

WEBINAR TALK ON “UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY”

Date : 20 June 2026 (Saturday)
Time : 9.00 am - 11.00 am
Platform : Zoom Webinar

Registration Fees:

- Student Member : FOC
- IEM Member : RM 15.00
- Non-Member : RM 70.00

Synopsis:

Universities worldwide face growing financial sustainability challenges as the cost of higher education rises beyond what government funding alone can support. In Malaysia, public universities particularly the five Research Universities have achieved strong rankings regionally, attracting international students and positioning the country as an education hub. However, maintaining these standards requires substantial and continuous investment in research, publications, infrastructure, and global collaborations. Many institutions are over 50 years old, with aging facilities and outdated equipment, increasing maintenance and upgrading costs. As a result, university management must adopt new financial strategies to remain competitive. Financial sustainability involves diversifying revenue sources, managing costs efficiently, and adapting to economic changes rather than relying solely on public funding. Key approaches include expanding income from academic programs, fostering industry partnerships, engaging in commercial activities, and strengthening collaborations. The discussion highlights revenue-generation efforts and best practices implemented by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia to sustain excellence.

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