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ANNUAL REPORT

2019

FOREWORD FROM NELYNN NG, PRESIDENT 2018/19

It was undeniably a growing year for KPUM and its people. This year we have focused on evaluating existing events and took a step forward by introducing several new initiatives to better reflect the needs of law students now.

For our flagship events, we have brought on new firms onto our annual Law Career Convention and broadened the central themes for Law Reform Competition. New initiatives that were introduced includes Advocacy Competition in collaboration with Thomas Philips, Idola Demokrasi, and several human rights campaigns throughout the year. Special mention goes to the Malaysia Division led by Sharon Gan, as they have organised LEXiCON, along with more firm tours and career-oriented events to help law students.

In building stronger ties with other student societies, we have also continued our collaboration with YME, AMEU, MBIOS and MACFIS on the UK-MY Student Outreach Fair. Not to mention working together with GenCorporate on a legal tech event (Law v Machines) and UKEC on An Evening with YB Hannah Yeoh.

Looking back in the year, an immense number of initiatives have been executed. Despite the ups and downs, I would like to thank the outgoing working committee for the final time as it is the experience that matters and I'm sure all of us have learned a valuable lesson or two. Yet, KPUM's growth does not stop here as the biggest room in life is the room for improvement. From restructuring the Union to re-evaluating certain events and initiatives, there is much to be done for the Union to stay relevant amongst law students and upholding the Rule of Law in the era of Malaysia Baru. Therefore, I extend my sincerest wishes to the new team in their endeavours for the upcoming year. As the outgoing committee now steps into the life of an alumni, we will continue to provide our support and assistance to help the Union achieve its visions.

MEET THE TEAM

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MEET OUR SPONSORS

Shearn Delamore

Shearn Delamore & Co's rich history and heritage reflects the story of Malaysia over the past century. The seeds of the firm were planted around the beginning of the twentieth century, the time that professional lawyers were allowed to appear as advocates before the courts of the Federated Malay States (FMS). The cluster formed the foundation of what the country is today.

Shearn Delamore & CO.

Since then, they have represented and supported the commercial and community interests of our nation, as well as the international community. They have also acted in key landmark cases that have helped define Malaysian law.

Their clients comprise multinational conglomerates, public-listed companies, industrial and commercial corporations, professional firms and organisations, multilateral agencies, domestic and international institutions, governments and individuals, and social and welfare entities. They are also frequently appointed as counsel and consulted by other legal firms.

Today, Shearn Delamore & Co is one of the largest award-winning full-service law firms in the country with over 100 lawyers and 300 support staff.

Raja, Darryl & Loh

Raja, Darryl & Loh currently ranks as one of the larger law firms in Malaysia.



Their client base includes financial institutions, multinationals, public-listed companies, small and medium enterprises and individuals. Presently, they have more than 65 legal practitioners.

Lee Hishammudin Allen & Gledhill

LH-AG is a multi-practice law firm committed to provide customised legal solutions to businesses, including government-linked companies.

They have an established name in the Malaysian legal landscape and our team consists of highly-experienced and deeply committed lawyers.



Thomas Phillip

Thomas Philip has grown to become the largest dispute resolution only firm in Malaysia, focused solely on civil and commercial litigation, arbitration and mediation.



They measure success by how well they achieve their clients' business and legal objectives, whilst advancing their interests. They are committed to providing personalised and cost-effective service, as well as practical and innovative solutions.

Their lawyers are people who have a passion for dispute and conflict resolution. They pride themselves on their excellence in advocacy and trial skills, whilst recognising the importance of solutions that preserve relationships and serve the parties long-term interests. They excel in high-pressure, intellectually challenging environments, and have the courage to represent our clients in difficult cases, advocating unpopular positions with integrity.

Ng Arlene Tan & Leong

Ng Arlene Tan & Leong is a full-service law firm established following a merger between two firms, Messrs Ng, Caroline & Partners, a firm specialising in conveyancing work since 2010, and Messrs Arlene Tan & Co, a fast growing firm established in 2016 specialising in both legal and intellectual property services.



Staffed by legally trained personnel from the backroom up, their team of dedicated staff strives to make the firm different from the rest. They strive to build, nurture and develop trust and familiarity

with their clients as well as their workforce but not neglecting the most important aspect of work quality and objectivity in our jobs and in our work.

With years of experience in Conveyancing, Commercial and Corporate Advisory and Contractual work, Intellectual Property Prosecution and Litigation work, they have gathered experience and expertise in various fields of law, including general civil and commercial litigation; as well as intellectual property.

The City Law School

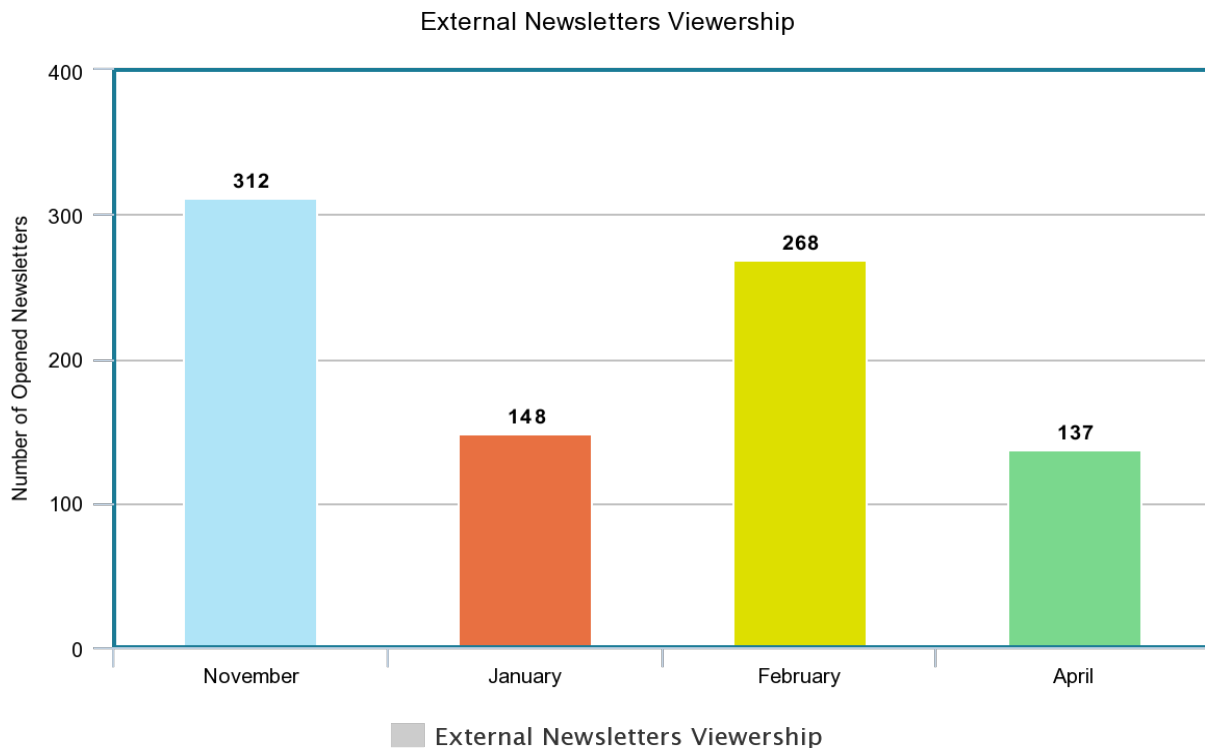
The City Law School is one of London's major law schools, offering an impressive range of academic and professional courses. The School has a history of delivering legal education which dates back to the nineteenth century, in the form of the Inns of Court School of Law (ICSL).

They have now become a 'full service' provider of legal education, offering a broad portfolio while remaining committed to excellence in research and professional scholarship. Their expertise in professional practice also manifests itself through their wide ranging suite of pro bono clinics and can be seen in their track record of success in mooting competitions. Their vision is to firmly establish The City Law School as a truly leading law school within a decade.



KPUM EXTERNAL NEWSLETTERS

KPUM External Newsletters were revamped by the Secretariat Department in 2018, bearing its new name: 'The Loquitor'. The aim was to make the newsletters more relatable to law students; thus, we decided to introduce 'the Fabulis', a Q&A-style section where members and alumni of KPUM would have an opportunity to talk about current issues, or their experiences post-graduation. We further introduced 'Lex Artes', a section devoted to giving law students top tips on succeeding in law school and other legal skills, such as negotiation. Besides this, the newsletters continued to publicise the Union's upcoming events and initiatives. A total of 4 newsletters were sent out, lower than the intended number mainly because KPUM's website was down for a couple of months. This prevented us from linking our newsletters sections to the website, the main place where we post our articles. Our viewership averaged at 216 views.



THE COMMUNIQUE

This year's Communique was a bimonthly newsletter, where we published once in two months. For each issue we focused on different themes, such as Malaysians who worked at UK law firms in the past and are now working in Malaysia, alternative routes of a law degree etc.

We've managed to come up with fresh content that is different from previous publications, where we interviewed Malaysian law students who have successfully secured a training contract from London Magic Circle Firms, and also the tips on securing a training contract.

What can be improved: it was quite hard to reach out to the people we wanted to interview. We had tried various methods even the unconventional ones like private messaging them on LinkedIn and sending them emails but often to no avail. Hopefully in the future, KPUM can expand our database of connections to include a greater variety of high profile people for upcoming executives to utilise.

KPUM LEGAL ACADEMY

Throughout the year, one of the problems we found with Legal academy would be the fact there is a general lack of participation for our live sessions which could be attributed to a series of different factors being the timing and platform where LA is conducted. There is also a lack of engagement from students participating in our sessions.

However, the bright side of it is how professional panelists were and how willing they were to answer queries. Students who participated also generally asked questions which were relevant to the subject matter which proves they were paying close attention to the sessions.

One thing we could have done might have been to ask members what topics they are interested in and base our sessions on these topics.

In conclusion, Legal Academy can be greatly improved by conducting surveys on what students are interested in and also finding different channels to promote our initiatives.

ASASIKINI BLOG

ASASikini serves as a platform for Malaysian students to exercise their voice in the protection of the fundamental rights that are enshrined in our Federal Constitution.

In 2018/2019, Malaysian students were given the opportunity to submit articles based on specialised human rights themes each month. Under each theme, sub-themes were given so as to provide a general direction for potential submissions. The themes include: LGBTQ rights, Women's rights, Education, Syariah Law etcetera. The theme of LGBTQ rights in November was the most successful in garnering submissions.

Upon receiving the submitted articles, ASASikini officers would then proofread and liaise with the author in producing a finalised article.

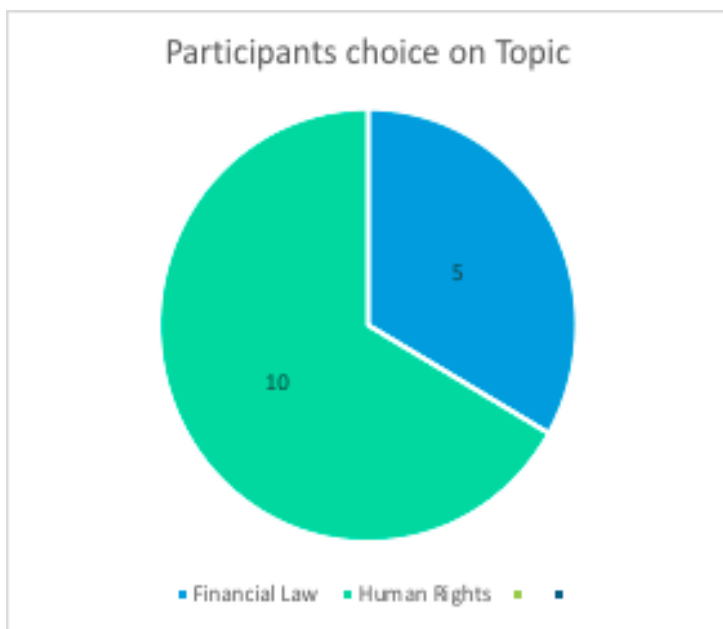
COMPETITIONS

Law Reform Competition

On the 20th of July 2019, the first Workshop of the Law Reform Competition has commenced. This workshop was intended to provide the participants a better framework on how Law Reform works in Malaysia. Mr Philip Koh from MKP is the featured speaker for this workshop which was titled 'Introduction to Law Reform'. Mr Koh has given the participant's a framework of how Law Reform work in practice in Malaysia. Also, he has raised certain issues regarding Financial Law issues that Malaysia is facing currently based on his 30 years of practice in this field.

On the 27th of July 2019, the second Workshop of the Law Reform Competition has commenced. This workshop was intended to allow participants to improve their presentation skills through the speaker's sharing. Mr Lim Wei Jiet from Sreenevasan is the featured speaker for this workshop which was titled 'Presentation Skills'. Mr Lim has shared his experience on Presentation skills based on his experience and what he thinks would be helpful to the participants. Also, the Q&A session is opened to Human Rights issues as well.

On the 17th of August the finals has commenced. A total of 3 teams from Financial Law and 4 teams from Human rights has to take turns in presenting their reform proposal on certain themes. Each team would get 15 minutes to present and up to 15 minutes for the judges to ask questions.



KPUM Mooting Competition

The KPUM Mooting Competition 2019 was held at Brickfields Asia College (PJ Campus) on the 2nd of March 2019. The factual scenario involved making an appeal in the Court of Appeal. 6 teams participated in the competition and each team had a junior and senior counsel. After the arrival of all participants, a drawing of lots was done to determine each team's respective opponent and the roles (appellant or respondent) they would take up in the first round of the competition. There were 3 hearings in the first general round and the hearings were held concurrently from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The subsequent round began at 12:30 pm. For the second general round, the teams reversed roles with their respective opponents.

The participants were assessed based on a 50-point scale, in accordance with the criteria set out in the Rules and Regulations, and the 4 highest-scoring teams would advance to the semi-finals. After accumulating the participating teams' raw scores, the teams that would advance to the semi-finals were announced. The semi-finalists drew lots to determine their roles in the following round.

The semi-finals and final were conducted the next day (3rd of March 2019). The semi-final rounds were conducted consecutively, beginning from 10 am to 1:15 pm. The grand final was then held at 3:00 pm. We were honoured to have lawyers from Shearn Delamore & Co to sit in the moot rounds as guest judges. They provided insightful comments and constructive criticisms on the participants' oral submissions, which would help the participants to improve their advocacy skills.

The competition concluded with a thank you speech by the emcee of the day, who on behalf of KPUM, thanked Shearn Delamore & Co. for all of their contributions and for facilitating the competition, Brickfields Asia College for sponsoring us with the venue to conduct the competition, as well as the participants for putting in the time and effort to prepare for this competition.

PROJECTS

SKILLS ENHANCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Lexicon

LEXiCON 2019 was held on January 12th in collaboration with Asian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Malaysia at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC). A memorandum of understanding (MOU) had been signed between KPUM and ALSA Malaysia by the Malaysian Division Vice President, Gan Hui Yee and the President of ALSA Malaysia, Kuhan Pillai on January 4th, marking the beginning of our collaboration.

LEXiCON 2019 was held in the auditorium at AIAC from 9.30a.m. - 5.30p.m. There were approximately 95 participants in attendance which comprised students from both private and public universities. The event began with a Q & A session with YB Wong Chen, Member of Parliament for Subang who then conducted the workshop on public policy. YB gave us a glimpse into the realities of the process of and dispelled common misconceptions held about the process. For example, one of the most crucial parts of the process which is often overlooked is the budget which is an important consideration as without proper planning the suggested policy wouldn't be viable for implementation. YB is not just a politician but he had also been in practice for about 10 years before venturing into politics and thus could share his experience from both sides of the coin.

The next session was the first of three plenary panel discussions scheduled for the day. It was on Abortions and The Need for Sexual Education. We were lucky to have five panellists sitting in for this session, namely Mr S.Radhakrishnan, a consultant at Shearn Delamore & Co, Ms Tan Heang-Lee, a Advocacy and Communications Officer with Women's Aid Organisation(WAO), Dr Subatra Jayaraj, a practising doctor and Hon Secretary of Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance Malaysia (RRAAM), Dr Choong Sim-Poey, founder member, RRAAM and Ms Shoba Aiyar, President, RRAAM.

The session drew from the vast experience of the speakers who had encountered many women who faced real difficulties getting access There was talk about how sex education should be implemented, and we learned that there has been initiative to introduce it in schools but that perhaps it should be packaged in a better way. The insight provided definitely highlighted the problems our nation is burdened with due to the lack of proper sex education. At the end of this session, we dispersed to the AIAC cafeteria for an hour-long lunch break before resuming with the following session.

After lunch, we resumed with a session on Competition Law in Malaysia. We were fortunate to have Mr Anand Raj, partner at Shearn Delamore & Co, Mr Iskandar Ismail, CEO of the Malaysian Competition Commission (MyCC) and Ms Sharon Chong from Skrine. Mr Anand started off the session with a brief overview of competition law with a slideshow. Then, the panel discussion began among the panelists where real-life examples were used to illustrate the enforcement and implementation of competition law in Malaysia while questions from the participants were directed by the moderator to further facilitate the discussion.

The final session was on Strategic Litigation in Malaysia by Mr Lim Wei Jiet, Deputy Chairperson of the Bar Council Constitutional Law Committee, Ms Firdaus Husni who recently completed her post graduate studies on human rights at SOAS University of London as a recipient of the Chevening Award 2017/2018 who previously sat as chairperson of the Malaysian Bar Council Human Rights Committee (2016-2017) and Mr Surendra Ananth, Co-Chairperson of the Malaysian Bar Council Human Rights Committee. Many were unfamiliar with the term but through this panel learned that 'strategic litigation' is actually what we know as human rights cases which are fought to challenge the legal system and bring societal change. The participants were warned that it takes hard work, dedication and most importantly passion to practice in this area of law but were encouraged to try this area out in practice. High profile cases such as the Indira Gandhi and bin Abdullah cases were discussed to help participants gain a better understanding of the issues that present themselves in such cases. The three panelists are young lawyers and are definitely setting an example for all with their achievements to show for it.

The event was concluded with the presentation of a token of appreciation to our venue sponsor by our Vice President (Malaysian Division), Gan Hui Yee and a photo taking session of the participants and the working committee.

The Q & A sessions throughout the event was facilitated by the use of Slido which allowed participants to ask questions anonymously as well as vote for questions to boost its popularity and likelihood of it being answered. It really encouraged participants to ask questions freely without being self-conscious and thus definitely increased the number of questions asked than if the Q & A was conducted open floor style.

LEXICON 2019 was a great success as the participants definitely gained valuable insight from our panellists on the realities of real-life practice in the areas of discussion.

Mooting Workshop

On the 15th December 2018, KPUM held the Mooting Workshop 2018 at Asian International Arbitration Centre. The Mooting Workshop took place in the Auditorium of AIAC from 12.30pm to 5.00pm and had drawn 56 participants in attendance, all of whom are law students from different institutions in Malaysia.

Before the event commenced, the emcees of the event and the AIAC representative, Ms Crystal Choong, introduced KPUM and AIAC YPG to the participants. The event officially started with Ms Irene (who is one of AIAC's International Case Counsel) being the speaker for the first session. Ms Irene presented a sample moot problem and explained how to effectively understand and dissect the facts and issues contained within the moot problem.

Next on the agenda was the session conducted by Ms Chelsea Pollard. The session focused on how to effectively conduct legal research using keywords, research connectors and appropriate commands. Ms Chelsea also recommended some useful search engines specifically intended to be used for legal research. Ms Chelsea Pollard's session was then followed by a question and answer session.

The third and final session of the day was conducted by Dato' Mah Weng Kwai, whose focus was to present tips on formulating arguments. After the Q&A session, a networking session was then held to allow participants to interact with the speakers. Light refreshments were served during the networking session.

The event concluded with the emcees thanking the participants for taking their time off to participate in the event as well as the working committee for their efforts in facilitating the event. Tokens of appreciation were also presented to each speaker and to the representative of the event's venue sponsor, AIAC.

This event would not have been made possible without the support of Asian International Arbitration Centre. It is hoped that the collaborative effort between KPUM and AIAC was greatly beneficial to the participants and becomes a stepping stone to more opportunities for collaboration, which would in turn empower law students with deeper knowledge of the Malaysian law.

STUDENT RELATIONS & OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Lawatan Edisi 2019

On the 18th of January 2019, KPUM conducted our annual 'Lawatan Edisi Malaysia', this time to the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) and the Palace of Justice (POJ). We had around 43 participants including the committee members of KPUM partake in this excursion. The first stop was the Attorney General's Chambers, which is also known as the Jabatan Peguam Negara. The Attorney General is the principal legal adviser to the Government of Malaysia. At the AGC we were given the opportunity to be briefed by their staff members in which we were given insights to the operations of the AGC, the several branches of work involved, and the career options for legal officers in AGC. Following the informational sessions, students were toured around AGC's open concept office and extensive library.

The latter half of the day was spent at the Palace of Justice, also known as the Istana Kehakiman. It houses the Malaysian Court of Appeal and Federal Court. When we arrived at the Palace of Justice, students were brought to the Open Court where we were given information on how the Court system works in Malaysia. Students were able to freely ask questions, including those surrounding the physical and hierarchical structure of the Malaysian Courts. The Palace of Justice permitted the group to visit the lockup area, which was something out of most students' expectations. The open court briefings were followed by a tour around the library and the museum in the Palace of Justice. By way of coincidence, students were even able to meet YA Dato' Sri Balia Yusof bin Haji Wahi!

Being a group of Malaysian students studying English law, KPUM aims to provide experiences that will bridge the gap between our educational experiences and our future practice situations. Although Malaysia largely follows the structure of English law, this experience increases the exposure that we have to Malaysian legal systems and perhaps has even piqued the interest of many to pursue careers in public service. At its very least, this year's Lawatan Edisi Malaysia has provided students with an invaluable experience that cannot be found within the four walls of a standard classroom



Whats Next

On 30th July 2019, KPUM along with YME-UK, AMEU, MACFIS and MBIOS collaborated to organize a Malaysian UK Student Outreach Fair (MUSOF) in Methodist College Kuala Lumpur. The event was fully sponsored by Talentcorp with RM 2000, with an outstanding amount of RM 1150+ from the previous year.

All working committees and volunteers have arrived by 8.30am to prepare for the event. The event started at 10am, and the breakdown sessions for each society were held in different classroom for our participants. Each breakdown sessions covered with talks on different courses in the UK. Participants are allowed to ask questions on the courses they are interested in. Later, a 2 hours lunch break was given to all participants and the committees. After the lunch break, a panel discussion was held based on the concerns that our participants might potentially have for the UK. This was then followed by an interactive Q&A session for our participants. At the end of this, there were booths session for our participants for further questions. The event ended at 4.30pm. Our committees stayed till 5.30pm to clean up the venue.

Lepak

All Lepak sessions are conducted to provide a platform for Malaysian Law students to touch base and make connections. It also serves an opportunity for the Union to strengthen its presence in different universities and promote future events.

“Tis’ The Season of Giving”

This session was held in Myrtle Court of the University of Liverpool on 8th December 2018. It involved a ‘makan’ session, ice-breaking games, and a gift exchange at the end.

London Regional Lepak

This session was held in the Multi-purpose room in Victoria Hall King’s Cross. Students from universities including London School of Economics, University College London, King’s College London, Queen Mary University of London & City University of London were invited. The event provided them an opportunity to network with one another and food was served.

Leeds Regional Lepak

This session gathered law students at the University of Leeds on 27th March 2019 to share their plans after graduation. Soft drinks, chips and pizza were served.

Warwick Regional Lepak

This event took place on 27th February 2019 at the Ramphal Building of the University of Warwick. Students gathered to eat Chinese New Year cookies and Tang Yuan together.

Chinese New Year Social

This social took place at the University of Manchester’s Student Union. It provided a platform for discussion about contemporary issues in Malaysia and the UK and included a Q&A session for Law students to clear doubts about KPUM. Biscuits and cakes were also served to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Queens University Belfast Lepak

This Chinese New Year Open House was held at John Bell House in Belfast. Snacks and board games were provided, and an open mic event was available.

Aberystwyth Regional Lepak

This was an in-house lepak session held at Sgubor 5, Aberystwyth University. Students gathered for a movie day on 9 March 2019 and snacks were provided.

CAREERS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Life Beyond Law

This one-day event was catered for law students who are interested in career alternatives beyond the legal industry. It was separated into two sessions, beginning with a CV writing workshop conducted by Mr. Eddie Law, founder of the legal recruitment firm, *eLawyer*, and a certified career coach under the *Malaysia Association of Certified Coach (MACC)*. From over a decade of legal recruitment experience and having viewed more than thousands of CVs, Mr. Law emphasized the importance of curating an employable CV and cover letter. Throughout the interactive session, tips of the do's and don'ts in CV writing were kindly imparted to the participants of the event, as well as a step by step guidance was provided. The participants were encouraged to speak and ask questions as Mr. Law believed it promoted learning for all during the workshop. All participants had the privilege of accessing the *eLawyer* CV writing software, brought by Mr. Law, complementary only to those who attended the workshop. Those who brought their CV to the workshop received consultation from Mr. Law where he advised on how the CVs could be further improved.

Following the CV writing workshop was a session where a panel of professionals were invited to share their experiences from venturing into unconventional career pathways. Our panellists were; Mr. Eddie Law, founder of *eLawyer*; Ms. Tan Lee Quin, Assistant Regional Counsel at *Grab*; Ms. Jolene Lee, Legal Counsel at *iflix*; Ms. Rachel Lee, Strategy & Transformation in *Digi Telecommunications*; and Mr. Jeff Ong, Regulatory Compliance Officer at *HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad*. The panellists took time to explain how the LL.B has built and helped them with their current careers today. They were patient and accommodating to all questions directed to them from curious participants who were interested in their respective careers. Some of the key takeaways from the panel session were that students should utilise their time during university to diversify their experiences, and slowly learn to explore their interests and passions which will lead them to their career pathways in the future. The participants had the opportunity to network with the panellists and ask further questions during the refreshment session provided by KPUM.

KPUM would like to take this opportunity to thank the panellists for being supportive of our event by taking time off their weekend to impart knowledge and insights to our participants. The session was eye-opening, informative, and inspiring to law students, particularly those who are looking to keep their career options open. We would also like to thank all participants for joining us and for being receptive throughout the sessions. We hope that this initiative has inspired them to be innovative and empowered the learning of law students.

Firm Tour Series

1. Zico

KPUM Career Development Department is honored to have the chance to collaborate with ZICO Law on the morning of 16th November 2018 to host a firm tour at the prestigious firm. ZICO Law is one of Malaysia's leading law firm and has always received much interest from Malaysian law students to visit the office and interact with lawyers working at ZICO Law. The tour was catered to a group of Malaysian students currently enrolled in UK law programs as well as law students pursuing their degree at public universities. We received a high participation interest for this event and there were many enthusiastic students in attendance.

The event was held in conjunction with the visitation of LLM students from the University of Amsterdam. Upon the arrival of all participating students, we received a warm welcome from Mr. Amin Abdul Majid who was kind enough to introduce us to the background of ZICO Law. An insightful talk was also given by Mr Muhammad Zukhairi bin Muhammed Salehudin regarding Malaysian Corporate Transaction, providing fellow law students with a meaningful exposure to the field of expertise ZICO Law specialises in. He introduced us to the interesting area of merger and acquisition. During the break, ZICO Law provided coffee and treats to everyone and the time spared allowed us to interact and network among each other as well as with the Dutch students. The partners and lawyers present were friendly and very approachable, sharing their experiences and advice with us and never hesitated to answer any questions raised. After the break, Dr Aida Othman came and gave us a talk with regards to Islamic Law in Malaysia and provided answers to many curious questions. She captivated the participants with her eloquent and articulate speech and inspired many students with her knowledge.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank ZICO Law for their generosity and hospitality in providing us this opportunity to interact with key industry leaders. The tour was nothing short of amazing, and we look forward to more collaborations in the near future to empower law students with learning opportunity as such.

2. Thomas Phillips

On the 14th of December 2018, the KPUM Career Development Department had the privilege of being hosted by Thomas Philip Advocates & Solicitors for a firm tour at their highly esteemed firm. Thomas Philip Advocates & Solicitors is the largest dispute resolution only firm in Malaysia, focuses solely on commercial and civil litigation, arbitration and mediation.

This firm tour was organised with the aim of providing industry exposure for Malaysian law students who are looking for better understanding of the ins and outs of a dispute resolution law firm. Upon our arrival, we were brought to Drum-Asia next door, where our session was conducted. The firm tour began with a warm welcome and introduction of the Thomas Philip by a pupil, Nathalie Kerr. The session was followed by the other pupils; Yeoh Kai Shin, Claire Chok, Seri Amalina, and Nadhirah Sharif. They each shared their experiences of being a pupil as well as provided meaningful advice to the participants regarding preparations to be a pupil. They also talked about the firm's CSR project called the Lightup Borneo, where the students were encouraged to participate if they have any interest in community work. Michelle Chew, a paralegal, provided understanding of the job scope and a paralegal's day-to-day tasks. Mathew Thomas Philip, the founding partner of the firm, then graced our firm tour with his presence. His talk was an insightful one whereby he addressed issues and concerns with employability and self-growth. He emphasized that students' education should not only focus on academics but soft skills as well. Apart from being book smart, Mr. Philip encouraged exploration whereby the experiences gained will enhance one's soft skills which catapulting personal development. Mr. Philip also talked about how the firm is supported by the chemistry of the partners with the associates, pupils and interns.

The firm kindly provided pastries and drinks for the networking session between the students and the lawyers. The partners, associates and pupils were approachable and friendly. They spoke eloquently and encouraged students to raise any questions or to address any doubts we had. The atmosphere of the firm tour was welcoming and a relaxed one.

KPUM would like to thank Thomas Philip Advocates and Solicitors for their hospitality and willingness in hosting our participants of the firm tour. The firm tour was informative and eye-opening for law students to prepare their path into the legal industry, particularly for those who wish to venture into dispute resolution. We look forward to possible collaborations with the firm in the near future to continue to empower the learning of law students.

3. Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill

On the 22nd of February 2019, the Careers Development Department of KPUM, along with the participating law students, had the privilege of visiting the prestigious environment that is the firm of Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill. While being one of Malaysia's most reputable multi-practice firms, Lee Hishammuddin makes particularly impressive strides in the areas of dispute resolution, tax, employment and industrial relations.

As with our previous firm tours, the event was focused on exposing future lawyers of the realities of practice, and the qualifications and standard anticipated by those who hire at elite firms such as that in question. Upon our arrival, we were welcomed by associates, who hosted us and begun the day's session promptly. The format of the event was unique, as we were split into 4 groups, each of which was accompanied by 2 associates from the various areas of practice in Lee Hishammuddin. In these sessions, associates shared what their experiences, not merely of that in their current firm, but their experiences as students themselves. The associates were able to provide much valuable insight to students, not least because Lee Hishammuddin pushes their associates to handle issues independently. Participants were given the opportunity to interact with the associates on a personal level, allowing for an ideal beginning to the networking session. This experience allowed participants to gain a greater insight in areas of dispute resolution, corporate practice, employment practice, IP & TMT practice, and tax practice.

Once the session ended, the participants were provided with an appetizing spread for lunch, courtesy of the firm itself. Not only did the participants have the company of the associates that led the session during their lunch, but the partners took the time out of their ever-busy schedules to join us as well. The partners were extremely warm and welcoming, and participants were made to feel comfortable throughout their time at the firm.

KPUM would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the firm for their hospitality and accommodation of the participants in hosting this networking session. The intimate nature of the sharing session truly allowed students to connect with the associates and gain a more holistic, realistic understanding of the practice of law at one of the most established firms in the country. Moreover, the associates did an excellent job in highlighting the distinct challenges that come with their respective areas of practice, which was very illuminating.

4. Raja, Darryl & Loh

KPUM Career Development Department is honoured to have been hosted by Raja, Darryl & Loh (RDL) on the 10th of July 2019. It is no surprise that RDL has a renowned reputation amongst law firms in Malaysia, but the Careers Development department of KPUM was particularly eager to conduct this firm tour with this firm due to their notoriety in the practice area of medical law. This is because the Union clearly understands the current saturation in the legal industry, causing the need for some form of specialisation when it comes to practice. Therefore, aside from the standard aim of connecting law students with the industry's titans, this firm tour also focused on giving participants a deeper understanding of the practice of medical law.

After a brief introduction of the firm itself, the event began with the informative medical law talk. Participants were given a simple yet extremely comprehensive presentation of not only the practice of medical law itself, delving into the different regulatory bodies where a lawyer could potentially defend a medical practitioner, but we were also given insight into the workings of the medico-legal department of RDL. This gave participants a clear picture of what the industry is like and what working at one of the leading firms in this area would be like as well. After the presentation, the partner was kind enough to entertain any and all questions to do with RDL and the area of medical law.

After this session, the event continued with an extremely interesting Treasure Hunt, prepared by another of RDL's partners. The Treasure Hunt was not merely entertaining, and a welcome change never held before during previous firm tours, but as the partner later informed the participants, the attention to detail and the precise nature of finding exactly what is needed is central to the profession of a lawyer. Participants were later invited to have an early dinner along with the lawyers of the firm, which gave them the chance to socialise and build connections with said lawyers. Finally, we were brought on a physical tour of the firm and that concluded the event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Raja, Darryl and Loh for their generosity and hospitality in providing us this opportunity to interact with key industry leaders. Their message of inclusivity and connectivity truly resonated with the participants of the firm tour, and we look forward to more collaborations in the near future to empower law students with learning opportunity as such.

5. Skrine

This event consisted of round table talks with lawyers and pupils from the practice areas of Corporate, Arbitration, Dispute Resolution and Intellectual Property. There were around 40 attendees. A good mix of lawyers of every level, from partners to associates as well as pupils were present during these talks and the networking session that followed ensuring that participants could get an insight into the difference in work at different levels. There was positive feedback from both the firm and participants for this event with regards to the format and content, with suggestions that they would like to keep this layout for future events. There was a very good turnout by members of the firm as well as participants who signed up. The only concern voiced by the firm was that it was difficult to regulate or get notification from people who don't turn up to the event.

6. Albar & Partners

There were some problems on the initial date of the event which clashed with another event organized by the Malaysian Division, and a token of appreciation was not presented during this event. There were 30 sign ups via Google Forms. Overall, we received positive feedback from participants on what they learned from the different sessions that were held. The sessions were on Technology & Legal Practice by Mr Abraham Teh, Insights into Corporate Practice by Ms. Nurbaiyah Mohamad Salleh and Islamic Finance by Ms. Alicia Phang. There was very good participation from every level of the firm but engagement from participants were limited as sessions were mostly in the form of presentations by one partner rather than round table sessions as planned. These sessions were followed by a brief firm tour and a networking session over dinner.

7. Shearn Delamore

This event was initially proposed to be a brief introduction followed by a Q& A session by the firm. However, there was some last minute confusion as to the layout of the event, and this event ran in a different manner as compared to the firm's original suggestions. There were 30 participants. Overall, the event went well but some participants were confused as to why the questions they had sent in earlier had not been answered in the session as promised, especially since the tentative schedule had been published beforehand. We received good feedback on the networking session where participants were very happy that they had a fair amount of interaction and were able to network with lawyers of every level and pupils.

8. Wong & Partners

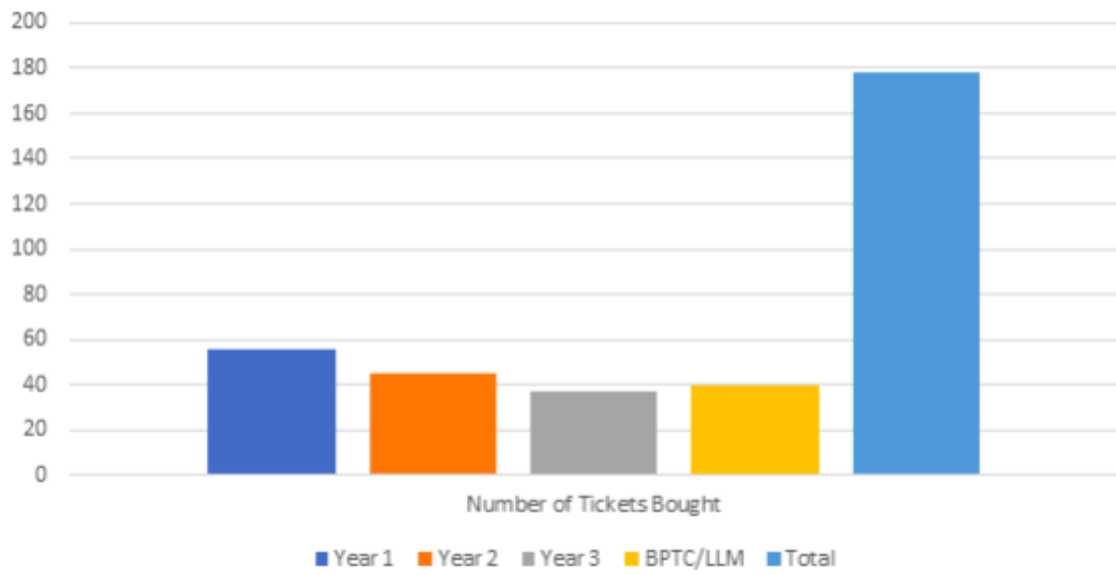
There were about 60 participants in total, including participants applying directly from the firm's LinkedIn page. What differed from this event from the others was that the sign up form was directly managed by the HR team of the firm. The schedule of the event was suggested by the firm, in accordance with their networking events held every year. This consisted of presentations by recruitment partners, a panel talk and a networking session over dinner. The event targeted many of the questions students had about entering the firm or the legal profession in general, and gave a general insight into the firm to participants. We have received positive feedback from the firm in terms of turnout, and participants regarding what they have gained from the event.

Law Career Convention

On the 31st of March 2019 (Sunday), the 5th Annual Law Career Convention (LCC) was held at The Law Society Hall, 113 Chancery Lane, London. The Career Development team, directors and executives gathered at the hall at 8.00a.m. to prepare for the event. Following registration from 9:00-9:30am, the event kickstarted with brief speeches from the Law Society Deputy Vice President, KPUM president as well as the organizers of LCC. After opening talks from sponsoring firms (Shearn Delamore, Thomas Philip and Raja, Darryl & Loh), participants headed to breakout rooms to engage in networking and insight sessions provided by lawyers from the sponsoring firms. Cardiff Bar School and City, University of London also had representatives that introduced the BPTC as well as the LPC to participants. The event was concluded with 2 panel discussions, 'Opportunities with a Law Degree' as well as 'Moving Along with the Times- A New Malaysia'.

The main objective of the Law Career Convention 2019 to introduce alternatives to a strict legal career was achieved, as participants appreciated the panel discussion purposed to provide insight into legal academia. The panel discussion could have been improved with a more diverse range of careers; however, this was difficult to achieve as participating firms did not necessarily encourage sessions to convert law students out of a legal career. Feedback indicated that Bar School talks were not well received, given that a large proportion of participants did not find it relevant (third years and BPTC students had already made informed decisions about their preferred bar school, while first years thought it was far-sighted to learn more about the courses). Some participants also preferred if there was no limit on the capacity of each session, although this would be hard to deal with considering the amount of space available in the rooms, as well as the lack of participants in another room (in which another talk was held concurrently).

Ticket Sales for LCC 2019



HUMAN RIGHTS & ACTIVISM DEPARTMENT (ASASI)

Lets Talk : Freedom of Information & Sexual Harassment in Malaysia

On the 4th of August, the event was organised as an end to the two campaigns carried out throughout the year, the campaign on freedom of information - #need2know, and the campaign on the issue of sexual harassment - #handstoyourself. The event comprised of a two-part panel event on the two topics mentioned above, with the first session at 11:00 - 13:00, and the second session at 14:00 - 16:00 following a short break for lunch.

The campaign executives arrived early at the hall only to find themselves unable to enter the building. However, this problem was soon rectified. Preparations included preparing the seating arrangements, setting up the projection and recording devices required, and other miscellaneous tasks such as getting water prepared for the speakers.

The sessions began with an introduction to the respective campaigns carried out over the course of the year. This was then followed by the introduction of the speakers, after which the discussion commenced. The discussion was subdivided into the moderated session and questions posed by the audience. The sessions were put up on Facebook live.

The first session on the topic of freedom of information, featured two speakers, Mr Lim Wei Jiet and Mr Hazri Haili. The discussion covered areas ranging from the need and effects of freedom of information in our society, the constitutionality of freedom of information legislation, to the potential scope future legislation might and/or should have.

The second session on the topic of sexual harassment, featured a panel comprising of Ms Natasha Dandavati, Ms Goh Siu Lin, and Ms Nisha Sabanayagam. The discussion addressed the prevalence of sexual harassment in Malaysia and the difficulties that survivors face when attempting to report them. The panel also discussed several potential ways forward when attempting to address sexual harassment including legislative reforms, educational campaigns and creating tribunals. The sessions concluded with the presentation of chocolates to the speakers as a token of appreciation.

The discussions carried out throughout the sessions managed to address our main interests and concerns of the topics. The panelists provided informative and interesting responses to the questions posed, of which could be accessed not only by the attending participants but viewers online. Both the sessions were surely a fitting end to the campaigns. Several participants, in particular those in the sexual harassment session, stated that the session was both informative and touching on a personal level.

Afternoon Tea With YB Datuk Liew

On the 20th of August 2019, we had YB Datuk Liew speak at Malaysia Hall, London, on the topic of abolishing the death penalty in Malaysia. Working committee gathered at the hall by noon to prepare for the event. It was open to all Malaysians and intended to encourage interactive discussion on the topic.

YB Datuk Liew was our main speaker for the 'un-conference', giving insight into how his team worked on a study on the matter, which later led to the production of a report for Parliament. After that, we opened the floor for questions and further topics of discussion. This was mediated and led by one of the ASASI executives. After the discussion was over, we closed off with Malaysian food being served to our attendees as they had the opportunity to network informally with YB Datuk Liew.

A gift was presented to YB Datuk Liew and as a token of appreciation, by our President, Nelynn Ng. The session ended at 3.30pm.

The event went extremely well. We had a full house and all participants were actively engaged throughout the session. The only negative was there being a few questions asked that strayed away from the topic at hand. We realised the need to be firmer with our mediation of questions in the future in order to be timely and to ensure that discussions are relevant.

Defying Odds: 25 years as Legal Practitioner

On the 9th of December 2018, a 'Teh Tarik Session' was held at Malaysia Hall in London. Working committees comprised of Student Reps from the Careers Development Department gathered at the venue as early as 4 pm to prepare for the event. The target audience of this 'Teh Tarik Session' was mainly undergraduate Law students, however some Bar candidates and graduate students also attended the event.

Mr Steven Thiru was the featured speaker of this event. After a quick introduction, Mr Thiru spoke to the attendees about his journey from when he was a Law student to his current position as a senior partner in his private firm. He discussed about a wide assortment of topics, ranging from his motivations behind pursuing a legal career to some of his memorable moments in his career to his experiences as the previous President of the Bar Council to some of the economic and social issues affecting not only the legal sector but also Malaysia in general.

The Q&A session took up the majority of the session. Prior to the event itself, participants had to register their interest through a Google Forms sheet, which also included a section where they could list some questions that they wanted to ask Mr Thiru. As a result, the moderator had a whole document of questions for Mr Thiru, some of which include:

- a) What does it take to become a successful and prominent lawyer / advocate in the Malaysian legal environment?
- b) Do you think that enough effort has been made to increase female litigators?
- c) Being a highly successful senior partner in a renowned law firm, what prompted you to start your own practice?
- d) If you could give a piece of advice to your younger self, what would you say?
- e) what do you see as the biggest challenge facing up and coming young lawyers and fresh law graduates who wish to practice back in Malaysia?

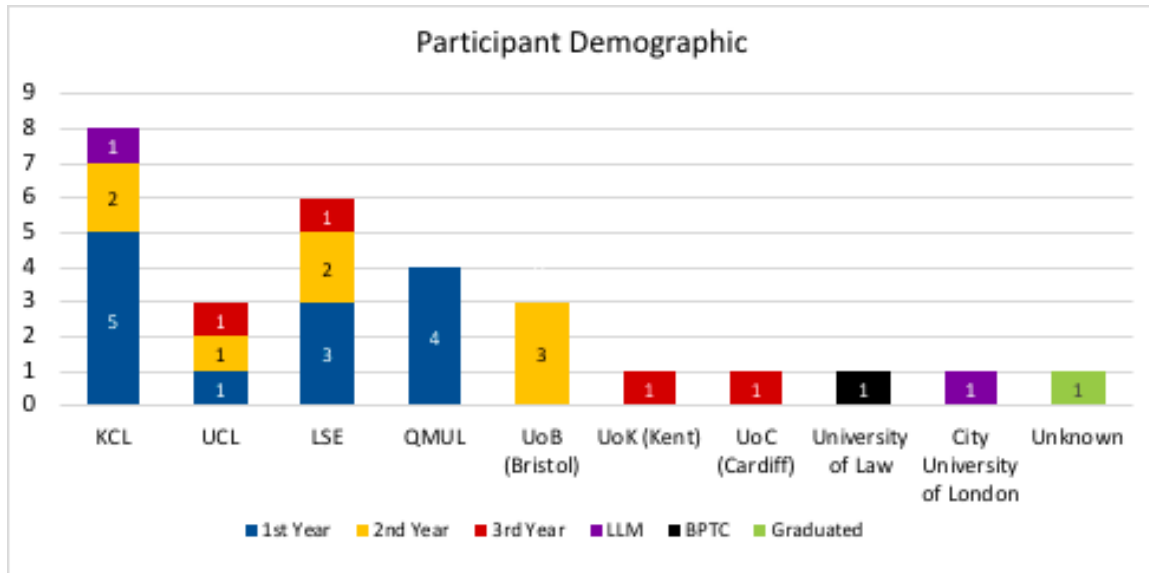
Notwithstanding the list of questions prepared, attendees had the opportunity to ask their own questions to Mr Thiru.

Upon concluding the session, a token of appreciation was presented to Mr Thiru by our President Nelynn Ng, followed by a networking session and some refreshments.



The feedback we received for the event was generally positive. Many attendees seemed to have enjoyed the event. Whilst the session was intended to be a formal one, Mr Thiru wanted a slightly informal approach and the discussion was such that all attendees sat in a circle with Mr Thiru. As a result of the informal setting, many students seemed at ease and

they were able to ask questions beyond the prepared list to Mr Thiru. Mr Thiru provided some very insightful musings from his perspective as a practicing lawyer in Malaysia and was even able to spare some advice to students about their studies. All in all, the objectives of the event were successfully met.



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The event began on the 27th of July 2019, registration began at 830am and the organizers arrived at 8am to set up. Once all the participants and facilitators arrived, the programme was as follows:

Module 1: Where Do You Stand?

Taking a stand on issues in Malaysia - participants get to learn where they stand on certain issues, the basic rights in what they believe in, and whether they agree, disagree or are fence-sitters.

Module 2: Spaceship

Game-based activity - focuses on the decision-making process in a democracy and how the voices of the minority should not be left out.

Module 3: Problem Tree

Drawing a problem tree - helping participants to identify the root causes and consequences of community issues.

Module 4: Big Picture Analysis

Seeing the big picture of things - revealing how democracy works in our country and the separation of powers between the Executive, Judiciary and Parliament. What is most interesting is finding out where the power lies, who has the power to change things and who controls most of the power in our country.

Module 5: Pyramid of Action

Constructing a pyramid of action - describing the main problem at hand, who to direct our complaints to, what action to take in directing our complaints to, and the tactics of the action.

We had three breaks - a lunch break at 1pm where all of us went to a nearby Malay restaurant, and two tea breaks at 10am and 3pm respectively. Participants were very enthusiastic about actively participating in the proposed activities. Discussions on many important human rights topics were held amicably and without hostility.

MCCHR shows interest in collaborating with KPUM once again. They asked for more opportunities for us to collaborate, not just on Idola Demokrasi. There was a poor turnout rate. Many who signed up didn't show up even after a reminder text message as well as an email. Many participants who spoke to the organizers gave positive feedback on the event and said that it was very informative and eye-opening. Some expressed intentions to come for more events of similar nature. However, some expressed concerns regarding the long event hours as well.

CORPORATE RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Lawyers v Machines: Disruption In the Legal Sector

The event kick-started with the opening remarks delivered by the honorable Datuk SK Lingam on 'Technology in Malaysian Courts drawing comparative examples of issues faced in British courts with the advent of Technology' which was then complemented by a panel discussion between Puan Fara Mohammad, Mrs Cathy Mattis, Mr Dave Vasoodaven, and Mr Jason Teng. The audience was given the opportunity to direct more specific questions to the panel, leading to a more interactive engagement. The event ended with a networking session while the participants enjoyed the dinner provided. As a whole, the event was a success thanks to the collaborative efforts between GenCorporate and KPUM.