Saturday, 29 June 2015 – Sunday, 6 September 2015	10 weeks

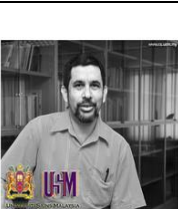

COURSES DURING LONG VACATION		
<i>Saturday, 29 June 2015 – Sunday, 6 September 2015 (10 weeks)</i>		
Activity	Date	Duration
Break	Saturday, 29 June 2015 – Sunday, 19 July 2015	3 weeks
Teaching & Learning	Monday, 20 July 2015 – Friday, 31 July 2015	2 weeks
Examination	Monday, 3 August 2015 – Friday, 7 August 2015	1 week
Break	Saturday, 8 August 2015 – Sunday, 6 September 2015	3 weeks



2. Committee Members

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3. Distance Learning Environment Update

- a) School of Computer Sciences and National Advanced IPv6 Centre now have Videoconferencing system to support two-way connection and also they use DokoDemo system to support the streaming.

4. Technical Update

N/A

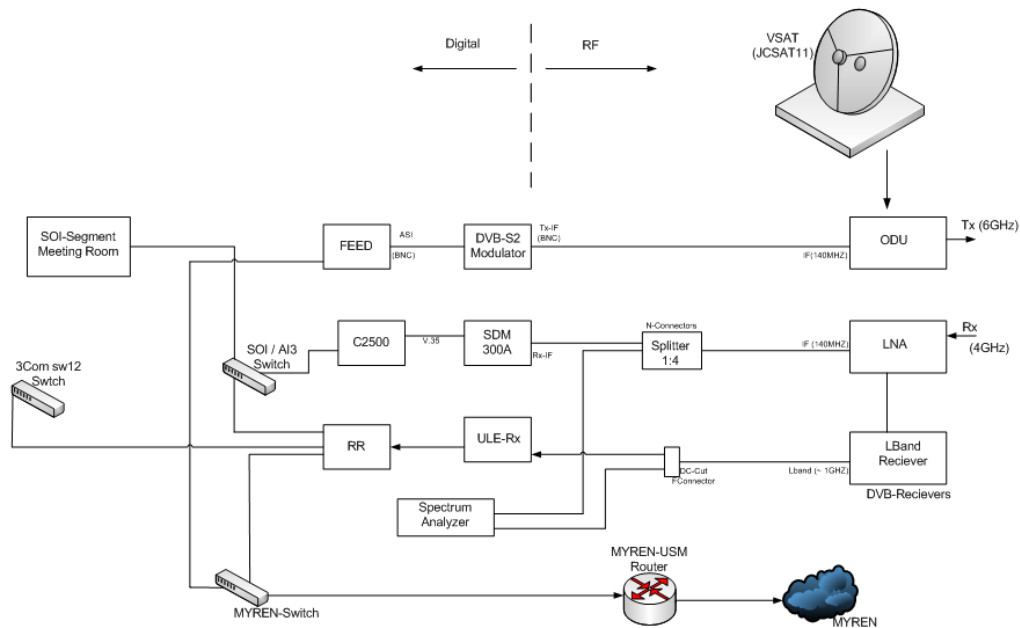
5. Network Update

N/A

6. National Research and Education Network (NREN) update

N/A

7. Your organization's role in NREN



8. Lecture attending situation

- a) As for the Entrepreneurship course participation – we could not participate in the lecture due to the change in Keio's lecture time which we could not get ours to change accordingly but our students did participate in the SOI-Asia business plan contest with 1 group only managed to be shortlisted for final presentation
 Note: A request for the SOI's Entrepreneurship class schedule for next semester (Sept), so that we can **TRY** to synch the lecture time as before.
- b) As for the EBA Program:
 - i. The current session is 5:00–7:00 pm (MYT) which is not conducive and difficult to get audience to attend.
 - ii. An Open Seminar entitled “IT and Education” was conducted hosted by Chulalongkorn University together with University of the Philippines and Keio University.



The field work will be conducted at Minamata, Japan by students who will be sponsored by EBA.

- c) We are unable to get participation of students for the WASABI Web Development Workshop as our students having classes during the duration of the workshop.

- d) National Advanced IPv6 Centre coordinated two Global Kindergarten sessions between Ono Kindergarten and Melody Kindyland. During these sessions, there was cultural exchange by Malaysian and Japanese preschoolers where the children introduced their traditional costumes and cultures to their friends from the other country. These sessions were very successful because the preschoolers were exposed to intercultural experience with the help of ICT.



First Session (13th November 2013)



Second Session (5th March 2014)

- e) National Advanced IPv6 Centre also assisted in organizing the AGORAsia Youth 2013 sessions in Malaysia, where five high-school students from SMJK Kwang Hua, Malaysia participated the workshop through Skype. The participants get to know more about the Internet and exchanged information on how they use Internet to share contents with peers from Japan and South Korea. For the final assignment, they used the Internet to share their traditional culture, places of interest etc.

AGORAsia Youth 2013-Malaysia
About us and our country

Celebration

Hari Raya Aidilfitri
Hari Raya means "Celebration Day". It is customary for workers in the city to return to their home town to celebrate with their families and to ask forgiveness from parents, in-laws, and other elders. This is known in Malaysia as *balik kampung* (back to hometown). The night before Aidilfitri is filled with the sounds of many *muezzin* chanting the takbir in the mosques or musallahs. In many parts Malaysia, especially in the rural areas, *pelita* or *panjat or lampu colok* (oil lamps, similar to tikil torches) are lit up and placed outside and around homes. Special dishes like *ketupat*, *rendang*, *lemang* (a type of glutinous rice cake cooked in bamboo) and other Malay also Nyonya delicacies such as various *kulih-muih* are served during this day. It is common to greet people with "Selamat Aidilfitri" or "Selamat Hari Raya" which means "Happy Eid". Muslims also greet one another with "maaf zahir dan batin", which means "Forgive my physical and emotional (wrong doings)". It is customary for **Muslim-Malaysians** to wear a traditional cultural clothing on Eid al-Fitr. The Malay variant (worn in Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and Southern Thailand) is known as the *Baju Melayu*, shirt worn with a *sarong* known as *kain sampul* or songket and a headwear known as *songkok*. Malaysian women clothing is referred to as *Baju Kurung* and *baju kebaya*. It is a common practice however for the Malays in Singapore and Johor, Malaysia to refer to the *baju kurung* in reference to the type of outfit, worn by both men and women. Rows of *Pelita* (oil lamps) which is used to illuminate homes and the streets during the season. Seen here in Muar, Johor, Malaysia. In Malaysia, especially in the major cities, people take turns to set aside a time for open house when they stay at home to receive and entertain neighbours, family and other visitors. It is common to see non-Muslims made welcome during Eid at these open houses. They also celebrate by lighting traditional bamboo cannon firecrackers known as *meriam buluh* using kerosene in large hollow bamboo tubes or Chinese imported crackers. The traditional bamboo cannon, *meriam bambu*, and fireworks are notoriously loud and can be very dangerous to operator, bystander and even nearby buildings. These are usually bamboo tubes 8-10 cm (2.0-3.9 in) in diameter and 4-7 m (13-23 ft) long, filled with either water and several hundred grams of calcium carbide, or heated kerosene, then ignited by match. Celebrating with firecrackers in the early morning during Ramadan is now banned in many areas. In Malaysia, children are given token sums of money, also known as "duit raya", from their parents or elders.

Christmas
Christianity in Malaysia is a minority religion practised by 9.2% of the population. However, most of the Malaysians are still celebrating Christmas. Moreover, all the shopping centres and some of the roads will be decorated with Christmas tree, deer and lots of thing. Workers in the shopping centre will be wearing Christmas hats and greeting "Happy Christmas" to all of the customer. In the church, the Christian will be singing Christmas song, dancing and exchanging gifts. While the Pastor will be giving speech about Christmas and blessing all the believers. Besides that some of the Christian will invite their friends and relatives to celebrate Christmas in their house.

Durian
Durian is known as the king of the fruits. The durian is distinctive for its large size, strong odour, and formidable thorn-covered husk.

Mangosteen
Mangosteen is the queen of fruits. We often eat mangosteen after eating the durian. We like it because it is sweet and tangy, juicy, and somewhat fibrous, with an inedible, deep reddish-purple colored rind (exocarpe) when ripe.

Murukku
Murukku is a South Indian snack of savory crunchy twists made from rice and urad dal flour. Murukku means twisted in the Tamil language. Murukku is famous in Malaysia. It is made in many varieties as a traditional treat for festivals such as Deepavali (a Hindu festival). Murukku are often served on special occasions. Preparation of Murukku: Murukku is most commonly made of mixed rice flour, urad dal flour and water, seasoned with salt, asafoetida and either sesame seeds or cumin seeds. The ingredients are mixed together into a dough that

Nasi Briyani
Nasi Briyani (biryani) prepared with spice and vegetables. The aromatic flavors and Singapore, the dish is even nasi minya accompanied with S among the Malay Mi improvised version to other parts of the muslim food stalls is the chicken, mutton

Screenshot for the final assignment

9. Ideas: how to make student more active to join the class?

- a) Students can be more active by suggesting many topics in a specific science and rate them in the fan page, which topic is more interest, so SOI can organize this topic or course based on the rate in the fan page.

10. Research and Development in Network, including applications

- a) The USM Open Education Resource (OER) content for the course “Microprocessors and Embedded Systems” taught by Dr. Wan Tat Chee is now available via YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwQBmORGfMLRJRJJalio6qr4wHHztANGE>
The Fully ARMed NXT eBook is available (free for personal use) from: <http://www.cs.usm.my/index.php/research/res-publications/e-book>
For all USM OER resources, the CDAE channel on YouTube is at: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4SFI_qwKdl2TX9CGkn1nXw/feed

11. Will your organization to be host next AI3-SOI-Asia bi-annual meeting?

N/A