

Master of Education (conventional) validated by Lancaster University

The Master of Education (Conventional) at School of Education, Sunway University has been validated by Lancaster University, one of the UK's top-ranked and globally recognised institutions. This partnership allows our graduates to earn two prestigious qualifications one from Sunway University and another from Lancaster University. This dual award marks an exciting milestone for the School of Education, reflecting our commitment to global excellence and innovation in teaching and learning. With international recognition and expanded career pathways, our students can look forward to a truly world-class educational journey right here at Sunway University!

Welcoming Our First Doctor of Education Cohort



The School of Education proudly welcomes the inaugural cohort of the Doctor of Education (DEd) programme at Sunway University! This milestone marks a new chapter in advancing

educational leadership and research. We wish our pioneering scholars a smooth and rewarding journey toward achieving their doctoral degrees

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Message from the Dean



2025 has been a significant year for the School of Education. The developments in this issue reflect a School that is advancing with purpose and contributing meaningfully to Sunway University's mission-driven Fifth Generation university vision. We are building a School that is future focused, research informed, and connected to the real needs of educators and learners across the region.

Our Master of Education (Conventional) received validation from Lancaster University, which strengthens the international confidence in our postgraduate programmes. We welcomed our inaugural Doctor of Education cohort and our academics continue to gain global recognition, including representation in the Top 2 percent of Scientists ranking. Their leadership across major platforms such as the International Conference on Inclusive Education, the Eduwis Symposium, the Malaysia Teacher Prize Summit, and collaborations with Teach For Malaysia highlights the depth and reach of our expertise.

This quarter also marked important strides in partnership building. Our collaboration with Elitery Global Technologies in AI and digital learning, combined with engagements with ministries, schools, and national agencies, signals a School that is ready to contribute at scale. These partnerships deepen our ability to align research, practice, and innovation in ways that create real impact.

As we prepare for 2026, our direction is clear. We are strengthening our position in early childhood education, special needs education, technology-enhanced learning, and lifelong learning. The work ahead will focus on expanding our teaching and research footprint, deepening our collaborations, and shaping programmes that prepare educators for a more complex, data-informed, and technology-enabled landscape. The ambition is not simply to participate in the sector but to set standards for impactful educator development in this region.

Thank you to our academics, admin staff, students, and partners for the work you do, both visible and behind the scenes. Your contributions make this progress possible and shape the School we are building together.

Welcoming SOE's New Academics

The School of Education at Sunway University is thrilled to welcome two outstanding academics to our growing community of educators and researchers!

Dr. Brendan Ch'ng, who holds a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Malaya, is a passionate researcher in gifted education, environmental sensitivity, and higher education.



A registered psychologist and active member of multiple professional associations. Dr. Brendan strives to amplify Southeast Asia's representation in global educational and psychological research.



Dr. Huey Zher Ng brings over 20 years of experience in instructional design, digital learning, and educational consultancy. A PhD graduate in Education from the University of Malaya.

She specialises in formative assessment and technology-integrated learning environments. With deep expertise in ODL, digital pedagogy, and technology-enhanced teaching, Dr. Ng's work bridges innovation and impactful learning.

We are excited to have Dr. Ng and Dr. Brendan, on board, and we look forward to their contributions in shaping the future of education through innovation, research, and academic excellence.



SOE Team

HIGHLIGHT OF ACTIVITIES

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The 15th International Conference on Education, Research and Innovation

Osaka, Japan | July 29-August 1, 2025



15th International Conference on Education, Research, and Innovation (ICERI 2025) Osaka, Japan. 29 July - 1 Aug 2025



TRGS workshop on HE as a field of study
12 Aug 2025



2nd International Conference on Women, Gender and Leadership Redefining the Power

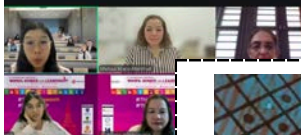
2nd International Conference on Women Gender and Leadership, Redefining the power paradigm 25-26th September 2026 Mandarin Hotel Bangkok, Thailand



Estri Malaysia Education Summit
9 Sep 2025



23rd AsiaTEFL Conference
Education University of Hong Kong
9 -13th July 2025.



Asean Higher Education Leadership Forum
4-5 Nov 2025, PICC Putrajaya



The 18th Conaplin International Conference
Empowering Voices In a Superdiverse World
29-30th Sept 2025, GH Universal Hotel Bandung



The 2025 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Innovation 26-28 Aug 2025



PRDM Special Dialogue IV 2025
13th Nov 2025, Sama-sama Hotel ,
Kuala Lumpur



AppliedHE Xchange 2025
27-28 November 2025, Sunway University



Introducing SOE's new t-shirt!



IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Sustainable Innovation (AI-SI 2025), 26-27 Aug 2025, Hotel Seri Pacific



Training session titled "Leading with Integrity: Building Team Spirit and Responsibility," 7 Nov 25, Sri Bestari Private School , Kuala Lumpur



"What's the Matter with AI and What Academics Could Do About It in Teaching, 5 Nov 2025, Sunway University



AI and Immersive Learning Futures in Practice, 1 Dec 2025

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

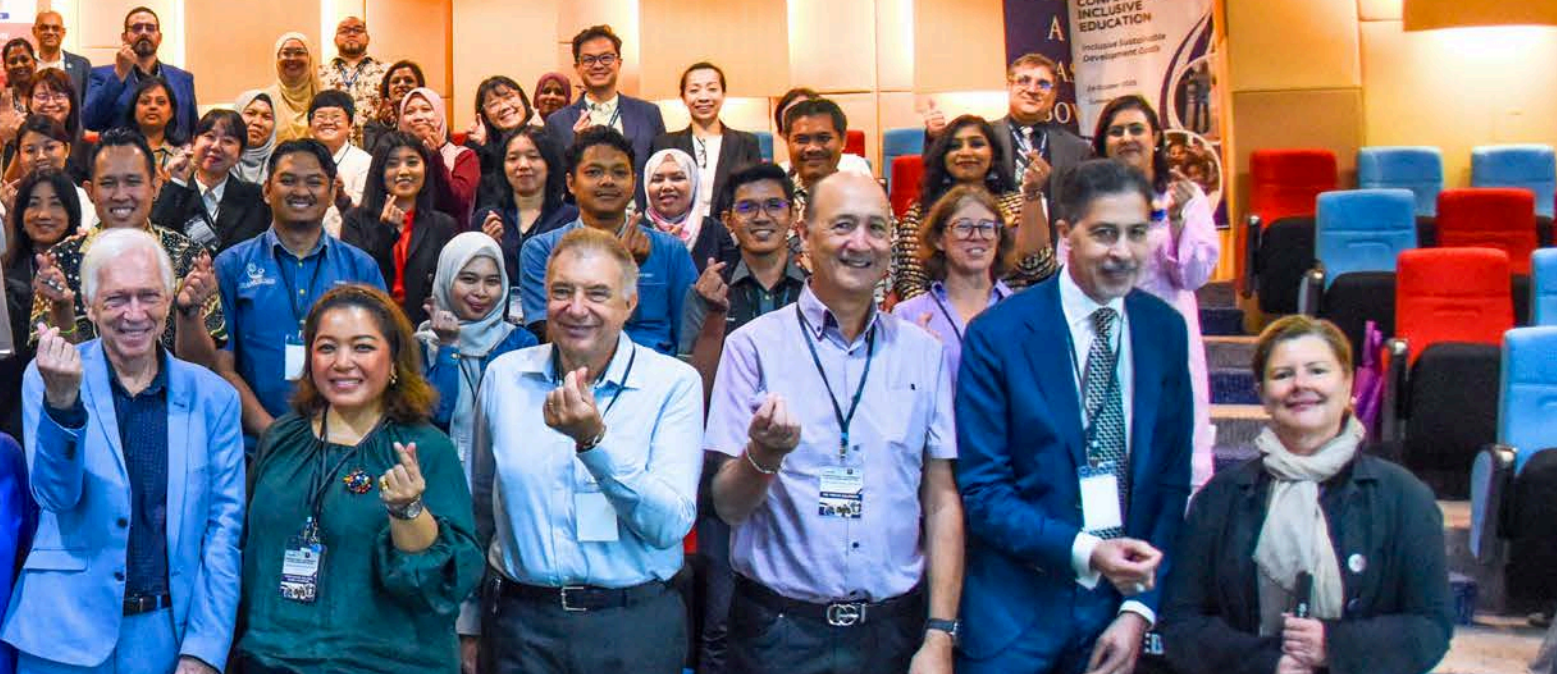


On 24 October 2025, Sunway University proudly hosted its first International Conference on Inclusive Education (ICIE 2025) — a landmark event organised by the School of Education, Sunway University in collaboration with the Faculty of Education, University of Melbourne and the Rythm Foundation.

The conference opened with a welcome address by Professor Dato' Elizabeth Lee, Chief Executive Officer of Sunway Education Group, followed by opening remarks from Dr Donnie Adams and Professor Malissa Maria Mahmud, the Conference Chairs. The event also featured a keynote address by Professor Sibrandes Poppema, President of Sunway University, and warm welcome messages from Dr Brian Salmons and Dr Arturo Langa, Editors of the International Journal of Developmental Disabilities (IJDD).



CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION



The conference featured many exciting highlights, including the presentation of 12 peer-reviewed papers selected for the Special Issue of the International Journal of Developmental Disabilities (Taylor & Francis). Participants also engaged in insightful keynote sessions and panel discussions that explored inclusive practices, neurodiversity, and educational equity, as well as meaningful networking opportunities that encouraged global collaboration and knowledge sharing among educators, researchers, and advocates.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all speakers, presenters, and participants for their invaluable contributions in making ICIE 2025 a resounding success. Our deepest appreciation also goes to our partners and collaborators — the University of Melbourne and the Rythm Foundation — for their unwavering support and commitment to advancing inclusive education. Special thanks to the organising committee, volunteers, and staff of the School of Education for their dedication and hard work in bringing this event to life.



ICIE 2025 marked a powerful step forward in promoting inclusion, collaboration, and compassion in education. Together, we continue to build a world where every learner is valued, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive.

Eduwis Symposium 2025



Sunway University took part in the Eduwis Symposium 2025 alongside nearly 400 early childhood educators to exchange ideas on pedagogy, innovation,

and building strong educational foundations. Highlights included a keynote address by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Majid Ghasemy on preparing educators and learners for the 21st century, and a programme showcase by Assoc. Prof. Astri Yulia, who introduced Sunway’s diverse offerings to train future-ready educators. The university’s team also engaged attendees at an interactive booth, sharing Sunway’s vision for educational excellence.

Semarak Komuniti with TFM



Sunway University’s School of Education proudly joined Teach for Malaysia (TFM)’s

Semarak Komuniti event, celebrating education innovation and impact. Represented by faculty and Master of Education students, Sunway participated in showcases, sessions, and networking with passionate educators. As a TFM partner, Sunway remains dedicated to promoting equitable and inclusive education for all Malaysian children.

Courtesy Visit from PDRM

The School of Education was honoured to host representatives



from the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) Bukit Aman for a courtesy visit to explore potential collaborations. Associate Professor Dr. Fadzilah has been invited to the PDRM Special Dialogue IV 2025, organised by the Traffic Investigation and Enforcement Department. We look forward to strengthening our partnership in professional development and community engagement in the future.

Malaysia Teacher Prize Summit 2025

Sunway University’s School of Education participated in the Malaysia Teacher Prize Summit 2025, held on 8–9 November at Royale Chulan Damansara. The summit brought together educators, policymakers, and



changemakers to share ideas and strengthen collaboration under the theme “Selangkah Bersama, Mencorak Masa Depan.” Highlights included keynote speeches, workshops, the MTP Awards, and an education exhibition. Sunway’s active involvement showcases its commitment to educational excellence and empowering future educators to shape Malaysia’s education landscape.

Initiating Academic Partnership: Sunway & UPI



On 3 October 2025, Prof. Subhan Zein from the School of Education, Sunway University, held a fruitful meeting with Dr. Pupung Purnawarman, Director of the Directorate of Partnerships and International Affairs, and Prof. Eri Kurniawan, Head of International Partnerships Division, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI).

The discussion focused on advancing academic collaboration through the Transnational Learning Innovation Partnership. Both institutions look forward to strengthening ties, fostering educational innovation, and expanding global learning opportunities for students and educators alike.

This initial meeting sets the foundation for joint programs and research, aiming to enhance education quality, promote cultural exchange, and prepare students for a connected world.

SOE Explores New Educational Initiatives



The School of Education, Sunway University, was honoured to welcome Puan Zuhairah Ali – President of the National Association for Gifted and Talented Children, Malaysia, Executive Director of Taman Pendidikan Raihan, and Education Activist.

In a fruitful meeting with our Dean and Academics, we explored ideas for a new programme and exchanged valuable perspectives on shaping the future of education. We are truly inspired by Puan Zuhairah's passion and commitment, and look forward to forging impactful collaborations that will empower both educators and learners. Both parties expressed enthusiasm about exploring future opportunities that align with shared goals in advancing education.

Employer Appreciation Hi-Tea



The School of Education proudly participated in the Annual Employer Appreciation High Tea

held on 4 September at JC3, Sunway University. This Malaysia Day-themed event celebrated Sunway's strong partnerships with industry collaborators through inspiring sessions, networking, and school showcases. At our booth, we highlighted key initiatives and programmes that prepare future-ready graduates and strengthen industry ties. We are honoured to be part of this meaningful occasion.

Sunway University Signs MoU with Elitery Global Technologies

On 20 November 2025, Sunway University signed a non-binding MoU with Elitery Global Technologies to explore collaboration in artificial intelligence (AI) and digital learning. The partnership will focus on four areas: educational technology innovation, joint research, capacity building, and knowledge exchange through training, seminars, and workshops. Both organisations highlighted the role of AI in strengthening teaching, learning, and digital readiness. The MoU will guide discussions over the next three years, with specific initiatives to be developed and formalised under separate agreements.



Inspirational Role Model



The School of Education was honoured to welcome Cikgu Siti Ainulmursyida, Malaysian Teacher Prize

2025 winner, for an inspiring session. We celebrated Cikgu Ainul's dedication and passion for teaching. It was a meaningful opportunity to connect and share ideas, with hopes for future collaborations to empower educators nationwide. Thank you, Cikgu Ainul, for your inspiration!

Advancing Academic Ties through LPDP

In early November 2025, Prof. Dr. Subhan Zein represented Sunway University in Jakarta to discuss collaboration and inclusion in the



LPDP scholarship list. He led a workshop and met with key leaders to explore joint programmes and research. Follow-up talks with the LPDP Ministry of Finance provided recommendations to support Sunway's scholarship eligibility, advancing opportunities for Indonesian scholars at Sunway University. We hope these engagements will strengthen partnerships and expand educational opportunities.

Top 2% of Scientists in the World



We are proud to share that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Majid Ghasemy, Deputy Dean of Internationalisation at the School of Education, has been ranked among the Top 2% of Scientists in the World (2025) in the field of Education. This prestigious recognition, based on data from Elsevier and Stanford University, underscores the global impact of his research and scholarly contributions. Congratulations, Dr. Majid, on this outstanding achievement that continues to inspire excellence in education!

This remarkable accomplishment not only reflects Dr. Majid's dedication to advancing educational research but also brings great esteem to our institution. His work serves as a beacon of inspiration for faculty and students alike, motivating us all to strive for innovation and excellence in our academic pursuits.

Academic Appreciation Day

On 29 October 2025, Sunway University organised the Academic Appreciation Day to celebrate the dedication and achievements of its academic staff. The School of Education proudly congratulates Dr. Ditto Prihadi, Senior Lecturer, who received the Student Appreciation of Teaching Award in recognition of his exceptional commitment, passion, and excellence in teaching. His engaging lectures, encouragement, and continuous support have earned the heartfelt appreciation of his students.

Dr. Ditto's devotion to education and mentorship reflects the School of Education's core values of excellence, empathy, and lifelong learning. His contributions continue to inspire students and colleagues alike, nurturing future educators who make a difference in the world. Congratulations, Dr. Ditto, on this well-deserved honour!



Administrative Appreciation Day



Congratulations to Nurulnabilah Muhammed Ariffin from the School of Education for receiving the Creative Solution Provider Award during Sunway University's Administrative Appreciation Day on 25 November 2026. This award honors her innovative approach to streamlining administrative processes and improving operational efficiency within the school.

Nabilah has played a key role in introducing practical solutions that simplify workflows, enhance communication, and support faculty and students effectively. Her dedication to continuous improvement has strengthened the School of Education's ability to deliver high-quality services, making her an invaluable member of our team.

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