

# Reconnecting for a higher cause

ASIA e-Learning University's (AeU) Alumni High Tea Reunion event theme, "It's Time to Reconnect" was held on April 9 at Royale Bintang Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

It was graced by AeU's president and CEO Prof Datuk Dr Ansary Ahmed and deputy president Prof Dr Hairudin Harun, as well as deans, directors and senate members.

Prof Datuk Ansary said, "Our alumni is our strength as the alumni will play a critical role in advancing the university's vision and mission."

He added that it is important for the alumni to reconnect and engage with AeU as they are the priceless resources and ambassadors for the university.

Among the distinguished doctoral alumni during the event is Tan Sri Datuk Seri Dr Syed Hamid Albar who was a student in AeU since 2011 and graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy (Business Administration) degree in 2014.

Syed Hamid served in the private and public service for over 40 years, and served as a cabinet minister under two prime ministers, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed and Tun Abdullah Badawi, for almost 20 years.

Another exemplary alumnus, Dr Tan Teik Kheong is an International Prestigious Award Winner and the only Malaysian



A high-tea event for the alumni organised by AeU serves as a platform for them to reconnect.

among many foreign contestants at the London Hedge Fund competition in 2014.

He is the CEO of Oceana Ventures, chairman of IEEE Next Generation Wireless and vice-chairman of Wi-Fi Alliance 802, 11n Marketing.

Tan is an educator, founder of several start-ups, mentor and technopreneur in the digital economy and the first Industrial Doctorate graduate in AeU and the university's "Senior Corporate Fellow".

Minister from the Embassy of

the Republic of Zimbabwe in Malaysia, Mafio Matthew Mlambo, was an alumnus who obtained his MBA degree from AeU in 2015.

Mlambo enrolled in AeU in 2011 based on his son's own research and recommendation on undergraduate degrees in Malaysia.

He confirmed to "have greatly benefited from AeU's unique flexible learning mode without the need to sacrifice my employment and family quality time".

Another alumnus who took pride to be among the first batch of MBA graduates in 2011 is

entrepreneur and managing director of Global Concerts (M) Sdn Bhd Mahadevan Rajam.

As a strong believer in lifelong learning the MBA knowledge, he expanded his career as a mechanical engineer for 26 years.

Mahadevan said, "Unlike other universities, I have a fantastic learning experience with AeU, especially the flexible learning that enabled me to spend time with my family and kids, the library facilities were excellent and the lecturers were good."

AeU is a collaborative multina-

tional university established in 2007 under the auspices of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries besides its presence in ACD member countries and beyond.

Today, AeU has a diverse and robust international community of more than 22,000 students from 65 countries in total, out of which 1,000 are fellow doctoral students from 46 countries.

AeU's 7,000 alumni comprise both local and foreign nationalities of different cultures and races who are making a difference around the globe.

AeU rewards loyalty by offering returning alumni a 10% loyalty discount on postgraduate study, library membership and alumni business directory.

The directory supports AeU alumni business owners to help develop the AeU alumni, and is available for all to view.

To be part of AeU's global community, the alumni should update their profiles and contacts by contacting the Alumni and Student Affairs department at [saa@aeu.edu.my](mailto:saa@aeu.edu.my) or call 03-2785 0032.

■ For those interested in AeU's programmes, apply online for May intakes at [www.aeu.edu.my](http://www.aeu.edu.my) or call 1300 300 238, for enquiries.

Postgraduate intake research programmes are open throughout the year.