

UCSI CELEBRATES ITS 20th ANNIVERSARY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (From left) Member of UCSI Board of Directors, David Chiang, Chancellor Tan Sri Dr. Abdul Rahman Arshad, President Peter Ng and University Council Chairman Dato' Hj. Mohd. Karim

UCSI celebrated its 20 years of academic excellence as an institution of higher learning with style. Among the VIPs who attended the event were the wife of the former Chairman of UCSI's University Council, Allaryarham Tan Sri Dato' Seri Hj. Ahmad Razali, Y. Bhg. Puan Sri Datin Seri Hajjah Wan Mah; the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, Y. Bhg. Datuk Hj. Ruslin Hj. Hasan; former Minister of Education Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Musa Mohamed, and Chairman of University Council Y. Bhg. Dato' Haji Mohd. Karim. UCSI Chancellor Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Abdul Rahman Arshad was the host for the event.

"From being a small institute of computer studies back in 1986, UCSI has become a university college with 5,000 students," said its President and Vice-Chancellor, Peter Ng. "We are committed to expand further to make UCSI a reputable institution."

UCSI, he added, has attracted nearly 1,000 international students from some 50 different countries around the world. "We are carving a name for UCSI in these countries," he said to an audience of some 900 staff and guests, who met at the UCSI campus in Kuala Lumpur to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

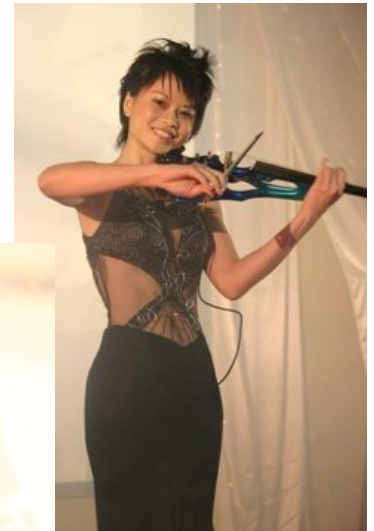
Guest artiste,
Elaine Kang,
entertaining
Guests at
the Gala Dinner



President Peter Ng
"letting his hair
down" to sing and
dance in another
surprise item



Mayor of KL,
Datuk Hj. Ruslin
singing with VP of
UCSI, Prof. Dr.
Nor during a
surprise
performance



Violinist
extraordinaire, Joanne
Yeoh, playing to
celebrate her alma
mater's 20th birthday

They were mesmerised by entertainer and pop artiste, Elaine Kang, who happened to be also commemorating her silver anniversary in show business this year.

UCSI's home-grown violinist, Joanne Yeoh, who had the privilege of performing alongside Hong Kong superstar Jacky Cheung in his Music Odyssey Tour 2002/03, also entertained the audience with three pieces from her wide repertoire, "Lord of the Dance", "Getaran Jiwa" and "Shanghai Beach", while UCSI students, Soon Hock Chuan, Choong Seet Yee and Chan Jin Shing performed "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly", "Orange Blossom Special" and "Cherry Blossom" on their harmonicas.

Another music student, Rachel Tan sang, "How Do I Live Without You," accompanied by fellow student, Emily Goh, on the piano.

A popular piece, "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" was done solo by Lenny Richard, who was later joined by Ryan Landis and Emily Goh on the piano, to perform another popular piece, "Unforgettable."

The guests were all given one unit of the commercialised Infra-red Lighting System (ILS) gadget each, which was invented by five UCSI Electrical and Electronics Engineering students, Anthony Chia Mun Chung, Saw Chun How, Lum Kai Mun, Loke Chee Kin and Khong Poh Yee.



Honourable Host, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Abdul Rahman Arshad giving his closing remarks

In his closing speech, UCSI's Chancellor, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Abdul Rahman Arshad, who was the Honourable Host of the event, challenged the staff of UCSI to strive for greater heights of success for a brighter future.

"I would like UCSI to start benchmarking against some of the world's top universities," he said. "We should be humble enough to admit that there is always someone else out there who is better at something. If we want to see progress, we have to be wise enough to

try and learn how to match and even surpass them at it. Only then can we achieve greater heights of success."

