

## 'Seeds for the Future 2022' programme launched

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Permanent Secretary (Higher Education) at the Ministry of Education Dr Haji Azman bin Ahmad officiated the commencement of the virtual 'Seeds for the Future 2022', a programme conducted by Huawei Technologies in Brunei Darussalam at the opening ceremony at Pengiran Anak Puteri Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Institute of Health Sciences (PAPRSB IHS) Extension Building, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) yesterday.

Seeds for the Future is Huawei's global corporate social responsibility (CSR) flagship programme, through which Huawei work with local governments and higher education institutions to give top students opportunities to receive ICT training and cross-cultural experiences, as well as creating a community for talents in technology.

The ceremony also saw the presence of Acting UBD Vice-Chancellor Pengiran Dr Mohammad Iskandar

bin Pengiran Haji Petra; Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of China in Brunei Darussalam Wang Haitao; and Chief Executive Officer of Huawei Technologies in Brunei Darussalam Kevin Zhang Jianwei.

Thirty Huawei-sponsored Bruneian students have participated in in-person events in Shenzhen and Beijing between 2015 and 2019, and a further 132 have participated virtually between 2020 and 2022.

A talk by invited industry expert Low Beng Chee on the Smart Digitalisation on Education followed, after which Kevin Zhang Jianwei received a certificate of appreciation.

The annual Seeds for the Future is being held virtually this year in partnership with UBD with participants undergoing the eight-day programme at the computer laboratory of UBD's PAPRSB IHS Main Building from yesterday to October 24.

A total of 55 Bruneian students from UBD, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Universiti



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Teknologi Brunei (UTB), Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Politeknik Brunei, Micronet International College, Laksamana College of Business, and KEMUDA Institute are participating.

Bachelor of Engineering (Energy Systems Engineering) student at UBD Lim Wee Lee said he is excited to learn from the programme and is looking forward to the idea of inte-

grating technology intensively such as artificial intelligence (AI) into the energy industry.

Fellow UBD student in the same course Muhammad Yusuf Ashraf bin Muhamad Yusran said he is happy to be selected for the programme and added that it has allowed aspiring youth from different backgrounds to learn important topics such as digitalisation and computing.