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As we enter 2026, **The University of Manchester** advances the [Manchester 2035 Vision](#) with clear priorities: innovation, inclusion, and global partnership.

2025 marked two important milestones. We celebrated **60 years of Alliance Manchester Business School**, recognising six decades of developing responsible leaders with global impact. We also launched **Challenge Accepted, the University's first global philanthropy and volunteering campaign**, strengthening how alumni, students, and partners contribute to long-term change.

The **unveiling of our officially registered orchid hybrid, "Dendrobium University of Manchester"** symbolised this legacy and future direction — resilience, adaptability, and enduring impact.

We welcomed the **formation of the [Indonesian Alumni of Manchester](#)**, reinforcing regional alumni leadership and expanding global connectivity.

Through targeted **lifelong learning, leadership development, and thought leadership**, our Centre continued to align talent, ideas, and partners to real-world challenges.

In 2026, our focus is execution: **deepening engagement, scaling partnerships, and converting ambition into measurable impact**.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we build towards Manchester 2035.

Warmest wishes for a purposeful 2026!

Lim Bee Ing
Regional Director, South East Asia Centre
The University of Manchester

Upcoming January Events



New Year Celebration

Carry the spirit of 2025 into the new year and join us for an unforgettable evening of **connection, celebration, and inspiration!**

Indulge in a **full buffet spread with wine**, capture memories at our **fun photobooth**, and enjoy engaging conversations with fellow students and alumni. Celebrate learning, networking, and the impact we create together!

♥ [Follow us on LinkedIn](#) to claim your **complimentary ticket** and [secure your spot today!](#)

Register for 15 January Event

Panel Discussion & Networking

Two outstanding panel speakers. One stage. Endless insights.

Join UOMAAS for an evening of thought-provoking conversation that will change the way you think about **leadership, negotiation, and careers.**

🎤 **Panel Speakers:**

- **Tim Castle** – Bestselling Author
- **Kelly Phun** – Head of Front Office & Distribution at Gravitas Recruitment Group

Register for 21 January Event

Moments That Shaped 2025



Celebrating 60 Years of AMBS

Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS) marked its **60th anniversary** with a special reception at The Villa, Singapore Botanic Gardens.

The event celebrated **six decades of academic excellence, thought leadership**, and the School's impact across Singapore and Southeast Asia.

Read More on Celebrating 60 Years of AMBS



Strengthening Global Connections

We were honoured to welcome the **Mayor of Greater Manchester** to Singapore, reinforcing the strong ties between Manchester, Singapore and Southeast Asia.

The visit shows the importance of collaboration across education, and highlighted the global reach and influence of the Manchester network.

Read More on Strengthening Global Connection



Lifelong Learning Initiatives

Lifelong learning remained a cornerstone of our community in 2025.

Through [Vital Topics](#), [Masterclasses](#), [Panel Discussions](#) [Fireside Chats](#) and [Career Workshops](#), alumni and students engaged with contemporary topics spanning leadership, strategy, innovation.

Read More on Lifelong Learning Initiatives



Strengthening Global Alumni Network through Manchester Day of Action (MDOA)

Led by AMBS Alumni Association of Singapore and UOM Alumni Association of Singapore, Manchester Day of Action 2025 brought alumni and students together for **Joy in Every Bundle**, in collaboration with **The Food Bank Singapore** and **MWS Active Ageing Centre**.

We warmly invite students and alumni to **join future initiatives** and help create meaningful social impact together.

[Read More on MDOA](#)



Industry & Regional Collaboration

We are proud to partner with **Lean In Malaysia** on the **Career Accelerated Programme (CAP)** — an 8-week leadership initiative supporting early-career women as they transition into managerial roles across the region.

This initiative reflects our commitment to [cross-border collaboration](#), **inclusive leadership**, and **empowering the next generation of women leaders across Southeast Asia**.

[Read More on Industry Collaboration](#)



Challenge Accepted — Southeast Asia Launch

On **28 November 2025**, The University of Manchester officially launched **Challenge Accepted**, its first global philanthropy and volunteering campaign, in Southeast Asia at Eden Hall.

The event was graced by distinguished guests including: - **H.E. Nik Mehta OBE** - **Mr Teo Chee Hean** - **Mr Desmond Tan** - **Professor Sir Konstantin Novoselov** - **Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat**.

[Read More on Challenge Accepted](#)

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS - Video and Media Coverage

A big thank you to our amazing alumni and students for making the **Southeast Asia launch of Challenge Accepted** on 28 November 2025 at Eden Hall such a success! The energy, enthusiasm and support in the room were truly inspiring.

If you missed it, here are the highlights of the event!



The Business Times

The University of Manchester has launched a **global £400M fundraising campaign** to redefine how universities drive real-world impact — through leadership, innovation and alumni engagement.

“As a university, we have always been committed not only to teaching and research excellence, but to getting our knowledge out into the world and making a difference,” Professor Duncan Ivison, UoM’s President and Vice-Chancellor.

[Read BT full article](#)

The Straits Times

Challenge Accepted was presented at the launch as a call for the University’s global community to engage in meaningful action through volunteering, advocacy, or philanthropy.

With a thriving network of nearly 7,000 in Singapore - one of the University’s most active and engaged global communities - the launch celebrated the region’s strong tradition of volunteering, mentorship, and advocacy in support of Manchester’s mission.

[Read ST full article](#)

Be a Challenge Champion!

Get Involved

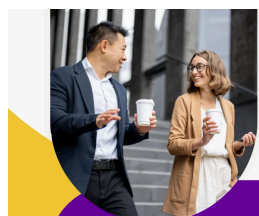
Whether through **volunteering, mentoring, advocacy, or philanthropy**, every action counts.

- ✓ Share the video and articles
- ✓ Follow us on LinkedIn
- ✓ Support students, research, and community initiatives

With nearly **7,000 alumni and friends in Singapore**, together we’re driving impact across **student success, research, innovation, and community**.

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