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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and greetings.

It is an honour for me as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Malaya to pen a few words in this instrumental coffee table book inspired by the Faculty of Education.

Nelson Mandela used to say, “education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”. The advancement that we are experiencing today is credited to education and knowledge pursued by all of us. In the context of the University of Malaya, we were blessed with the establishment of Faculty of Education in 1963. Being one of the oldest faculties, it has carried the trust of developing teachers and educators as change agents for Malaysia and to the world.

I was told, Faculty of Education has more than 7500 alumni since its inception.

Thus, I am glad to see the Faculty of Education takes the responsibility to document important historical moments of the faculty through this coffee table book, while at the same time plotting the future that it needs to pursue.

Hopefully, this book will be used as a reference about the genesis, leadership and the way forward of how Faculty of Education shapes its future.

Thank you and best wishes.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Birth of Universiti Malaya

The University of Malaya, better known as Universiti Malaya (UM), was the first university to be established in former Malaya, now Malaysia. Universiti Malaya was created on 8 October 1949, as a result of a merger between King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore (established in 1905), and Raffles College, Singapore (established in 1928). So the journey begins...

The current landmark of Universiti Malaya.
Identification of a campus with a lake to enhance the learning environment.

Humble beginnings of the former Chancellory where the main offices and administrative departments were located.
Early buildings of the Baktisiswa at the main campus in Universiti Malaya.

Early buildings of Universiti Malaya.