

Introducing the President & Vice Chancellor



President Peter T. S. Ng

To many, the title President and Vice Chancellor sounds very lofty and daunting. But if you really get to know our President and Vice Chancellor, you will find that he is quite to the contrary. The UCSI Weekly met with the man behind the UCSI success story for an interview.

When asked what his vision was for UCSI when it first started, President Peter T.S. Ng, Vice Chancellor of UCSI said, "Nothing big and grand. I was a young graduate wanting to do things that I love. I love working with people and training small groups."

According to the VC, as he is affectionately known on campus, vision does not come all at once. "There is a bigger picture over the horizon. There is a renewed and strengthened vision that comes through lots of meditation, circumstances, instances, trials, tribulations, disappointments and success," he said.

With regard to celebrating UCSI's 20th anniversary, the VC had this to say: "We need to arrive at a university par excellence status in terms of physical infrastructure, service for people and stakeholders, teaching quality, actively engaging in research and imparting deep learning. Graduates should be good at communication, should know their stuff in their field and continue to learn and be students."

He also feels it is important for UCSI to have a good image especially within the education circles. The VC added that we should show others that we are serious in what we are doing and that we are a leading institution of higher learning to be reckoned with.

President Ng also said that it is important for UCSI to realise its vision through its 5-fold mission. In a nutshell, UCSI aims to be a university par excellence by doing the following things:

- Equipping its students to take on the world by training them to be competent, confident and consummate graduates who are internationally employable;
- Adopting the UCSI for Life philosophy, which promotes and nurtures lifelong scholarship and deep learning for career and personal achievement;
- Emphasising on value innovation, and inculcating a high level of value innovation consciousness for practical creativity in all our graduates and through our services;
- Promoting research and discovery, generating new knowledge that infuses the learning and teaching of the university; and
- Through its philosophy of education for all that provides equal opportunity education and fulfills social obligations.

"Our vision is achievable in five years' time. It takes ten years of research and findings, a few decades, for the industry to move forward," President Ng said. There is no doubt that the VC is a capable man – a man of true vision. If it were not for him, UCSI would have just remained a dream. He had a plan for UCSI to "scale new qualified heights" and for it to be "internationally tradeable". As a man of action, he spares no expenses in making these plans work.



President Peter Ng receiving the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Y. B. Dato' Seri Rafidah Aziz at the 2003 Malaysian Canada Business Council Business Excellence Awards ceremony



President Peter Ng in animated conversation

Other than his involvement with UCSI, President Ng stays close to young businessmen who are Malaysia's future captains of industries. He has formed a parentship with them, providing them guidance and moral support as would a parent to a child.

Besides that, President Peter Ng also spends time at an organisation called Very Special Old People once in a while or on weekends. He also has a balanced time for family saying, "Thursday is family day." What that means is that if you would like to invite the VC for any work-related event, steer clear of Thursdays.

When asked how we may be a family at UCSI, President Ng said, "At UCSI, we are very much like a family - a big family with parents and the staff as siblings. Very often, there is sibling rivalry where the parents come and straighten things out. We should be very co-operative, share the same vision, and work together for the mission. After all, 'Sedaya' means one effort."