





# 1977

SEGi University and Colleges first opened its doors as Systematic College

#### SEGi University also emerged in the

## top 44%

2021 of QS World University Rankings:



# 485,000





#### 2019

SEGi hits a milestone with the successful completion of the mega IR4.0 Conference

#### 2020

Call for a single dedicated agency to manage Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) concerns

#### 2021

Online peer discussion groups in the spirit of encouraging one another and support each other

#### 2022

SEGi hosts the Inaugural Malaysia-China Intervarsity Chinese Debate Competition



N2012

SEGi University College was upgraded to full university status



As we celebrate our 45 years of establishment, we take great pride in our achievements in the past, and we look forward to the challenges that lie ahead of us.

Through the decades, we have educated many students who have contributed to the development of our nation and defined the environment that we live in.





## VISION

SEGi will place quality education within the reach of willing minds and natural talents.

## MISSION

To be the premier regional higher education provider offering quality employability-based international programmes on accessible terms, delivered through the most innovative technologies and student-centric learning techniques.

## SEGI – ONE OF MALAYSIA'S **LARGEST** PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS

SEGi's history can be traced back to 1977 with the opening of its first education centre, then known as the Systematic Education Group, in the heart of Kuala Lumpur.

Thanks to our strong presence over the last four decades, SEGi University & Colleges is now one of Malaysia's largest private higher education groups, with approximately 18,000 students across five campuses across Klang Valley, Penang, and Sarawak.

"Facing today's globalisation challenges, success is no longer about changing strategies more often, but having the agility to execute multiple strategies concurrently. Therefore, corporate managers must develop the right leadership and foster a healthy workplace culture to support the organisation's digitalisation initiatives."

Group Managing Director, Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok

CELEBRATING SEGi's

> higher education institutions. In commemoration of SEGi's 45 years of establishment, a unique logo featuring

a light bulb has been created to signify our strong presence in the education sector in the Past, Present, Future. The light bulb is multi-coloured to symbolise our multitude of niche and high margin programmes offered and the vibrant and lively learning setting created across our campuses.

SEGi has undergone extensive transformation over the last four decades that have shaped who we have become today – one of Malaysia's largest private

The 'light bulb' is fused with the tagline "The Evolution of SEGi", set in rich Blue Sapphire colour to illustrate our stability and strength, as well as our burning passion in providing world-class higher education to our students.

## EMBRACING THE NEW NORMAL

**OLUTION** 

of SEGI PAST > PRESENT > FUTURE

years

Digital learning has become a significant component of education, more so with the COVID-19 pandemic that birthed the worldwide adoption of the "New Normal".

Be that as it may, SEGi has been approved by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia to conduct online courses since 2014. In view of movement restrictions and closure of international borders to combat the pandemic, SEGi continues to conduct our programmes in hybrid format for local and international students who are unable to attend in-person classes.

Leveraging its solid over-four-decade-foundation, SEGi is moving towards higher digitalisation, diversification, and globalisation, adapting to constant market changes in today's digital era. We are also building a sustainable future for the organisation by incorporating various key governance measures, including the Review and Risk Management Committee and Board of Directors. Further, SEGi will undertake the necessary risk assessment in its operations to minimise the high risk of failure.

Moving forward, SEGi will continue to develop effective compliance, enhancing its sustainability and corporate responsibility efforts to benefit future generations.

The headline of the cover design "The Evolution of SEGi" marks the institution's 45 years of solid presence in the past and present.

The cover also features hi-tech images to reflect the start of SEGi's new chapter, where we move towards digitalisation, diversification, and globalisation, adapting to constant market changes in today's digital era. The institution will continue developing effective compliance and enhancing its sustainability and corporate responsibility efforts to benefit future generations.

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## PILLARS OF ACTION

#### **ENABLING PROMISING MINDS**

As enablers, we provide a complete learning experience to make the best in you possible.

#### **BUILDING MUTUAL TRUST**

We are as strong as our weakest link, and our destiny is held together as SEGians, based on trust.

#### DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

We do things differently as we strive to make a difference in the lives of







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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas Independent Non-Executive Chairman

**Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok** Group Managing Director

Professor Hew Moi Lan Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer

Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari Bin Mohamed Kamil Independent Non-Executive Director

Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong Independent Non-Executive Director

Dato Goh Leng Chua Independent Non-Executive Director

Edwin Fua Chye Jin Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

For more information about our Board members, please refer to page 8 to 13.

#### REGISTRAR

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#### STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING

Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad

#### **COMPANY SECRETARIES**

Chong Poh Yee (MIA 7620) (SSM PC No. 202008003453)

Hew Ling Sze (MAICSA 7010381) (SSM PC No. 202008000754)

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## GROUP 5 YEARS FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2017 RM'000	2018 RM'000	2019 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000
Revenue	256,286	252,410	243,972	204,124	223,499
Profit before tax	45,772	47,781	49,637	45,172	52,263
Profit for the year - attribute to shareholders	40,182	42,158	45,132	39,181	46,233
Share capital	147,503	147,707	147,707	147,707	147,707
Shareholders' fund	91,140	92,460	91,062	92,298	160,899
Total assets	264,761	226,497	341,007	338,370	409,338
Basic earnings per share (sen)	3.25	3.40	3.64	3.18	3.77
Net dividend for the year (sen)	3.50	2.75	2.50	2.50	*1.00
Capital repayment (sen)	15.00	-	-	-	-

RM39 Million

2020

\*subject to shareholders' approval.

## **2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**





 $RM409_{million}$ 



#### CORPORATE STRUCTURE



#### CORPORATE STRUCTURE



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **66** MAKE EDUCATION A CONTINUING, NEVER-ENDING PROCESS **99**

TAN SRI DATO' SERI MEGAT NAJMUDDIN BIN DATO' SERI DR. HAJI MEGAT KHAS Independent Non-Executive Chairman

Age		Gender	
	78		Male
Nationality		Meetings Attended	
	Malaysian		5/5

Date of Appointment: 2 February 2001





TAN SRI CLEMENT HII CHII KOK Group Managing Director

Age	Gender	
64		Male
Nationality Malaysian	Meetings Attended	5/5
Hatayolari		0/0

Date of Appointment: 3 September 2001



PROFESSOR HEW MOI LAN Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer

Female
leetings ttended 5/5

Date of Appointment: 20 April 2010



NICHOLAS RUPERT HEYLETT BLOY Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Age	Gender	
60		Male
Nationality	Meetings Attended	0 /E
British	Allenueu	3/3

Date of Appointment: 2 April 2012



DATO' SERI (DR) MOHAMED AZAHARI BIN MOHAMED KAMIL Independent Non-Executive Director

Age	Gender	
63		Male
Nationality Malaysian	Meetings Attended	5/5

Date of Appointment: 24 May 2016



DATO' AMOS SIEW BOON YEONG Independent Non-Executive Director

Age	Gender	
64		Male
Nationality Malaysian	Meetings Attended	5/5

Date of Appointment: 2 February 2001



DATO GOH LENG CHUA Independent Non-Executive Director

Age	Gender	
73		Male
Nationality Malaysian	Meetings Attended	5/5
Malaysian	Attended	J/J

Date of Appointment: 20 April 2010



EDWIN FUA CHYE JIN Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Age	Gender	
42		Male
Nationality	Meetings	
Malaysian	Attended	5/5

Date of Appointment: 26 February 2015



BOARD COMPOSITION
100%
80%
60%
40%
20%
• INED 37.5%
• ED 25.0%
• NINED 25.0%
• INE Chairman 12.5%

#### GENDER OF BOARD



#### DIRECTORS' PROFILES

NC Nominating Committee

RC Remuneration Committee

RMC Risk Management Committee

**AC** Audit Committee



TAN SRI DATO' SERI MEGAT NAJMUDDIN BIN DATO' SERI DR. HAJI MEGAT KHAS Independent Non-Executive Chairman



**Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin** was appointed to the Board on 2 February 2001 and assumed the position as Chairman on 27 August 2008.

Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin, 78, was a lawyer by profession who obtained his Honours Degree in Law from Singapore University in 1970. He started his working life in 1970 with First National City Bank (now Citibank) for 2 years and went into law practice with a leading law firm in Kuala Lumpur for another 2 years, after which he started his own law firm which flourished. In 1986 he retired from law practice and went headlong into politics, ultimately becoming UMNO Chief of Petaling Jaya. He then served as State Assemblyman of Kelana Jaya in Selangor for two terms (1986-1995) and as municipal councillor for two decades.

Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin is active in Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). He was elected as Executive Committee Member of the Federation of Public Listed Companies Berhad (FPLC) in August 1994 and was elected as its President in October 1997. He represented this organisation to the High Level Finance Committee of the Ministry of Finance until 2000. He was the President of Kelab Golf Negara Subang and the Malay College Old Boys' Association (MCOBA). He was the President of Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG) from 1998 till 2015 and is currently the Honorary Patron of MICG. He was a member of the Advisory Board of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). He is current President of Persatuan Darul Ridzuan in Wilayah Persekutuan and Selangor (a welfare organisation). In addition, he is the Advisor of the Tan Sri Muhyiddin Charity Golf (TSMCG) and also a trustee of MyKasih (Charity) Foundation and Vijayaratnam Foundation.

Currently, Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin is the Chairman of Asian Pac Holdings Berhad, Sime Darby Plantation Berhad and Farm Fresh Berhad. He is also a Director of a number of private companies including QNET (M) Sdn Bhd and some of his family owned companies.

He also served as a Non-Executive Independent Director of PETRONAS from April 2010 until April 2017. He was also a long time Chairman of MajuPerak Holdings Berhad, Omesti Berhad and Tradewinds Corporation Berhad as well as a Director of ICT Zone Ventures Bhd.

In SEG International Bhd, Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin also serves as the Chairman of the Nominating and Remuneration Committees and has attended all five Board meetings held during the year.

He has no family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, if any, and has no conviction of offences within the past five years.



TAN SRI CLEMENT HII CHII KOK Group Managing Director



**Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok** was appointed to the Board on 3 September 2001 as an Executive Director of the Company and subsequently assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer on 10 October 2001. In January 2009, Tan Sri Clement Hii was redesignated as the Group Managing Director.

Tan Sri Clement Hii, 64, is a member of the Remuneration Committee and Chairman of the Executive Committee and Long Term Incentive Plan Committee of the Company.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from the United Kingdom. He was conferred honorary doctorate degrees by the University of Sunderland, University of Southern Queensland and his alma mater, the University of Wolverhampton. He was the Executive Deputy Chairman of Star Publications (M) Bhd for two years, until the end of December 2010. He was also a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of SYF Resources Berhad from June 2012 to April 2014. Currently, Tan Sri Clement Hii is the Executive Chairman of HCK Capital Group Bhd. He also holds positions in numerous private limited companies and charitable foundations, including Yayasan Hiichiikok.

Tan Sri Clement Hii has attended all the five Board meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2021.

He has no family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, if any, and has no conviction for offences within the past five years.

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#### LTIP LTIP Committee

Chairman

O Member





PROFESSOR **HEW MOI LAN** Executive **Director/ Chief** Executive Officer



Professor Hew Moi Lan was appointed to the Board on 20 April 2010.

Professor Hew Moi Lan, 61, is a member of the Risk Management Committee and Executive Committee of the Company. She is also the Chairperson of Sustainability Committee of the Company.

She is a fellow member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, United Kingdom and a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. In 2005, she attained her Master of Business Degree from University of Newcastle, Australia.

Prof. Hew was appointed as the Chief Operating Officer of the Group on 27 February 2009 and assumed her responsibility as Chief Executive Officer of the Group on 1 January 2012. Prior to that, she was the Vice President of Operations and the Principal of SEGi College Kuala Lumpur. one of the core subsidiary companies of the Group.

Her tenure with the Group dates back to 1986 when she joined Systematic Business Training Centre, now known as SEGi College Kuala Lumpur. With more than 30 years of experience in the education industry, Prof. Hew has brought an immense wealth of experience and knowledge into the running of the Group.

Prof. Hew was a Board member for Perbadanan Tabung Pembangunan Kemahiran (PTPK), Ministry of Human Resources from 2009 to 2015. In March 2013. Prof. Hew was honoured with a Leadership in Education & Training Excellence Award at the Global Leadership Awards, 2013. In June 2014, Prof. Hew garnered an award for her contribution to the Human Resources Community at the Asia HRD Awards.

Prof. Hew has participated in all the five Board meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2021 and does not hold any other directorships in public companies.

She has no family relationships with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. She does not have any conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, if any, and has no conviction for offences within the past five years.



NICHOLAS RUPERT **HEYLETT BLOY** Non-Independent Non-Executive Director (RC)

Nicholas Bloy was appointed to the Board on 2 April 2012. Nicholas Bloy, 60, is a member of the Remuneration Committee. He holds a BA Hons degree from University College London, and an MBA from INSEAD, France.

Nicholas Bloy is one of the three founders of Navis Capital Partners ("Navis"). He is currently the Managing Partner of Navis Asia Funds. At Navis, he leads investment teams in making, monitoring and exiting investments. Nicholas Bloy sits on Navis Investment Committee and the boards and/or Executive Committees of several Navis portfolio companies, and is responsible for fundraising.

Prior to co-founding Navis, Nicholas Bloy was a partner with The Boston Consulting Group Asia from 1989 to 1999 after spending three years with Bain & Co. in London. He does not hold any other directorship in public companies.

Nicholas Bloy is the major shareholder of the Company by virtue of his interest in Pinnacle Heritage Solutions Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016.

Nicholas Bloy attended three Board meetings during the year ended 31 December 2021.

Save as disclosed above, he does not have any family relationships with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, if any, and has no conviction of any offences within the past five years.

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DIRECTORS' PROFILES

NC Nominating Committee

**RC** Remuneration Committee

**RMC** Risk Management Committee

**AC** Audit Committee



DATO' SERI (DR) MOHAMED AZAHARI BIN MOHAMED KAMIL Independent Non-Executive Director



Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari was appointed to the Board on 24 May 2016 as an Executive Director and was re-designated as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director on 15 July 2017 after his resignation as Group President. On 22 August 2019, Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari was further re-designated as Independent Non-Executive Director.

Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari, 63, is a member of the Risk Management Committee and Executive Committee of the Company.

Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari is a Chartered Banker of the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers as well as a Chartered Professional in Islamic Finance and has had a distinguished career in the financial services and educational sectors, helming senior management posts in various private and public organisations, including Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad, Permodalan Nasional Berhad Group, Amanah Raya Group, Asian Finance Bank Berhad, QSR Brands (M) Holdings Bhd and KPJ Healthcare Berhad. Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari was also a Board member of Johor Corporation's subsidiary company, Larkin Sentral Property Bhd.

He is currently a Board member of Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA). He is an Adjunct Professor of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). He was also appointed by the Ministry of Higher Education for AlxCHANGE: CEO @ Faculty Programme 1.0 "Learn from the Pros", Universiti Technology MARA (UiTM), Industry Advisory Panel for Management and Humanities Program for University Technology Petronas (UTP) as well as Industry Advisory for Politeknik Sultan Ahmad Shah (POLISAS). He is also a Non-Executive Director for Aurelius Healthcare Sdn Bhd.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance) from Western Michigan University and a Master of Business Administration (Finance) from Central Michigan University. He was awarded Honorary Degree of Doctor of Management (Hon.D.MGT) by University Sultan Zainal Abidin in 2019. His academic qualifications include executive leadership programmes at Harvard, Wharton, Berkeley, USA and Cambridge, UK.

Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari has attended all the five Board meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2021.

He has no family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and has no conviction for offences within the past five years.



DATO' AMOS SIEW BOON YEONG Independent Non-Executive Director



**Dato' Amos Siew** was appointed to the Board on 2 February 2001.

Dato' Amos Siew, 64, qualified as a Certified Public Accountant in 1984 and is currently a member of the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and an associate member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia.

He started his auditing career and professional training with the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand in 1978 before establishing his own practice in 1988. He is currently the managing partner of the public accounting firm Messrs. SBY Partners PLT. He has vast experience in auditing, tax planning, corporate finance and financial planning. He was also involved in numerous assignments on mergers and acquisitions, debt restructuring and liquidation. He is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of EcoFirst Consolidated Bhd.

He is the Chairman of both the Audit Committee and the Risk Management Committee of the Company.

Dato' Amos Siew has attended all the five Board Meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2021.

He has no family relationship with any other Director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, if any, and has no convictions for offences within the past five years. Sustainability Committee

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ABACC ABAC Compliance Committee

Chairman 🔘 Member



DATO GOH LENG CHUA Independent Non-Executive Director

Dato Goh was appointed to the Board on 20 April 2010.

Dato Goh, 73, is a member of the Audit Committee and Nominating Committee of the Company. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws (Hons) Degree from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand in 1975 and thereafter in 1977, he obtained his Master of Laws. He also holds a Diploma of Environmental Management from the University of Auckland, New Zealand specialising in Environmental Law and Policy, Resource Management Policy and Strategy and Waste Management.

Dato Goh started his professional career as Legal Practitioner in 1976 and became the Councillor of KMC/MBKS in 1981. He is the Business Advisor in GLC Capital Sdn Bhd and Agritech (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, a research and development company in the adoption of hybrid rice seed production in Sarawak. He also sits as a Board Member of Sarawak Biodiversity Council (SBC) from 2019. He does not hold any other directorships in public companies. He has extensive experience in various areas of practice including estate planning, asset-based financing, commercial law, natural resources and utilities and housing project development/management.

Dato Goh has attended all the five Board Meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2021.

He has no family relationships with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, if any, and has no convictions for offences within the past five vears.



EDWIN FUA CHYE JIN Non-Independent Non-Executive Director



**Edwin Fua** was appointed to the Board on 26 February 2015.

Edwin Fua, 42, is a Partner and an Investment Committee member of Navis Asia Funds ("Navis"). He joined Navis in 2006 and in the last 16 years, he has been involved in evaluating investments across South East Asia including Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Australia. He has investment experience that spans across the consumer, retail, manufacturing, education, healthcare and the retirement sectors and he also sits on and works closely with the Board of Directors and Executive Committees of several Navis portfolio companies.

Prior to joining Navis, Edwin Fua was involved in investment research, financial analysis and auditing with JP Morgan Chase & Co. and in PricewaterhouseCoopers. Edwin Fua was raised in Malaysia and educated in Malaysia and Australia. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Finance) from Monash University, is a qualified accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and was previously a Chartered Financial Analyst charterholder.

Edwin Fua is a member of the Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Risk Management Committee and Executive Committee of the Company. He was also the Chairman of Sustainability Committee. He is now leading the ABAC Compliance Committee to implement the compliance framework for the Group. He does not hold any other directorships in public companies. He has attended all the five Board meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2021.

He does not have any family relationships with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, if any, and has no conviction of any offences within the past five years. Leadership development is an important criterion for our growth. We believe that our leadership team is committed to delivering outstanding business process services. In driving the vision, guide and inspire people, we ensure our clients achieve their objectives.

In acquiring great leadership skills, we encourage a unique sense of empowerment to the communities and the world. Insight and expertise come together as we work closely with the team and our employees. Thus, this makes a difference for our stakeholders.

Creative minds think alike to a successful leadership operation.

TAN SRI CLEMENT HII CHII KOK Group Managing Director

The profile of Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok is set out in the Directors' Profiles on page 10 in this annual report.



PROFESSOR HEW MOI LAN Group Chief Executive Officer

The profile of Professor Hew Moi Lan is set out in the Directors' Profiles on page 11 in this annual report.



STELLA LAU KAH WAI Chief Executive Officer SEGi Group of Colleges

Age		Gender
	52	Female



Gender

Female

**CHERYL CHONG POH YEE** Group Chief Financial Officer

54

Age



DR. LISA TAN SAW POH Executive Director

Age		Gender
	67	Female

#### OUR LEADERS



#### DR. LISA TAN SAW POH, 67

**Dr. Lisa Tan**, 67, joined the Group in 2007 and assumed her position as Executive Director of the Company in 2020. Dr. Lisa Tan, an educator and an advocate for life-long learning, holds a Doctor of Business Administration from the University of South Australia and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Bath, UK. She obtained a Diploma in Education from the National University of Singapore and a B.Sc (Hons) from the University of London, UK. Dr. Lisa Tan has contributed her expertise to the Malaysian private institutions of higher learning for more than 35 years. Dr. Lisa Tan does not hold any directorship in public companies and listed issuers. She has no family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. She has not entered into any transaction, whether directly or indirectly, which has a conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, if any, and has no conviction of offences within the past five years

#### STELLA LAU KAH WAI, 52

**Stella Lau**, 52, rejoined the Group in 2020 as Chief Executive Officer, SEGi Group of Colleges. She attained her Bachelor of Arts (BA) Operations Research from the University of Canterbury. In a career spanning nearly 3 decades, her professional journey has been a perfect blend of industry, academics and management experience.

Well reputed for walking the talk, her commitment includes expanding student access to higher education, catalysing academic innovation, and championing transformative learning to achieve outstanding student experience. Stella Lau currently provides leadership to more than 550 full and part-time faculty and staff, leading these teams through the pandemic, rebuilding capabilities that prepare management and academic teams for an unprecedented future that looks very different from the old status quo. Stella Lau provides a brand of leadership that is characterized by a future-oriented focus on transformational change to advance the group's core missions in ensuring vitality and financial sustainability for the future. In moving the colleges forward to higher levels of national distinction and recognitions, she continues to lead profound changes to reshape higher education.

Stella Lau does not hold any directorship in public companies and listed issuers. She has no family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. She has not entered into any transaction, whether directly or indirectly, which has a conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, and has no conviction of offences within the past five years.

#### CHERYL CHONG POH YEE, 54

**Cheryl Chong**, 54, joined the Group in 2000 as Financial Controller and has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of accountancy, financial services and corporate services. She was re-designated on 1 July 2014 as Group Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Prior to joining the Group, Cheryl worked for a main board public listed company in Malaysia as the Financial Controller and in one of the top international accounting firms. She is a Certified Public Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. She also holds a Master of Business Administration (International Business) from University of Southern Queensland, Australia.

Cheryl Chong does not hold any directorship in public companies and listed issuers. She has no family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. She has not entered into any transaction, whether directly or indirectly, which has a conflict of interest with the Company, other than those disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, and has no conviction of offences within the past five years. KEY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Tan Sri Syed Anwar Jamalullail commenced his career with Malaysian Airlines Systems Berhad in 1975 as a Financial Accountant, before moving on to hold senior positions in various companies. His last position was as Group Managing Director of Amanah Capital Partners Berhad. He is the former Chairman of the Lembaga Tabung Haji Investment Panel. Tan Sri Syed Anwar was also the former Chairman of Cahya Mata Sarawak, Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad, Media Prima Berhad, MRCB Berhad, DRB-Hicom Berhad, EON Bank Berhad, Uni Asia Life Assurance Berhad, Uni Asia General Insurance Berhad and the Executive Chairman of Realmild (M)

#### YAM TAN SRI DATO' SERI SYED ANWAR JAMALULLAIL, Chancellor

Sdn Bhd and Radicare (M) Sdn Bhd. He was also formerly an independent director of Maxis Communications Berhad and Bangkok Bank Berhad.

Currently, Tan Sri Syed Anwar is the Chairman of SP Setia Berhad, Nestle (M) Berhad, Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad and Lembaga Zakat Selangor.

Tan Sri Syed Anwar holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, having qualified in 1974. He is also a Chartered Accountant and a Certified Practising Account (Australia).

#### DATO' PAHAMIN A. RAJAB, Chairman of Board of Governors

Dato' Pahamin A. Rajab, an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya holds several tertiary qualifications. He obtained the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in History majoring in International Relations from the University of Malaya in 1970; the Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration majoring in Economic Development from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA in 1978, a Law Degree with Honours from the University of London, UK in 1990, and a postgraduate Diploma in Syariah Law and Practice from the International Islamic University, Malaysia in 1994. In 2006, he was conferred the Honorary Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) by University of Newcastle, UK, and in 2011, Honorary Doctorate by the University of Greenwich, UK. Dato' Pahamin has worked in several ministries and government agencies in Malaysia over a 30year period. He was recognised internationally as an expert in intellectual property laws by the World Intellectual Property Organisation. In year 2000, he was awarded the prestigious Cyber Champion International Award by Business Software Alliance in Washington. He is a trustee of the Perdana Global Peace Foundation as well as Mahathir Chair of Global Peace at the International Islamic University of Malaysia. He is also an Honorary Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Greater Kuala Lumpur. He is the Chairman of a few listed and private company namely, YBS International Berhad and Mediscreen Sdn Bhd.



#### PROFESSOR DR. MOHAMAD RAILI BIN SUHAILI, Acting Vice Chancellor & Dean, Faculty of Medicine, SEGi University

**Professor Dr. Mohamad Raili** is a graduate of Universiti Malaya (MBBS and MPH). He is a Public Health Specialist who has served with the Ministry of Health for 26 years in different states and various capacities. He dedicated a huge part of his career with the Ministry of Health in management and in the control and prevention of vector-borne diseases. He worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) as a consultant, on a part-time basis, in many countries in Africa, Asia and South America, from 2002 – 2012. His areas of consultancy were in Social Mobilisation, COMBI, Programme Evaluation and Outbreak Management. His academic career started with his appointment as a Professor in Public Health in UNIMAS in 2007 where he managed the Postgraduate Programme (MPH and DrPH) besides conducting classes for undergraduates. He has supervised several postgraduate students (for Masters and Doctoral) and served as an examiner as well. He left UNIMAS to join SEGi in May 2014. His area of expertise and interest includes management (general and programme-specific), outbreak management, health informatics, COMBI, HSR and GIS. He has published papers on dengue, legionella, leptospirosis, tobacco control and other topics.

#### KEY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



#### **PROFESSOR DR. AZRIN ESMADY ARIFFIN**, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs & Dean, Faculty of Optometry and Vision Sciences, SEGi University

**Professor Dr. Azrin** Esmady Ariffin obtained his optometric qualification in 1984 from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia and later earned a PhD in Optometry in 1993 from City, University of London.

Professor Azrin began his academic career at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in 1985, spending 20 years as an academic there where he was also the Head of the Optometry Department at one point. Professor Azrin was the first Professor of Optometry in Malaysia and he is also credited as the first Dean of Optometry in the country. Professor Azrin was formerly on the Malaysian Optical Council for several terms.

Professor Azrin consults for various professional associations and bodies on both education and professional practice matters, and by virtue of being one of the nation's pioneer academics in Optometry he was inducted as Fellow of the Asia Optometric Congress in 2018 in Bali.

#### PROFESSOR DR. DORIS PAMELA ALEXIUS, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), SEGi University

**Professor Dr. Doris Alexius** brings to SEGi University wide range and extensive experience in senior academic roles, with her appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). As Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Doris Alexius is responsible for strategic direction of the University's academic portfolio and quality assurance. She provides leadership, guidance, and direction to the faculties within the University. Professor Doris Alexius chairs a number of strategic University Committees and is actively involved in establishing strategic partnership to position SEGi in the world ranking tables, QS, SETARA and MyRA among others.

Professor Dr Alexius's wide ranging experience in varies offices held at SEGi such as Senior Vice President Academic.

Principal/ Executive President Group Development, Director of Academic and Quality Assurance, Director of Government Relations and Regulatory and Director of Examinations among others places her in position to chart out innovative program delivery and establish policies and procedures for the University. She has extensive experience in leading change. In 2018 Professor Dr. Doris Alexius led the University to obtain the ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 certifications. The following year she lead the University team to obtain APEL- C provision and in 2021 the APEL.Q provision an initiative of the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA). She chairs the risk committee of the University and has 35 years' experience as a tertiary educator

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#### ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR NORMAN CHU SU JIUN, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance & Corporate Development), SEGi University & Principal of SEGi College Kota Damansara

Associate Professor Norman Chu Su Jiun holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University, USA. He was a Civil Engineer in the USA and Malaysia before joining SEGi in 2005 as a lecturer. He then became the Head of School, Registrar, Vice President of Operations at SEGi University, and Principal of SEGi College Kota Damansara, before assuming his current position in 2018. He is an Associate Member of the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) and a Graduate Member of the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM). PRINCIPALS, SEGI GROUP OF COLLEGES

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**Sri Jaiandran Munusamy**, Chief Executive cum Principal of SEGi College Kuala Lumpur, a renowned private higher education institution providing top-notch education in Malaysia.

Driven by Sri's vision of continual improved approaches to raise academic levels, he is constantly building positive working relationship with the Collaborative Partnership Managers to enhance the partnership with global universities in Australia, USA and UK.

Sri started his career as a lecturer at

PRIME College and served SEGi College Subang Jaya for almost 14 years as a Programme Leader, Head of Faculty, Head of Academic-Operation and Deputy of Principal. Sri is seen as an enthusiastic leader who advocates in redesigning and implementing trending undergraduate programmes as an approach to raise academic levels of students, improving lecturers' skills and involvement and student experience, resulting in improved academic quality.

SRI JAIANDRAN A/L MUNUSAMY, Principal, SEGi College Kuala Lumpur

Sri started schooling at SMK King Edward VII, Taiping and later earned Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from Universiti Sains Malaysia. Leveraging a background in engineering, Sri has proven his excellency in problem solving, numeracy, risk management and analysis.

#### DR. SUSIE LAU MENG CHING, Principal, SEGi College Sarawak

**Dr. Susie Lau Meng Ching** has more than 10 years of experience in tertiary education. She is a medical doctor by training and found her passion in teaching and learning. Her desire is to provide excellent education so her education career has been geared towards high quality academic delivery.

She started her career in education industry as an Allied Health lecturer. Throughout the years in education industry, Susie developed great interest in teaching and learning pedagogy. Her past working experiences also furnished her with the knowledge in academic accreditation and regulatory matters. Besides, her previous role as the Chief Executive of a college has also equipped her with the skills to manage a higher learning institution, in line with the college constitution. Susie obtained Diploma in Science (Major in Chemistry and Biology) from Tunku Abdul Rahman College in 2002. She then further her studies and graduated with Bachelor in Science (Major in Chemistry and Biology) from Campbell University, North Carolina, USA in 2004. In the same year, Susie decided to pursue her Medical Degree and finally graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from Crimea State Medical University, Ukraine in 2010. Due to her involvement in education management, she then pursued an MBA from University of Sunderland and graduated in 2017.



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**Calvin Chan Yee Yuen** holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Management with Honors, both from Universiti Sains Malaysia. His academic achievements include being nominated for USM's best master/mixed mode student award 2013. He was also awarded a Dean's list for his MBA in 2012. Chan is also a certified trainer by the Human Resource Development Fund for the Train the Trainer programme.

He joined SEGi College Subang Jaya as the Deputy Principal in early 2019 and was redesignated as the Principal, SEGi College Subang Jaya on 1 November 2020. Prior to this, Mr. Chan served as the Vice Principal for MSU College Penang, Regional Manager for Sales and Distribution for U Mobile, Regional Manager and Chief Executive for Cosmopoint College Sungai Petani, and Group Senior Manager in the Human Capital Division with USAINS Holdings.

CALVIN CHAN YEE YUEN, Principal, SEGi College Subang Jaya

Raised in Penang, Chan has more than 20 years of management experience in the education and telecommunication industries, with expertise in operations as well as in sales and marketing.

#### CHEAH GAIK CHIAM, Principal, SEGi College Penang

**Cheah Gaik Chiam** is a Fellow Member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountant, better known as ACCA, and also a Fellow Member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountant, better known as CIMA. She also holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from University of Portsmouth, UK.

She started her career as an external auditor for 3 years before being appointed as Accountant in one of the stock broking firm in Penang. She developed her interest in teaching as part time lecturer and later become a full-time lecturer in Institut Perkim Goon in year 1993. She has served Institut Perkim Goon, which later rebrand to PTPL College Penang and rebrand again to MSU College Penang for 26 years. During her 26 years of education industry experience, she has served as lecturer, Program Manager, Head of School, Vice Principal and Principal before she joined SEGi Penang as Principal in January 2022.



## **A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE**

DEAR VALUED SHAREHOLDERS,

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I HEREBY PRESENT THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SEG INTERNATIONAL BHD (SEGI) AND THE GROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021.

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS CONTINUED TO AFFECT BUSINESSES GLOBALLY IN 2021. THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO), IMPLEMENTED IN VARIOUS PHASES, HAS RESULTED IN DISRUPTIONS TO MOST ONGOING PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THIS SITUATION HAS NOT DAMPENED THE SPIRIT OF OUR TEAMS. INSTEAD, THE TEAMS HAVE BEEN MORE PROACTIVE TO CONTINUE WORKING WITHIN THE RESTRICTIONS.

**Evolve Towards Achieving Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR4.0)** 

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REVENUE (RM'000)







2020: 338,370

At the beginning of 2020, SEGi launched a mega-brand campaign that saw the institution moving Towards Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR4.0).



To capture the market as a university of choice, SEGi's brand includes a new 'Towards IR4.0' logo as an extension to its mother brand and a phase by phase enhancement of its curricula and campus facilities.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



#### TAN SRI MEGAT NAJMUDDIN BIN DATO' SERI DR HAJI MEGAT KHAS

CHAIRMAN

I am proud to inform you that SEGi has transitioned to online classes to enable the students to access effective e-learning at the onset of the MCO. SEGi conducted interactive learning through various technology communication platforms during this period. The challenging teaching presentations are innovative with current updates. We are aware that the transition may cause additional stress to students, and to resolve that, we have organised several online peer discussions groups to address this. At SEGi, our priorities are to ensure that students' needs are met. In addition, we have implemented measures to protect our staff and students' health and safety.

Virtual Open Days and campus tours were also available to recruit new students locally and globally.

#### MARKET AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

The government introduced the National Recovery Plan (NRP) in June 2021 as an exit strategy to help Malaysia bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic. The NRP is designed to enable us to return to everyday daily life or back to normalcy. It also helps the country to transit out from the MCO on reopening economic and social sectors.

In SEGi, we welcome students to return to all our campuses at the end of 2021. While we are committed to ensuring a safe learning environment, our academic teams will stay connected with students by providing positive support and encouragement to them.

The Group has maintained its strong profitability despite the pandemic in the last couple of years, mainly due to lower operating costs resulting from the transformation to digital processes to suit the challenging times. While the volatility of the pandemic continues to limit and restrict business activities, including Group marketing and foreign student recruitment, we have put in place mechanisms to overcome and sustain the overall revenue and profitability in the immediate future. The Group has identified key strategic areas to realign our entire learning ecosystem to ensure students' needs and experiences are continually enabled and enhanced. That includes creating more digitally related programmes and hybrid delivery of classes.

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group achieved a revenue of RM223.5 million and a profit before taxation of RM52.3 million. These figures show an increase of 9.5% and 15.7 %, respectively, compared to the corresponding period in 2020.

The Group achieved earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortisation (EBITDA) of RM92.0 million compared to RM86.1 million in the corresponding period in 2020. This result reflects an increase of 6.9% in EBITDA. The improvement in EBITDA and profit before tax is mainly due to the revenue growth for the period under review, efficient utilisation of the assets and improvement in enrolment of new students.

Despite the overall challenges throughout 2021, the Group has maintained a strong financial position with shareholders' funds standing at RM160.9 million, deposits, cash & bank balances of RM118.5 million and a low gearing ratio. A strong balance sheet, built on the efficient management of capital and assets, allows the Group the financial flexibility to capitalise on growth opportunities and maximise shareholders' value.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

SEGi University achieved a rating of

5 STARS for SETARA (Very Competitive)

and 3 STARS for MyRA for 2019 exercise

#### The Colleges also achieved

#### 6 STARS in MyQuest 2018/2019

#### save for

SEGi College Kuala Lumpur which obtained

5 STARS

SEGi University also emerged in the

## top 44% of the

2021 of QS World University Rankings:



The Group has also increased its efforts to reduce operational costs through various cost-saving initiatives as we strive for efficiency and enhance our stakeholders' value.

#### DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors took great care in striking an optimum balance between maintaining a reasonable dividend payout that commensurates with the financial performance of the Group while conserving sufficient internal resources for investment purposes.

The Board is committed to rewarding our valued shareholders and potential investors with consistent returns. I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that the Board is now recommending a first and final single-tier dividend of RM0.01 per ordinary share for the financial year ended 31 December 2021, subject to shareholders' approval at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Subsequent to the financial year under review, the Board of Directors further declared an interim single-tier dividend of RM0.03 per ordinary share, amounting to RM36,775,000, for the financial year ending 31 December 2022. This dividend was paid on 25 January 2022.

#### OPERATIONAL REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENTS

In light of the current economic climate during this challenging period, SEGi has stepped forward to enhance its students' employability. The Graduate Employment Readiness (GER) Programme was developed to improve their career prospects. Students will be briefed and coached on their career pathways during the final year of study. The GER Programme's communication and grooming skills are designed to enrich and support the students to be career-ready. The Graduate Employment Availability & Readiness Portal is also set up to link the students with our value corporate partners and alumni to enhance graduates' employability.

SEGi also organised Career Talks, Workshops and Career Fairs in collaboration with Industry Partners virtually to provide continuous career-related services to the students and alumni even during the pandemic. All these have assisted the students in adjusting themselves to the new norm in finding jobs or their internship positions. It will also connect the students with Industry Partners throughout the pandemic for career preparation workshops and engagement sessions.

In line with our strategy to expand our range of programmes relevant to the recent market development, SEGi academic teams have reviewed the curriculum geared towards achieving IR4.0 goals. SEGi invested in research and development and has established a research centre for research works. With solid systems in place and an effective market research strategy, SEGi is confident that our programmes will help students acquire unique skills that enhance their employability.

The Higher Education Minister is concerned about student development during this pandemic. SEGi has integrated students' improvement skills and individual growth pathways into their academic learning to create a holistic student experience. Ideas for activities were initiated and implemented among the students.

In 2021, many activities were conducted under academic categories, such as the MPU 4 – Co-Curriculum, Social and Community, to enable students to improve their social skills.

With the new normal way of working from home during the pandemic and with the unique needs felt by working adults to



#### **Business Review**

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

upgrade themselves, SEGi has introduced micro-credential flexible learning programmes to allow the working adults to upskill their knowledge. The working adult learners will have opportunities to pursue their study module by module while working via these micro-credential programmes, which are cost-effective and with credit transfer to the primary diploma or degree programmes of their choice.

I am proud to announce SEGi's achievements as follows:

- SEGi University has improved its performance and emerged in the top 44% in the QS World University Ranking: Asia 2022 ("QS Rating").
- SEGi University has been awarded a 5 Stars Plus rating by QS Rating (2022 – 2024), being one among 19 universities worldwide to be awarded this status.
- SEGi also received a 5 Stars rating for eight categories: academic development, internationalisation, employability, teaching, online delivery, Art & Culture, MBBS and inclusiveness.
- SEGi was ranked No. 4 or Top 4 for the International Students index in the QS Rating.
- SEGi University has also been ranked No.
  9 in the AppliedHETM Private University Ranking: ASEAN 2022.

Education is a powerful tool as it is the key to a person's success. SEGi will continue innovating to enable all to gain the qualifications to excel in life and make dreams a reality.

#### CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY

We must reinforce our commitment to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing for positive returns and long-term impact on society, the environment and business performance, especially after the COVID-19 crisis.

The 2021 Budget, which has a special focus on sustainability, is aligned with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals and is designed to move Malaysia toward a more sustainable future. Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad has also strengthened its efforts to bring public listed companies on the ESG journey.

I wish to inform you that in SEGi, the focus on ESG has always been part of our business practices. SEGi believes that the principles of and actions to promote sustainability should be embedded across the Group in all aspects of the Group's operations and other activities. The Group's objective is to create a culture of sustainability within the Group and the community, emphasising integrating the ESG considerations into its decision making and the delivery of outcomes arising from its decisions and action.

The details of our sustainability initiatives are set out in our Sustainability Statement in this report.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation to SEGi Group's management and staff for their commitment and dedication to delivering the good results.

I also wish to acknowledge our valued shareholders, global partners, students, regulatory authorities, bankers and business associates for their unwavering support and confidence in the Group, especially during these challenging circumstances. With your gracious support, we will continue reaching even greater heights.

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members for their stewardship and commitment to the Group. We look forward to fostering stronger links in the years to come.

#### TAN SRI DATO' SERI MEGAT NAJMUDDIN BIN DATO' SERI DR HAJI MEGAT KHAS Chairman

20 April 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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## NEW INNOVATIVE IDEAS TO STEER SEGI IN THE NEW NORMAL

FIRSTLY, LET ME BEGIN BY EXPRESSING HOW PROUD I AM OF SEGI UNIVERSITY & COLLEGES. SEGI HAS GROWN REMARKABLY IN THE PAST 45 YEARS, FROM OUR HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AS SYSTEMATIC BUSINESS TRAINING CENTRE IN 1977, A SMALL CAMPUS IN THE HEART OF KUALA LUMPUR'S COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION GROUPS IN MALAYSIA. WE NOW SERVE APPROXIMATELY 18,000 STUDENTS ACROSS FIVE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN KLANG VALLEY, PENANG, AND SARAWAK.

SEGi University awarded

### OUTSTANDING QS 5 STARS PLUS UNIVERSITY

1 of only 19 Universities in the World! (For the Years 2022 – 2024)





Our vision has always been to place high-quality professional qualifications within reach of willing learners and natural talents, and it will continue to be so for years to come.

We hold true to our mission to become the premier higher education provider offering quality employability-based international programmes, ranging from foundation to postgraduate, which are easily accessible to local and international students. These programmes are delivered through the most innovative technologies and student-centric learning techniques. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the human capital market's demands. In response, SEGi has new innovative ideas to maintain a high employability rate among our graduates.

Among our efforts is providing skills enrichment and support to students. There are over 100 SEGi Enrichment Programmes in leadership, communication, and grooming skills, among others, to enhance students' learning experience and achieve skills certification.

In addition, the Academic Skills Unit is in place to support students in academic writing and practical

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



## YANG AMAT MULIA TAN SRI DATO' SERI SYED ANWAR JAMALULLIAL

CHANCELLOR

study, research techniques, time management, academic integrity, and exam preparation. Meanwhile, the Mentor-Mentee system guides students on academic matters. It fosters a close and constructive relationship between students and lecturers. SEGi also practises outcome-based learning to ensure that our programmes create added value for students by helping them gain professional insights and experiences.

For this purpose, SEGi has collaborated with various industry partners to help raise our students' professional competitiveness and become industry-ready upon graduation. In addition, we facilitate immersive learning in the classroom through these collaborations, where students can pick up practical industry knowledge and real-life experiences.

We are also proud of our continued strong partnerships with reputable local and global educational institutions, namely the University of Central Lancashire, the University of Greenwich and the University of Sunderland in the United Kingdom, and Troy University in the United States of America. While we may have 44 years of experience as a well-established higher education institution, SEGi strives to continue our modern approach to education. Our efforts include digitalisation to reinforce our status as a regional hub of excellence in business, health sciences, allied health, engineering, information and communication technology, creative arts and design, education, hospitality and tourism, postgraduate studies, and professional continuing education.

In the QS World University Ranking 2022 published on 2 November 2021, SEGi University achieved the overall QS 5 Stars Plus status for attaining QS 5 Stars rating in eight evaluations. The university was one of only 19 universities worldwide and one of only two Malaysian universities that reached the acclaim.

The pandemic has indeed brought many challenges over the last two years. The Movement Control Order (MCO) imposed saw many restrictions, including closing all schools and education institutions of higher learning. However, the impressive teamwork of our dedicated lecturers and supporting staff minimised the disruption students faced during the transition to online classes and exams.

In mid-October 2021, SEGi welcomed back students to all our campuses. While we are committed to ensuring the younger generation can continue their education towards their chosen career, we strictly follow all SOPs set by the government to make the return of students as safe as possible.

Additionally, we believe that the hybrid learning model, which combines online and face-to-face classes, will continue to be a significant learning method in higher education post-pandemic.

SEGi will also emphasise student-centred teaching for students to take more responsibility and play an active role in their higher education.

Despite the difficulties faced in the past year, SEGi looks forward to celebrating its 45th year as a respected higher education institution in 2022. We strive to achieve higher education excellence and build the next generation of leaders in various professions. SEGi

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MESSAGE FROM THE GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR

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## HYBRID MODEL TO EMBRACE SHIFTING MARKET TRENDS IN THE DIGITAL ERA

BEING ONE OF MALAYSIA'S PROMINENT HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS, SEGI UNIVERSITY & COLLEGES IS COMMITTED TO DELIVERING THE BEST QUALITY EDUCATION TO TALENTED STUDENTS WHO WILL BECOME FUTURE LEADERS.



In the face of challenges and anxieties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, SEGi has adapted, innovated, and persevered. For instance, one of our efforts to cope with the global health crisis was to modify how we conduct our programmes, switching from on-campus to online teaching and learning through the Movement Control Orders (MCOs).

While many other institutions only started elearning platforms in response to the MCO restrictions, SEGi has received approval from the Ministry of Higher Education to conduct courses online since 2014. I wish to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all academicians and supporting departments' efforts to ensure a smooth transition to online teaching. Their effort minimised the pandemic's disruption of SEGi's delivery of quality education to students.

The education sector in Malaysia has been significantly affected by the impact of the pandemic. However, SEGi held to our vision of providing high-quality education and promoting life-long learning.

At SEGi, we champion the 3H Transformative Learning to cultivate future-proof graduates. The education of the Head (Knowledge), the Heart (Attitude) and the Hands (Skills) is a holistic learning approach to transforming future leaders.

Being an established higher education provider, we advocate life-long learning. In this aspect, our SEGiRISE has redefined industrial and skill education. Besides giving eager learners the ease of accessing education online, SEGiRISE also offers micro-credentials programmes.

The MQA-accredited micro-credentials are digital certifications of assessed knowledge, skills and competencies in a specific area or field, which can be a component of an accredited programme or stand-alone course supporting the professional, technical, academic, and personal development of the learners.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR



#### TAN SRI CLEMENT HII CHII KOK

**GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR** 

Micro-credentials present a new avenue for higher education to students, especially working adults. SEGi offers over 166 microcredentials programmes of Diploma, Bachelor's Degree, and Master's Degree from various fields, including business, education, information technology, communications, and hospitality. Our micro-credentials are aligned with SEGi's aspiration to become Malaysia's leading adult learning and corporate training provider.

Even during the pandemic, training for academics has been ongoing, focusing on enhancing their online teaching skills to make their classes and presentations more motivational and exciting.

Additionally, staff from other departments have received digital skills training to maintain their high work efficiency in supporting SEGi's academics.

Through our collaborations with various global university partners, SEGi students can learn from world-renowned researchers and industry experts to build a universal perspective in their respective fields. Besides, SEGi has expanded and transformed our campuses to offer world-class hybrid and online learning programmes

Studies have shown significant shifts in hiring trends in Malaysia and globally. For example, a survey by Cisco and Oxford Economics found that emerging technologies can change 28 million jobs in ASEAN.

Being aware of the changing trends, SEGi will continue moving towards digitalisation, diversification, and globalisation, adapting to the constant market changes of the digital era.

On another note, the pandemic has redefined the basic concepts of attendance, teaching, testing, the role of technology, and human connection. As a result of these changes, the adoption of the hybrid learning model is likely to stay post-pandemic.

Additionally, there will be a stronger emphasis on student-centred teaching where students take an active role in their education. This teaching method focuses on the individual and places the responsibility for meeting needs and achievements on each student. Looking ahead to the year 2022, we expect it to be challenging amid the post-pandemic era. Nevertheless, I trust our teams will be implementing more digitalisation and innovation initiatives to create opportunities out of these challenges to drive progress in our institution.



## EDUCATION OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY

SEGi University & Colleges – one of the most established private higher learning institutions in Malaysia – is on a mission to produce the next-generation leaders in various industries for the country.

Hence, we stand by our brand promise to provide a wholesome learning experience that brings out the best in our students at the very heart of SEGi.

The quality of the curricula we offer, our top-notch facilities, research-friendly environment, experienced academics, and decades of experience in delivering quality education qualify us as one of the best institutions to produce future-ready graduates who will revolutionise the market.



#### MEDICINE

SEGi offers the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme to train aspiring doctors for a challenging and meaningful career that covers the parameters of promotion, prevention, therapeutic and rehabilitative medicine. The Faculty of Medicine at SEGi University strives to produce competent medical professionals who have the concept of lifelong learning instilled in them. Therefore, the MBBS programme modules are supported by diverse student and patient-centred teaching and learning methodologies. Our MBBS students undergo a comprehensive curriculum encompassing pre-clinical and clinical phases for five years. They are also exposed to a wide array of personal and soft skills development within that period to shape them into good communicators, thinkers, team players, and leaders.

In addition, we train students on the knowledge of using some of the latest technologies in medicine to ensure the community receives prompt, accurate and effective care in a holistic, professional, and ethical manner.

Our undergraduate programme is fully accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC). It also brings students one step closer to excelling in the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

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WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING EXPERIENCES DELIVERED EACH YEAR



Graduates of this programme not only fulfil the nation's need for scientists and researchers but are also highly trained in the technical expertise of medical sciences technology, placing them in the highly skilled and competent pool of professionals.

SEGI's Biomedical Science programme is designed to produce talents with diagnostic, analytical, managerial and research competencies.

Through strategic learning methodologies, graduates will seek employment in various high-impact industries, including pharmaceutical and cosmetics, hospitals, community health centres, biotechnology companies, biomedical research institutes, forensic laboratories, and blood banks.



The Faculty of Dentistry at SEGi University places quality oral health education within reach of school leavers interested in this profession. We strive to empower students through innovative technologies and studentcentric learning techniques to produce topnotch dental practitioners who are knowledgeable, technically competent, socially responsible, and agile to respond to the changing oral health needs of the public.

DENTISTRY

We train our graduates to perform effectively and independently in a clinical setting and adhere to the highest standards of professional conduct and ethics. They are also encouraged to continue their professional development through research and innovation.

SEGi's Faculty of Dentistry is well-equipped with a fully functioning dental clinic and many in-house dental professionals and auxiliaries. In addition, the SEGi Oral Health Centre meets industry standards, adhering to guidelines provided by accredited agencies.

The faculty also has state-of-the-art teaching facilities to ensure that students are given the best possible hands-on training to develop their skills and aptitude. The programme has received full accreditation from the MQA, and our graduates are fully registered with the Malaysian Dental Council.





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#### OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCES

SEGi is one of the few higher learning institutions that offer a well-recognised optometry programme in the country.

Armed to produce general practitioners in eye care, the Faculty of Optometry and Vision Sciences has been proactive in providing comprehensive clinical exposure, business acumen training, and personal development skills to equip students with industry-relevant skills.

Through the Bachelor of Optometry (Hons) programme, students learn methods to identify and treat vision and vision systems' dysfunctions and disorders. SEGi also emphasises hands-on training within the campus clinic and private clinical and retail settings.

On the other hand, various student and community engagement activities enable students to develop problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills. Our clinical system under SEGi EyeCare encompasses general optometric, speciality clinics and an optical dispensary, ensuring effective learning for students. Through their studies, students gain practical experience using the latest specialised equipment. Besides, they are encouraged to be lifelong learners to continue to be on the path of selfdevelopment.

SEGi's optometry undergraduate programme is fully recognised by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and the Malaysian Optical Council. It is also on the World Council Optometry member list of recognised Optometry Schools in the Asia Pacific.

#### PHARMACY

Pharmacy revolves around developing therapeutic substances for disease treatment and prevention to protect and promote society's well-being. The scientific knowledge acquired through the pharmacy study equips graduates with relevant skills to contribute effectively to the development of the health care system.

The Faculty of Pharmacy at SEGi University has a core team of highly qualified, experienced, and passionate academic staff dedicated to the efficient delivery of the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) programme.

The curriculum is designed and taught in an integrated manner to achieve the relevant competencies in various pharmacy disciplines.

Students also gain hands-on experience in different pharmacy settings throughout their four-year study, with built-in experiential placements in community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, and the pharmaceutical industry. The Faculty of Pharmacy has advanced laboratories well-equipped with high-tech and modern instruments. Other facilities include clinical skills labs, a mock pharmacy, an aseptic unit, and a medical museum.

The programme is fully accredited by the MQA and Pharmacy Board Malaysia (PBM).



#### ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Allied health covers many professions in nursing, safety and health, medical technology, environmental health, and medical administration.

The responsibilities of allied health professionals may include but are not limited to identifying, evaluating, and preventing injuries, disease, and disorders.

The Allied Health Science programmes offered by SEGi Group of Colleges have intensive learning modules with a strong emphasis on procedural skills.

The curriculum guides students in evaluating patients' responses, evaluating work environmental safety standards, ensuring environmental health, performing medical laboratory tests, making appropriate decisions about treatments, planning safety and health control measures.

Students can enhance their learning experience by using the human-patient simulators at our laboratories to replicate the patient care environment and conduct various resuscitation scenarios.

They also attend hands-on sessions in our well-equipped industrial hygiene and medical laboratories that provide them with an immersive learning experience and prepare them for the workforce.

SEGi emphasises students' interest in developing soft skills to encourage lifelong learning.

We also work closely with some of the most prestigious universities in the UK to develop a knowledge-rich and industry-relevant curriculum for the degree programmes.

#### ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The engineering field has been booming with significant growth opportunities regardless of its specialisation, intensifying the need for highly skilled human capital in the relevant disciplines.

The Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment at SEGi focuses on a studentcentred approach, allowing better studentteacher interaction from Malaysia and our partner universities worldwide.

Students have access to advanced laboratories and workshops with essential tools to develop their engineering skills. In addition, they are encouraged to take on impactful research or final-year projects that fuel their innovative and critical thinking skills. Such exposures are crucial towards discovering sustainable solutions for the engineering sector.

SEGi's engineering programmes are delivered using applied methodologies and highly advanced engineering facilities. Additionally, all programmes are fully accredited by the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM), i.e., a signatory to the Washington Accord, an international accreditation agreement for professional engineering academic degrees. The recognition indicates that SEGi graduates meet international academic standards to practice engineering on the global stage.

The Built Environment consists of Quantity Surveying, Architecture, and Interior Architecture programmes. While the Interior Architecture programme has received full accreditation from the Board of Architects Malaysia (BAM), it is expected to receive its full accreditation by MQA in 2021.

In addition to the conducive learning environment, each cohort of these students will be assigned a dedicated Design Studio



throughout their studies. These Design Studios are accessible after office hours and on weekends to ensure the students acquire relevant technical skills during their study at SEGi.

As for our triple crown Quantity Surveying programme, it is fully accredited by the following professional bodies and thus boosted our graduates' employability on the global stage:



**BUSINESS** 

& ACCOUNTING

Business, Accounting and Management is SEGi's largest and most established cluster, which started in the old campus of Systematic Business Training Centre.

The cluster caters to in-demand programmes to nurture future business leaders in a demanding globalised world.

With industry-relevant and high-quality business education, students can experience various innovative learning methods, including lectures, seminars, workshops, presentations, and practical sessions delivered by our dedicated teaching staff.

In line with our brand promise to provide a holistic learning experience, SEGi works closely with reputable industry advisors to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and expertise via industry engagement series, talks, seminars, and the Aspiring Entrepreneurs Club SEGi to the industry and vice versa.

SEGi has established the Centre of Excellence – Business and Accounting to ensure a worldclass tertiary education for our students. We collaborate with prestigious universities in the United Kingdom to develop a knowledge-rich and industry-relevant curriculum to produce highly marketable, competitive, and dynamic young talents.



### EDUCATION



Quality education is one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations to ensure inclusive and equitable education for all. Apart from grooming a generation of autonomous lifelong learners, SEGi trains future educators to be innovative problem solvers and decision-makers.

SEGi offers a wide range of education courses, including specialisations in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), Special Needs Education and Guidance Counselling.



We have been the trusted pioneer of ECCE programmes among the private tertiary institutions, producing highly qualified ECCE educators and practitioners since 1998. We also championed the ECCE training under the purview of the Education National Key Economic Area (NKEA) led by the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (PEMANDU) in 2010.

Our students are presented with an in-depth exposure to a balanced, holistic, and industryrelevant academic and skills development programme within and outside the classroom with the help of expert educationists with strong industry links.

They are also given regular training and internships to increase their professional competencies.

SEGi collaborates closely with more than 100 registered schools and learning institutions that provide regular training and internships to increase students' professional skills. These collaborations also present graduates with a plethora of quality employment opportunities.

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### TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Technology is reshaping many aspects of the world's economies and structures of governments and societies. In developing countries, governments, businesses, and the public harness the transformative power of technology to make public services more efficient, grow businesses and strengthen and expand social networks.

As technology and innovation hold the key to the future, we must equip the workforce with the right skills. In addition, we must build a workplace with modern facilities and tools to meet the rapidly changing challenges of emerging technologies.

SEGi's Technology and Innovation programmes are designed to allow graduates to apply adaptive skills and knowledge in a constantly transforming field. Apart from getting highly recognised qualifications, students are also given a chance to earn professional certifications from authorised bodies such as Huawei and the EC Council.

SEGi University is also one of the first private tertiary institutions in Malaysia to offer a specialisation in cybersecurity, allowing graduates to harness a wide range of skills that will fulfil the need of the Information and Communication Technology industry, particularly with the advent of IR 4.0.

SEGi's technology-enabled environment, such as digital classrooms and state-of-the-art computer labs, also facilitates a conducive teaching and learning environment and encourages students to conduct self-initiated learning.



# COMMUNICATION



The fast-paced digital world has pushed the field of communications into an exciting realm.

Today's communicators act as business strategists who inspire change. They hold the critical role of keeping their organisations abreast of global trends and, at the same time, generating and communicating the right messages to create value for the business and society.

SEGi aspires to create communicators who are trendsetters and highly competent in advertising, public relations, marketing, political and public affairs, and every other platform requiring communication professionals' touch. Our dedicated faculty members are committed to helping students understand the science of communication and effective ways of applying them to derive targeted results.

Students are guaranteed an in-depth knowledge of communications, including how technologies aid policymaking and governance in society.

Apart from working with industry-standard software, students have access to high-tech facilities and are exposed to hands-on training and industry engagements that teach them how to evaluate communication challenges and deliver pragmatic solutions for the industry.



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# CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN

With a solid academic reputation, SEGi's Creative Arts and Design programmes are designed to unearth the creative talents of students in an industry-like environment.

SEGi has industry-standard amenities and equipment, including a photography studio, music room, green screen rooms, voice-over studio, broadcast studios, and editing rooms. Besides, students receive comprehensive hands-on training to prepare them for the workplace upon graduation.

SEGi's dedicated faculty members have a strong network in the industry and have served as jurors for fine art and design competitions locally and internationally.

In addition to training students to be lifelong learners, SEGi's student-centred teaching approach also fosters creative, innovative, critical thinking, problem-solving and decisionmaking skills.

### HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

In the pre-pandemic era, the hospitality and tourism sectors were blessed with new growth opportunities globally.

Both sectors enjoyed steady development as businesses and people spent more money on leisure and services, making hospitality and tourism one of the most prominent employment creators.



Currently, the hospitality and tourism sectors are rebuilding from the crushing impact of the pandemic. Hence, both sectors need qualified individuals, including fresh graduates, to fill up their workforce.

SEGi's Hospitality and Tourism programmes are designed to equip students with industryrelevant skills and knowledge. The learning modules cover marketing, human resources, information management, planning and research and are constantly updated to meet the evolving needs of this versatile sector.

We partner with top national and multinational hotels to ensure our students get the best industry-level training to prepare them for a rewarding career.

Students also undergo intensive internships as part of the programme with the option of completing their training with our affiliated partners, giving our graduates an upper hand in terms of exposure.





#### POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Postgraduate education has become necessary as the global workplace becomes more competitive and complex. SEGi's postgraduate programmes attract top students and are of international standards. They are also flexibly designed to meet the needs of an ever-changing workforce.

Apart from providing an opportunity for career expansion, postgraduate qualification also enhances one's prospects that translates to better career growth and development. Furthermore, it paves the way for individuals to become industry specialists.

Malaysia is shifting from a manufacturing economy to a service and technology-based economy, which requires many innovative and skilled professionals armed with specialised knowledge.

With SEGi, learners can now earn their master's or doctoral degree in 12 to 36 months, depending on their pace.

Our uniquely structured courses are delivered through a blended learning approach which is power-packed with industry-relevant modules, weekend or evening workshops and online learning facilities.

Students also can obtain international qualifications through our dual-award programmes.



### AMERICAN DEGREE PROGRAM (ADP)

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SEGi has teamed up with various education powerhouses to provide students with opportunities to obtain the valued American Degree Program (ADP). As a result, students can customise their education pathway with flexible transfer arrangements or complete the programme entirely in Malaysia.

The ADP at SEGi is awarded by Troy University, a public university in Alabama, USA, which holds many prestigious accreditations and memberships. SEGi is Troy University's exclusive partner in Malaysia. Apart from a globalised curriculum, our students also experience an American learning style from visiting professors.

They are also exposed to continuous learning through coursework and can choose from a wide variety of majors.

The Bachelor of Science programme offers majors in Business Administration, Communication Arts, and Psychology and minors in Psychology, Promotion, Global General Business, and Communication Studies.



FOUNDATION (PRE-UNIVERSITY)



Various tertiary institutions in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and China recognise our world-class foundation programmes. The courses assist students in the transition from secondary studies to tertiary education.

Students are exposed to comprehensive theoretical classes and coursework. They are also prepared for higher studies and a smoother tertiary journey through various student engagement and enrichment programmes.

Additionally, SEGi has a well-connected network locally and internationally, giving students access to global employment opportunities.





# LAW

SEGi College Sarawak is the only higher education institution in East Malaysia that offers internationally recognised law programmes. These courses are ideal for students who wish to obtain a qualification of international standing en route to a successful career as a practising lawyer.

The Law Faculty offers the Pearson Edexcel A-Levels (Arts), Diploma in Law, and Bachelor of Law (LLB) courses. Our highly sought-after LLB is awarded by the University of London International Programmes (UK), and it offers the security of an internationally recognised 'Gold Standard' degree.

Graduates will join a distinguished group of solicitors, barristers, and judges worldwide who obtained their law degree through the University of London International Programmes.

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# PSYCHOLOGY

Mental health is one area of study with immense needs and possibilities, fraught with stigmas and challenges. However, it is also a critical career option as Malaysia requires more psychologists and counsellors to address the shortage of mental health services in public, private and social health settings.

Psychology is a branch of health science that focuses on mental health counselling, intervention and well-being, addressing organisational effectiveness, education, public health, relationship, personal and professional developments, behavioural science, and social empowerment.

With a clear purpose of producing exceptional mental health professionals, SEGi's psychology programmes comprehensively cover all the basics and beyond to nurture future psychologists, therapists, counsellors, social workers, educators, trainers, and consultants.

In addition to home-grown diploma and international degree programmes available through our collaborations with reputable global partners in the USA and the UK, SEGi offers a comprehensive honours degree that provides a unique approach to mental health care. The honours degree encompasses various disciplines, including clinical, educational, criminal, and cross-cultural psychology.

As graduates of these programmes, students will gain the required aptitude, personality, and skills to build an illustrious career as a mental health professional in counselling, education, medical, business, management, marketing, human resources, research, training and development.

# SEGIRISE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PACE)

Lifelong learning is essential, especially with the ever-changing labour market demands. Working adults are encouraged to pursue continuous education as it helps their career advancement.

SEGi understands the needs of working adults as they have a busy schedule and strive to balance work and family commitments.

Thus, we created the Professional and Continuing Education (PACE), which is now known as SEGiRISE to help working adults pursue their studies without compromising existing obligations.

SEGiRISE is a consortium of global universities from the UK, USA, Australia, and Malaysia that offers a flexible study mode that best suits learners' schedules.

Our blended learning approach enables learners to attend part-time or weekend classes or opt for distance learning. Learners can also easily connect with our academic team via Blackboard, our specially designed online platform.



SEGiRISE provides more than just theoretical learning as there would be monthly workshops to maximise interactions, networking, and learning. In addition, our team of dedicated and experienced lecturers are always ready to assist learners through their education journey whilst encouraging them to be self-reliant.





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# SEGi UNIVERSITY

SEGi University is the flagship campus of SEGi University & Colleges, a leading private higher education institution in Malaysia. The campus sits on a 10-acre site in Kota Damansara that is neighbouring the Kota Damansara MRT Station.





In November 2021, SEGi University was rated as a QS 5 Stars Plus institution in the latest QS World Universities Ranking, making it one of only 19 universities globally that currently holds this prestige.

SEGi University scored 5 Stars Plus in the evaluations of Teaching, Internationalisation, Inclusiveness, Online Learning, Arts & Culture, Employability, Academic Development, and Specialist Criteria: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS).

The university offers a wide range of affordable quality global education, from foundation to master's degree programmes in the field of Accountina. Finance and Business Management, Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, Pharmacy, Biomedical Science, Engineering, Information Technology. Cybersecurity. Hospitality Psychology, £ Tourism Management, and Early Childhood Education.

SEGi University is well-equipped with facilities that complement its dedicated teaching force. Among them are the SEGi Oral Health Centre and the Rotary-SEGi EyeCare centre. As both centres are open to the public, students can apply their knowledge and skills in these facilities under the guidance of our academicians and lecturers.



Other features at the campus include an academic library, research and recreational facilities, and student hostels that can accommodate approximately 12,000 students.

There is also an extension building – SEGi Tower, which is just a 5-minute walk away from the main campus. It accommodates up to 6,000 students across faculties, such as the Faculty of Business, Accounting and Management, Faculty of Technology and Innovation, Faculty of Communication and Creative Design, and the School of Hospitality and Tourism.

Additionally, the SEGi Residence is a 25-storey condominium serving as a student hostel located next to the SEGi Tower.

SEGi University is home to the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Health Sciences, Technology and Innovation, Business and Accounting, Creative Arts and Design, Early Childhood Care and Education, Hospitality and Tourism, and Artificial Intelligence. It is also an International Students Hub of Excellence.

The university takes good care of its students' well-being through the Student Affairs department that provides a wide range of services, including the Mentor-Mentee system – SEGi CONNECT and SEGi Enrichment Programme, Global Industry Placement and SEGi Employment Readiness Programme.

The department also has an Academic Skills Unit and works closely with SEGi Valued Corporate Partners on employment for our graduates.

In line with the Industrial Revolution 4.0, SEGi University practices a global standard in grooming highly skilled students and academics via world-class curricula, prominent industry linages, futuristic facilities, and high-value engagements.

We nurture talents who always strive for excellence and ensure that they are ready to lead the nation in the future.

# SEGi GROUP OF COLLEGES

Established in 1977 as Systematic Business Training Centre, SEGi University & Colleges has evolved into Malaysia's most established private higher education institution. Apart from its flagship university campus, the Group has five other colleges in Kota Damansara, Subang Jaya, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, and Kuching.



SEGi Group of Colleges has provided affordable quality global education to school leavers and working adults in Accounting, Finance and Business Management, Engineering, Information Technology, Cybersecurity, Psychology, Hospitality and Tourism Management, and Early Childhood Education.

SEGi Group of Colleges is also committed to providing students with the opportunity to earn a foreign degree in Malaysia with its world-renowned and award-winning university partners from the United Kingdom and the United States of America. It also has a strong presence of international students who seek high-quality and globally recognised education in Malaysia. All its programmes – from certifications to postgraduate degrees – are MQA-accredited and emphasise industry relevance, career readiness, and marketability. In addition, this approach maintains a strong global appeal and employability standard. This is evident from the increasing collaborations established with industry partners who also serve as referrals, which keep the curriculums relevant to today's needs and create a plethora of work and placement opportunities for students.

Internationally, SEGi is ISO 9001:2015 certified, which ensures SEGi's commitment to international compliance standards.



# Established in

1977

# 10-acre

site at Kota Damansara with the newly-built Kota Damansara MRT Station at your door step

# 18,000

local and international students across all 5 campuses

The Kota Damansara campus has an academic library and research and recreational facilities that provide a holistic learning experience for approximately

12,000 students



SEGi is spread out across 5 campuses in 4 states. Each campus is a magnum opus of its own kind with unique features grounded by elements of individual location.

# AWARD-WINNING CAMPUSES

# SEGi College Subang Jaya

The campus achieved the highest 6-Star (Outstanding) rating for four times in MyQuest 2010/2011, MyQuest 2014/2015, MyQuest 2016/2017 and MyQuest 2018/2019.

# SEGi College Kuala Lumpur

Apart from being a Centre of Excellence for Business and Accounting and Hospitality and Tourism, the campus has received the 5-Star (Excellent) rating for MyQuest 2018/2019.

# SEGi College Penang

The campus achieved the highest 6-Star (Outstanding) MyQuest 2018/2019.

# SEGi College Sarawak

The campus received the 6-Star (Outstanding) rating for Private Colleges for MyQuest 2018/2019.

# SEGi College Kuala Lumpur

The campus sits in the city centre, merely 240m from the Masjid Jamek LRT Station. It offers programmes in Business and Accounting, Allied Health Sciences, and Hospitality and Tourism with the support of experienced and reputable academicians.



on Health Sciences, Technology & Innovation, Business & Accounting, Creative Arts & Design, Early Childhood Care & Education, Hospitality, Tourism & Culinary Arts, and Artificial Intelligence.

SEGi Tower, a new building adjacent to the Kota Damansara flagship campus, can accommodate

6,000 students

SEGi Group of Colleges campuses has achieved the highest

6 Stars rating multiple times by MyQuest.

Award-winning

university partners from

United Kingdom

United States of America





The campus is strategically located within Klang Valley, in the township of Subang Jaya, right next to The Summit shopping complex. One of the pioneers of Early Childhood Education in Malaysia, the college is also renowned for its business programmes.

Students from this campus enjoy the convenience of public transport. The college is within a 10-minute walk to the USJ 7 Light Rapid Transit (LRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations.



# SEGi College Penang

The campus is situated in Green Hall, a unique coastal location that provides an ideal learning lifestyle with an affordable cost of living. The college offers a wide range of Business & Accounting, Early Childhood Education, Information Technology, and the American Degree Program (ADP).



# SEGi College Sarawak

Located in the vibrant city of Kuching, the campus is one of the largest private colleges in East Malaysia. It offers Management, Accountancy, Hospitality, and Information Technology programmes. It is also the only campus in East Malaysia to offer Law programmes at diploma and degree levels.

# HEALTH SCIENCES

#### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

# CARING HANDS, CARING HEARTS

SEGi developed its health sciences programmes to nurture and produce capable, competent, compassionate, and caring healthcare professionals. We ensure they are highly adaptable and well-trained to face industry challenges of fast-changing technology advancements. SEGi offers a full range of industry-standard facilities in various clinical settings and a pool of highly dedicated and experienced academicians to develop students' leadership, technical skills, and knowledge for a brighter and more prosperous future.

#### Accredited by MQA

Our undergraduate programmes, namely Medicine, Optometry, Dentistry, and Pharmacy, have received full accreditations from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).

SEGi is the first university in Malaysia to attain 5 Stars status under the QS Star Rating: Specialist Criteria for its Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme.

#### Early and Extensive Clinical Practice

Our learning modules combine theories and clinical training through the course of study.

#### State-of-the-Art Facilities

SEGi provides conducive and comprehensive teaching facilities and state-of-the-art laboratories and clinics to ensure students have proper hands-on training to develop their knowledge, skills, and aptitude. These facilities include the SEGi Oral Health Centre and Rotary-SEGi Eye Centre.

#### Student-Centred Learning Approach

We develop students into top-notch graduates with knowledge of technological advances. As such, we prioritise their interests by engaging them at various levels to ensure that they also develop good problem-solving, critical thinking and communication skills in addition to excelling academically.

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# TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

# LEADING THE WAY IN WORLD-CLASS DIGITALISED EDUCATION

As Malaysia aims to be a developed nation by 2025, the Information and **Communications Technology** (ICT) industry has been identified as a channel to achieve this, making ICT one of the best-paying industries in the country. Digitalisation is also driving significant changes in the business industry. Hence, the demand for a skilled workforce with knowledge of IT management processes has increased.

SEGi is determined to nurture a new generation of IT graduates who would be key players in the Digital Future. We offer innovative programmes and collaborate with some of the most prominent industry players, including Oracle, Huawei, the EC Council and Microsoft.

#### **In-demand Programmes and Qualifications**

SEGi equips IT graduates with the most advanced IT skills and qualifications, such as the Oracle Workforce Development Programme (WDP), Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) Certification, Microsoft IT Academy Programme, as well as a plethora of certification courses from Huawei University Teaching Lab, the Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP), Amazon Web Services (AWS), SAS Data Analytics and AutoCAD certifications.

#### Technology Advanced Teaching and Learning Experience

SEGi offers students easy-to-use tools known as Panapto and Blackboard Technology to aid subject revisions. For example, they could use the online platform to revisit past lectures and receive critical updates or information about their studies.

#### **Collaborations with Industry Leaders**

SEGI'S IT programmes enhance students' learning experiences and go beyond the classrooms to improve their skills and secure a rewarding career in the ICT industry. Keeping this in mind, SEGi has established strong links with key industry players from the ICT sector to provide students with valuable internship and job opportunities.

#### **Computer Labs with Latest Software**

SEGi provides state-of-the-art computer labs fully equipped with the latest software to ensure students get the most out of their learning experience with us.

# BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING

#### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

# NURTURING BUSINESS LEADERS IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Business and trade are the main drivers of the global economy. Hence, business and other related degrees are highly sought-after among students. Further, companies and organisations rely on business principles to succeed regardless of their work or field of expertise. In today's highly globalised and competitive job market, a business degree opens a world of opportunities for graduates. The Faculty of Business, Accounting, and Management is the oldest and most established in SEGi. It has a strong industry presence, and its learning modules are industry-driven and kept up to date with the constantly changing business world.

Our comprehensive approach to education aims to produce committed business leaders and thinkers who can respond to future challenges, adapt to global development and create a positive impact on society. The Faculty of Business, Accounting, and Management further enriches students' educational experience through various learning opportunities in and out of the classroom to help them get the most out of their studies. In addition, it creates an environment that encourages students' engagements through up to date and innovative learning approaches that reinforce their understanding of business theories and prepare them for their future employment.

#### Globally Recognised 3+0 and Double Degrees.

SEGi offers the most relevant business-related 3+0 UK degrees and Double Degrees in collaboration with our university partners.

#### **Innovative Computer Labs**

Our business and accounting students can access innovative computer labs to conduct research, data analyses, projects, and assignments.

#### **Respected Industry Advisors**

As an assurance that students receive a wholesome learning experience, we work closely with our industry partners to create opportunities to learn from the business and corporate experts through knowledge and experience sharing.

# ARTS & DESIGN

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

### INSPIRING CREATIVE ARTISTIC COMMUNICATIONS

SEGi treasures young talents and aims to support them in building successful careers by leveraging their creativity and innovation. This target is achieved by implementing a comprehensive approach by providing students with a conducive environment, topof-the-line facilities, freedom of creative expression, and a pool of supportive and committed academicians for a rich learning experience. The all-rounded support helps to inspire students' artistic creations.

We are dedicated to supporting students to develop the necessary skills – communication, problem-solving, ethical understanding, and studio-based techniques – to succeed in the industry upon graduation.

#### Industry Standard Photography Studio

Students can express their creativity through photography and learn this form of art firsthand in our Kota Damansara and Subang Jaya campuses, fully equipped with photography studios following industrial standards.

#### **Progressive Creative Arts Facilities**

SEGi campuses are furnished with professional facilities and equipment to cater to students' needs throughout their higher education journey. These facilities include stateof-the-art music rooms, green rooms, voice-over studios, broadcast studios and editing rooms. As a result, students gain actual hands-on experience while completing their coursework.

#### Walk of Fame

We have also created the "Walk of Fame" as a form of motivation for students to display their talents and inspire others. The platform is our way of appreciating our talented students and being proud of them.

#### **Reputable Academicians**

Our academic team has built a strong industry network through various professional engagements. Our lecturers have also served as jurors in fine art and design competitions.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

#### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

# A PIONEER IN TRAINING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Since 1998, SEGi has produced thousands of highly qualified and sought-after educators and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) practitioners, making it one of the most trusted providers of ECCE in the country. As a result, SEGi has achieved notable recognition and plays a key role in the industry. SEGi was appointed as the champion for ECCE training by PEMANDU in 2010 for the National Key Economic Area (NKEA) Entry Point Project 2. We also offer other specialisations for the teaching profession, like Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), Special Needs Education, and Guidance and Counselling.

#### Comprehensive Internship and Employment Opportunities

SEGi taps into its strong network of over 100 registered schools and learning institutions, thus providing our students with internships and employment opportunities.

#### UK Montessori Certification

SEGi College Subang Jaya offers the Montessori Apparatus Workshop and Integrating Montessori Practice (IMP) to equip our ECCE students with a competitive edge, knowledge and skills that come exclusively with the Montessori approach.

#### **Esteemed Industry Advisors**

We have partnered with advisors from the childcare and pre-school industry to improve and develop our ECCE programmes continuously. This approach is an assurance to give students a top-quality learning experience through the most relevant and valuable programmes. We were also the consultant of Citikids Care, established by Citibank for its employees' children. The corporate childcare facility was the first of its kind among the banking institutions in Malaysia.

#### **Global Partnerships with Reputable Universities**

SEGi works with some of the most prestigious universities in the United Kingdom to develop a knowledge-rich and industry-relevant curriculum for our collaborative and double degree programmes.

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# HOSPITALITY, TOURISM AND CULINARY ARTS

#### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

# INCULCATING 5-STAR HOSPITALITY STANDARDS

At SEGi, our Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts programmes are modelled upon the philosophy of structured workplace learning. Its teaching philosophy is centred on equipping students with the latest knowledge and skills in the hospitality, tourism, and culinary arts sectors to help them thrive in all aspects of their future workplace. Students from our Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts programmes are given extensive hands-on training to build up their practical experiences in preparation to enter the workforce upon graduation.

#### A Wide Range of Internship and Employment Opportunities

SEGi maintains close partnerships with more than 100 hotels to provide students with valuable internship opportunities. This strong network of affiliated partners also presents employment prospects to our graduates.

#### Structured Workplace Learning

In line with our philosophy of structured workplace learning, the immediate application of theory is required to ensure learning efficiency. After completing selected modules, students must apply their knowledge in practical sessions by organising an event relevant to the modules. Our Tourism students also participated in field trips to local and international tourism destinations to understand the industry and the programme syllabus.

#### Modern Facilities on a par with Industry Standards

Our campuses in Kota Damansara, Kuala Lumpur and Penang have top-notch facilities such as mock restaurants, housekeeping rooms, and fully functional kitchens to facilitate interactive training. This approach gives students insights into the demands and standards of their future careers.

#### **Reputable Memberships and Affiliations**

SEGi is a Gold Member of the Chefs Association of Malaysia (CAM) and the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS).

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#### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

# BUILDING GLOBAL Solutions With AI

Established in April 2019, the SEGi-MIMOS Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence is a collaborative research effort between the National Applied Research & Development (R&D) agency, MIMOS Bhd, and SEGi University. SEGi University and MIMOS established this collaboration to bridge the gap between basic research and technology development, where both parties work together in all R&D matters concerning Artificial Intelligence (AI).

SEGi offers higher education relevant to today's industry and the future. We are ready to innovate our education ecosystem to focus on the new Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR4.0) wave.

#### Public-Private Partnership

SEGi University's collaboration with MIMOS adds credibility to both parties to garner the necessary industry support to benefit students and society.

#### **Grooming Competent Professionals**

SEGi facilitates the development of highly skilled and competent human capital in Al for the country.

#### **Supporting National Policy**

The establishment of this Centre of Excellence aligns with the strategies outlined in Industry4WRD (the national policy on Industry 4.0) that are focused on building a solid pool of knowledgeable and skilled talents to contribute to the country's growth in Al.

#### GOING GLOBAL: UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

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# ENGAGING GLOBALLY

# WORLDWIDE: UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

SEGi partners with international universities of excellent reputation to offer a globalised learning experience for students. The programmes offered by our university partners are regulated by them regularly, thus ensuring the same quality of education that students will obtain at their home base.

#### **United Kingdom**

- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Greenwich
- University of Sunderland
- University of London
   International Programmes
- University of Hertfordshire

#### **United States of America**

Troy University

#### Australia

 Queensland University of Technology

#### Switzerland

Hospitality and Tourism
 Management Institute



Troy University is a comprehensive public university located in Troy, Alabama, United States of America. It was founded on 26 February 1887 as the Troy State Normal School within the Alabama State University System. It is the flagship university of Troy University System.

Troy University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS) to award associate, baccalaureate, master's education specialist, and doctoral degrees. Today, the university serves the educational needs of students in four Alabama campuses and sixty teaching sites in 17 US States and 11 countries.

It has more than 100,000 alumni representing all 50 states and numerous countries. Troy University is also known as Alabama's international university for its extensive international programmes attracting international students worldwide.



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# UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH



University of Greenwich (UOG) can trace its roots back to 1890, founded as Woolwich Polytechnic and later awarded university status in 1992. The university has a long history in education and has three campuses in southeast London and Kent within a progressive learning environment supported by modern and high-tech facilities.

Today, UOG offers 1,200 programmes, including some of the more popular law, nursing, business, and engineering programmes. The university has been acknowledged by the sector and its peers to be a silver-rated provider of higher education according to the 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

UOG is also the proud recipient of The Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education 2015, awarded for innovative research and development by Greenwich's Natural Resources Institute within the Faculty of Engineering & Science.

# UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND



University of Sunderland (UOS) has been providing higher education since 1901 and is proud to be an innovative, forward-thinking university with high teaching, research, and support standards. As a researchactive university, UOS aims to enhance students' learning experience and academic standing as a seat of higher learning and scholarships. Academic programmes are at the core of the university's commitment to producing well-rounded graduates. For instance, The Guardian ranks its Hospitality, Event Management & Tourism programme as 4th best in the country, while Nursing is ranked 5th best. Other highly rated majors in The Guardian league tables are Business, Management & Marketing, Accounting & Finance, Mechanical Engineering and Fashion & Textiles.



# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE

The University of Central Lancashire is one of the largest universities in the UK that hosts about 25,000 students. This public university, located in Preston, Lancashire, England, was founded as the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge in 1828 and attained university status in 1992.

Imbued with a celestial-sounding motto – "**Ex solo ad solem**", which translates as "From the Earth to the Sun", the vastness of the university's portfolio includes over 400 undergraduate programmes and 200 postgraduate courses.

Hailed for its high student satisfaction in the recent International Student Barometer survey, its impressive reputation as a regional economy powerhouse testifies over 1,000 students and graduates who have started a business or embarked on self-employment.





# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES)

The University of London is one of the most outstanding universities in the UK, consisting of 19 world-class colleges and 10 specialised institutes. Its reputation for high academic standards has been built on its colleges' excellent teaching and research since 1836.

For 153 years, the University of London degrees have been accessible to students worldwide through its international programmes. Today, the University of London International Programmes is genuinely global in character, with over 50,000 students in more than 190 countries.





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# UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

The University of Hertfordshire is a modern university based largely in Hatfield, in the county of Hertfordshire, about 35km north of London. Described as "the UK's leading business-facing university", Hertfordshire has more than 25,000 students enrolled from nearly 90 different countries.

# University of Hertfordshire

The University of Hertfordshire won the Guardian University Award for Student Experience in 2015, while 95.2% of University students are in work or further study six months after graduating.

The University has many close links with industry, and every British Formula One team has at least one Hertfordshire graduate Degrees in healthcare science and the pioneering paramedic science BSc make Hertfordshire a preferred provider for the NHS

in the east of England and the Universities Careers and Placements Service offers graduates lifelong support on employment and career development.

- 99th in the Times University Guide 2021
- 103rd in the Guardian University Guide 2021
- Gold ranking in the Government's Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) 2018
- Ranks 601-800 among world universities in Times Higher Education World University Rankings in 2019
- Top 50 "best UK universities chosen by major employers" for producing readyto-work graduates in Times Higher Education's 2015 ranking



# HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (HTMI)

HTMi, Hotel and Tourism Management Institute Switzerland is one of the Top 5 Swiss Hotel Schools, ranked 14 in the 2018 World QS Top University rankings in the area of Hospitality and Leisure Management. HTMi is a world leading education provider offering the Diploma in International Hotel and Tourism Management.

Over the next decade, the international hotel and tourism industry is forecast to maintain its position as the world's largest employer and the world's largest provider of management positions. HTMi's role is to prepare students for a management career in this, the most



exciting industry today. HTMi is supported by a worldwide network of international hotel companies, whose representatives regularly visit HTMi to recruit on campus. HTMi graduates can be found in the leading hotel companies worldwide

- One of the Top 5 Swiss Hotel Schools
  - Ranked 14 in the 2018 World QS Top University rankings in the area of Hospitality and Leisure Management
- 95% HTMi Graduates are employed within 3 months of graduation and work in the top 20% of Global hospitality companies

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# QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)



Queensland University of Technology (CUT) is one of Australia's leading universities with a truly global outlook and focus on providing students with practical, relevant skills they can apply in the real world

QUT offers hundreds of undergraduate and postgraduate study options that include extensive research programmes Our leading academics, stateof-the-art-teaching facilities and a focused approach to learning delivers real-world outcomes for students and graduates.

- Ranked 186th in QS World Ranking 2020
- Top Australian University under 50 in Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2020
- Times Higher Education World Ranking Top 190
- Qs World Ranking: Law 126-150

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#### **EXCELLENCE AT SEGi**



#### A Streak of Success for SEGi University

Two students and staff from our Faculty of Pharmacy achieved success in the 54<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Pharmacists Society (MPS) – National Pharmacists Convention (NPC). Ms. Chong Sue Chin, Ms. Wong Sze Ling, and Ms. Sze Wei Thing made us proud by clinching two of the convention's prestigious awards. The annual convention was held virtually from 8 to 11 July 2021 with the theme, 'Exploration, Inspiration & Transformation of Pharmacists'.

#### SEGian Wins MyPSA Poster Design Competition

SEGi University's Faculty of Pharmacy student, Ms. Lim Yu Ern, was named one of the winners of the Malaysian Pharmacy Students' Association (MyPSA)'s Poster Designing Competition: "What Should Be on A Prescription?"

The organiser picked Ms. Lim's submission as one of the top three posters. MyPSA's official Instagram page shared her poster on 3 August 2021 for social media voting. It was then voted the best-designed poster, as announced by MyPSA on their official social media pages on 5 August 2021.

#### SEGi University's Foundation Awards August 2021

SEGi University's Centre for Pre-U Studies and the Counselling Services of Student Affairs had co-organised and hosted the Foundation Awards, which was held virtually on 4 August 2021.

The awards presentation ceremony started with an opening address by Dr. Chiong Kai Shing, Head of the Centre for Pre-University Studies, followed by a welcome message by Prof. Azrin Esmady Ariffin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs.

The awards were presented to 30 achievers from Foundation in Arts and 18 achievers from Foundation in Science, while five students received the class representative appreciation awards.

#### SEGi University Students Passed Their International Contact Lens Examination With Flying Colours

17 students from Batch 15 of the Bachelor of Optometry programme completed their International Association of Contact Lens Educators' (IACLE) Student Trial Exam (STE) with an impressive 100% pass rate in the August 2021 exam sitting.

The STE is the student version of the actual exam that fellows undertake later in the year. These students were awarded their certificates in a virtual certificate presentation ceremony held on 30 September 2021.

#### **EXCELLENCE AT SEGi**



#### SEGi Group of Colleges CEO Wins Asia's Woman Leader Award

SEGi Group of Colleges is beyond proud that our CEO, Ms. Stella Lau Kah Wai, won Asia's Woman Leader Award by the World Woman Leadership Congress.

The prestigious award is given to outstanding leaders who have built a sustainable leadership pipeline, supported gender diversity and inclusion at work, promoted empowerment and social change, influenced policy and strategy, and managed optimal opportunities and resources.

# SEGi University Awarded QS 5 Stars Plus for Its Excellence and Diversity

In the QS World University Rankings 2022 published on 2 November 2021, SEGi University achieved the overall Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) 5 Stars Plus status for attaining QS 5 Stars rating in eight evaluations. The award is valid for three years, from years 2022 to 2024.

SEGi University scored 5 Stars ratings for the eight categories of Teaching, Internationalisation, Online Learning, Arts & Culture, Employability, Academic Development, Specialist Criteria: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), and Inclusiveness to reach the QS 5 Stars Plus benchmark.

#### Faculty of Dentistry Is the Top 7 Finalists of SEAADE's "Student Community Engagement Competition"

In early December 2021, SEGi University's Faculty of Dentistry was chosen as one of the top seven finalists to present in the "Student Community Engagement Competition" at the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southeast Asia Association for Dental Education (SEAADE) in Jakarta, Indonesia.



# SEGI's Dr. Rebecca Wong Named the World's Top 2% Scientists by Stanford University for Second Consecutive Year

Dr. Rebecca Wong Shin Yee, Professor of Physiology and Head of Preclinical Sciences at SEGi University's Faculty of Medicine, has been named among the World's Top 2% Scientists by Stanford University for the second consecutive year.

The prestigious list, published in October 2021, represents the top 2% of the world's most-cited scientists in various disciplines.



#### "Confucius' Hometown, Shandong's Hospitality" Themed Chinese New Year Celebration

Considering the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, was celebrated in compliance with preventative measures.

The Confucius Institute at SEGi University partnered with the Shandong Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism, China, to organise a virtual Chinese New Year event themed "Confucius' Hometown, Shandong's Hospitality" on 8 and 9 February 2021. Nearly 200 people attended the virtual event, which aimed to shed light on the culture and hospitality of Confucius' hometown, the Shandong Province in China.

# MARCH



#### Opening Ceremony of Online Chinese Class for Telekom Malaysia Employees by Confucius Institute at SEGi University

The Confucius Institute at SEGi University held the opening ceremony of "Online Chinese Class for Telekom Malaysia (TM) Employees" on 10 March 2021 at Menara TM in Kuala Lumpur.

According to TIARANITA (an organisation for female employees and employees' wives of TM) President Ms. Hasnita Hashim, more than 1,000 TM employees have signed up for the Online Chinese Class.

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# MARCH



#### PENJANA HRDF Programme for Societal Support in SEGi College Kuala Lumpur

The School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts of SEGi College Kuala Lumpur has partnered with several local training providers to establish the PENJANA HRDF programme. The objective is to empower vulnerable employees under the B40 group as they are most affected by the country's economic slowdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Workshops offered under this programme are designed to equip these employees with specific skills and knowledge involving internal and external expertise in hospitality, entrepreneurship, and digital marketing.



#### SEGi Inks MoA With CKL Group's School of Skills

SEGi College Subang Jaya has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with CKL Group's School of Skills (SoS). The collaboration will not only create a pathway for students from SoS to further their education but also open doors for both institutions to engage and exchange ideas as well as expertise.

In addition to offering exclusive fees to SoS students, SEGi will provide an academic pathway in Diploma and Bachelor's Degree levels with the University of Sunderland, United Kingdom.

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#### SEGi Inks MoU With realme Malaysia

SEGi Group of Colleges formalised its collaboration with realme Malaysia by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 20 April 2021. SEGi strives to produce industry-relevant graduates through this partnership by bringing the industry into the classroom. In addition to interacting and working with key industry players, the students will have access to advanced laboratories and workshops with essential tools to develop their skills.



#### SEGi on Radio BFM: The Business Station

Group CEO and Executive Director of SEG International Bhd, Professor Hew Moi Lan, was interviewed by BFM Radio: The Business Station. In the interview, Professor Hew discussed how an institution, especially an education group, adapts to a challenging operating environment – a market that has become oversaturated since the pandemic hit.

#### **EVENTS** HIGHLIGHTS

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many of us facing challenges that can be stressful and cause solid and negative emotions. The Counselling Services of Student Affairs has organised a peer discussion group to allow students to engage by learning and reflecting on each other's experiences.

On 16 July 2021, Registered Counsellor Ms. Hana from the Counselling Services of Student Affairs) facilitated a discussion on the "7 Types of Love According to Psychologists". It was an exciting and fruitful session as the participants learned about several types of love, not just the typical boy-girl relationships portrayed by the media.

### **SEPTEMBER**

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#### PENJANA - MOHE "Career Advancement Programme"

SEGi University, through the PENJANA – Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) "Career Advancement Programme", offered Malaysian graduates in the field of Engineering or Information Technology free-of-charge competency programmes. The programmes were carried out from 1 to 30 September 2021.

Supporting Each Other

#### OCTOBER



#### SEGi University at APCCSID 2021

SEGi University proudly partnered with University Malaya, IBE-UNESCO, Association of Professional in Curriculum and Educational Instruction Malavsia (APROCEI). and Asia Pacific Research Association on Curriculum Studies Inc. (APRACSI) in hosting the Asia Pacific Conference on Curriculum Studies and Instructional Designing (APCCSID 2021).

This year's conference carried the theme of "Curriculum and Instructional Design for Sustainable Development".

# OCTOBER



#### Mental Health Awareness Campaign: A Better You

In conjunction with the World Mental Health Awareness Month, observed in October, the Mental Health Students and ChalkZone Academia Club organised a Mental Health Talk via Zoom Live.

Three esteemed speakers were invited to the talk. Ms. Nurhijjah Mat Zin, a Registered Counsellor and a Mental Health First Aid Malaysia Instructor from the Malaysian Mental Health Association, presented "Managing Mental Health During the Pandemic". Meanwhile, Ms. Nora Elina Khalit, a Certified Life Coach, NLP Master Practitioner, and founder of MindScout Academy, spoke on "Tips for Transitioning to the New Normal". The third speaker was Dr. Lee Dan Huey, a psychiatrist from LohGuanLye Specialists Centre, Penang (USM), who shared her experiences dealing with psychosis patients, the early symptoms, causes, and risk factors.





Student Intellectual Discourse: "Online Learning – Trends, Challenges and the New Normal"

In collaboration with the Peer Counsellors Group and ChalkZone Academia, the Counselling Services of Student Affairs had organised the 15th Student Intellectual Discourse "Online Learning – Trends, Challenges and The New Normal" via Zoom Meeting.

The meeting comprised three student speakers – Mr. Sultana Hamad Ali Yumen and Mr. Muntaqim Merican from the Faculty of Business, Social Science & Hospitality Management; Mr. Jessica Priya Joseph from the Faculty of Education, Languages and Psychology; and special guest speaker Mr. Surenthiran Pillai, a Registered Counsellor, Perkama International Life Member, and certified Laughter Yoga Leader.

# NOVEMBER



#### Swearing-in Ceremony for 2021/2022 Students' Representative Council (SRC)

As per the Constitution of having names nominated by respective students and faculties, the 2021/2022 selection of SRC was made.

All nominations were closed by 10 August 2021, and nominees were given time to campaign before polling day on 18 August 2021. The voting was opened virtually to SEGians local and abroad on 6 October 2021.

# NOVEMBER



#### Confucius Institute at SEGi University Organises the 5th "One Belt One Road" Online Forum

The Confucius Institute at SEGi University held the 5th "One Belt One Road" Online Forum, themed "Challenges and Opportunities for Chinese Language Education Amid the Pandemic" on 20 November 2021.

Attendees include Associate Professor Norman Chu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Finance & Corporate Development) of SEGi University, Ms. Guo Jianchun, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Hainan Normal University, and 119 Chinese language teachers and experts from China and ASEAN countries.

# DECEMBER



#### SEGi's Newest Partner in Immersive Education

SEGi Group of Colleges joined forces with MAMEE-Double Decker (M) Sdn Bhd (MAMEE) as part of their immersive learning experience initiative.

This collaboration promises to give SEGi students a thorough understanding of the industry as it is experienced in the workplace, an excellent supplement to SEGi's already comprehensive programmes within the classroom.

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#### Something Big and Real Is Happening at SEGi College Subang Jaya

SEGi College Subang Jaya and realme Malaysia joined hands in co-creating a brand-new student experience to welcome SEGians back to the campus by launching the realme Corner and the first-ever realme Artificial Intelligence of Things (AloT) Vending Machine.

The realme Corner is situated in the student's lounge and will serve as a hub for students and staff to relax, network and interact using realme's range of AloT devices.



# SEGi Hosts Inaugural Malaysia-China Intervarsity Chinese Debate Competition

SEGi University held an online opening ceremony for the inaugural Malaysia-China Intervarsity Chinese Debate Competition 2021/2022. SEGi University jointly organised the debate competition with the Confucius Institute at SEGi University and Hainan Normal University.

In addition, Confucius Institute at University Malaya, Confucius Institute Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Confucius Institute Universiti Malaysia Sabah, and Confucius Institute at University College of Technology Sarawak were co-organisers. SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

# OVERVIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY

SEGi recognises that sustainability is an ongoing and evolving practice in creating long term business value. We will continue assessing our efforts to promote sustainability and better position ourselves to achieve growth. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Group continues to establish our strategies to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic.

#### Scope of Reporting

In 2021, we conducted a thorough and detailed analysis of our key stakeholders, along with the areas of concern. As not all material sustainability matters are of equal importance, our sustainability reporting, inter alia, focuses on the material sustainability matters that concern our top five major stakeholders, namely, Students, Shareholders, Employees, Regulatory Bodies and the Community, are of high importance to our business. SEGi will continue establishing baseline performance measures to improve the Group's sustainability efforts.

SEGi Sustainability initiatives that have taken place for the year 2021 is grouped under the Economic, Environment and Social clusters as indicated.



#### **Reporting Period and Boundary**

In terms of considering the scope for sustainability, we have set the following parameters during the financial year under review:

- 1 Reporting Cycle: From 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.
- 2. Geographical location: Within Malaysia where the Group's core business and operations are located, specifically within our campuses and the local area and community surrounding our campuses located in Klang Valley, Penang and Sarawak.

We are proud to announce that SEGi is also taking steps to respond to the Sustainable Development Goals moving forward, and will report the relevant initiatives in the future.

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#### **Basis of the Statement**

This Statement was prepared in accordance with the MMLR. As SEGi recognises the importance of sustainability as a key driver for long-term business growth, we remain committed to operating in a responsible and sustainable manner. The Board believes that, in the course of doing so, it will provide enhanced value to the stakeholders.

#### **Governance Structure**

SEGi recognises the importance of sustainability as a key driver for long-term business growth and persistently reinforces sustainability to be embedded across the Group's business strategies and operations. SEGi remains committed to operating in a responsible and sustainable manner as sustainability is an ongoing pledge by the Group and its leadership. SEGi will also continue to emphasise responsible and sustainable practices in its business operations. The Board believes that, in the course of doing so, it will provide enhanced value to the stakeholders.

In SEGi, while the Board is primarily responsible for the Group's sustainability efforts, it is assisted by the Sustainability Committee. The Committee comprises representatives from various departments of SEGi University and SEGi Group of Colleges ("SGC"), and is currently led by our Group Chief Executive Officer, Professor Hew Moi Lan.

The Sustainability Committee is tasked with considering and evaluating:

How the Group's operations impact various stakeholders. The adequacy and effectiveness of sustainability initiatives and processes. How these initiatives and processes could be improved to support our long-term business growth.

The Committee also monitors and manages all sustainability strategies and initiatives of the Group.

The Committee meets at least four times annually. It makes recommendations to the Board periodically to facilitate decisions regarding sustainability initiatives and policy decisions that can the Group can undertake. Senior Management is responsible for executing the sustainability initiatives and strategies once adopted.

#### MATERIAL METHODOLOGY

During the financial year, and being part of our ongoing efforts, the Committee continued assessing the Group's economic, environmental and social risks and opportunities. The Group will undergo the materiality assessment to identify and assess the relative importance of specific environmental, social and governance ("ESG") issues that may potentially impact our business and/or our stakeholders. As a result of this analysis, the Board believes that it will enable the Group to create its long-term ESG strategy and targets and find the best strategies resulting from the process.

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# **SUSTAINABILITY**

#### The materiality process comprises four key steps:

SEGi believes that the principles and actions to promote sustainability should be embedded across the Group's operations and initiatives. SEGi is committed to operate in a responsible and sustainable manner. It will continue to emphasise on sustainable and responsible practices in its business operations, and the Board believes that, in the course of doing so, it will enhance value for its stakeholders. (AL Rpt 2018)

#### Sustainability Strategy

A sustainability strategy is a prioritised set of actions, providing an agreed framework to focus investment and drive performance, as well as engage internal and external stakeholders. SEGi University & Colleges is committed to grooming excellence in the nation's human capital. We focus on innovation for growth in our products, services and new business models that can provide revenue streams through meeting environmental and social needs. We provide holistic learning experience that brings out the best in our students, gearing towards full student employability with an industry-relevant curriculum.

SEGi enhances its reputation and brand through striving to achieve outstanding recognised local and international awards. Sustainability plays a fundamental role in driving our value creation process. It enables us to develop a deep understanding of value drivers crucial to supporting business resilience and creating positive impacts on our stakeholders. SEGi transforms our campuses to be environmentally friendly, which helps to reduce energy waste and inefficiencies.

#### Stakeholder Engagement



#### WHY WE ENGAGE

Our students play an integral part in our business growth. In order to deliver quality education, we need to understand their expectations which will, in turn, build student goodwill.

ENGAGEMENT	PLATFORM FREQUENCY	KEY CONCERNS
<ul> <li>Climate Survey</li> <li>Survey on current issues</li> <li>Student Staff Consultative Committee</li> <li>Lecturer's delivery feedback survey</li> <li>Instant Messaging – WhatsApp Groups</li> <li>Facebook and Instagram</li> <li>Student Representative Council (SRC)</li> <li>SEGi Connect</li> <li>Net Promoter Score Survey</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Once a year</li> <li>As and when needed</li> <li>Twice a year</li> <li>Quarterly</li> <li>Every Semester</li> <li>Several times a week</li> <li>Monthly</li> <li>Initiated by students as and when needed</li> <li>After every service transaction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Concerns about COVID-19, SOPs and borders opening</li> <li>Internet accessibility in student's home country</li> <li>Access to laboratory facilities</li> <li>Time zone differences for class delivery</li> <li>Internship</li> <li>Graduate on time</li> </ul>

#### RESPONSE

- Online delivery policy developed to standardise the teaching methodology using virtual platforms.
- Induction programme designed to ensure students' smooth transition into virtual campus life.
- Classes are scheduled to ensure inclusion and equity in learning, and gaps were identified to be delivered physically and ensure students can graduate on time.
- Lectures were recorded and uploaded to the SEGi learning platform for students to access at their convenience, and chats were established to improve student engagement
- Special software acquired to allow students to use the computer laboratory remotely.
- Students requiring practicals were allowed to return to campus under strict SOP issued by the Ministry of Higher Education.
- Internship converted to project based on guidelines provided by regulatory bodies during MCO and CMCO period.
- Facebook, Instagram, SEGi student emails, WhatsApp, SEGi Connect among others were used to provide students with updates and feedback to their concerns

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#### WHY WE ENGAGE

The Group always works closely with our stakeholders to comprehend and complement their expectations and requirements. This approach will enable us to prioritise and better manage their concerns as well as needs, and improve our business operations and standing

ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM	FREQUENCY	KEY CONCERNS
<ul> <li>Exco and Board meetings (for Major Shareholders)</li> <li>Annual General Meeting (for Public Shareholders)</li> <li>Annual Review (For Bankers)</li> <li>Active Engagements with Bankers</li> <li>Quarterly Inspection (for Landlord)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monthly</li> <li>Once a year in the AGM</li> <li>Annually</li> <li>Periodically</li> <li>Quarterly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on our business</li> <li>Improved communication and relationship</li> <li>Improved communication and relationship</li> <li>Financial health, solvency and covenants compliance</li> <li>CFO accessibility</li> <li>Care for the campuses</li> <li>Third-party reporting</li> </ul>

#### RESPONSE

- For major shareholders, hybrid and zoom meetings were organised to enable the Exco and Board to continue engaging without interruption during the pandemic and discuss business plans and strategy.
- For public shareholders, the 1st virtual AGM was conducted in 2021 via live streaming and online remote voting using the Remote Participation and Voting Facilities.
- For Bankers, our Finance team has regularly kept in touch with the main bankers and contacted them when issues arise.
- For Landlord, despite the MCO, quarterly inspections were carried out by AmanahRaya's appointed valuer.


EMPLOYEES

#### WHY WE ENGAGE

Improving your workplace and culture to be connected and dedicated to your company's goals and values is essential. Employee engagement is based on trust, integrity, and communication between an organisation and staff to ensure they are happy and excited to work for the company.

ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM	FREQUENCY	KEY CONCERNS
<ul> <li>Employer Engagement Survey</li> <li>iLearn Hub</li> <li>Performance Management</li> <li>Quarterly In-House Training Calendar</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annually</li> <li>Day-to-day</li> <li>Annually</li> <li>Quarterly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>eLearning initiatives</li> <li>To measure progress</li> <li>Continuous development</li> </ul>
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### COMMUNITY

#### WHY WE ENGAGE

Community engagement represents one of the core functions of a modern university, which is to give academic, physical and emotional support for the well being of the community where the university is located. The university serves the community it exists within and provides the intellectual hub as a centre of reference for that community.

ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM	FREQUENCY	KEY CONCERNS
<ul> <li>Projects by Student Volunteer Group</li> <li>Activities by Student Clubs/Societies</li> <li>Projects as part of Compulsory subjects mandated by MOHE</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Every semester</li><li>Every semester</li><li>Every semester</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Education</li> <li>Clinical services</li> <li>Charity</li> <li>Fund raising</li> </ul>
RESPONSE		
The acceptance of various projects aimed at th extended gesture and the benefits they have de	e community through the platforms above has be rived from the community projects.	een overwhelming, showing appreciation of th



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SEGi Flood Relief at Hulu Langat 2021



#### REGULATORY

#### WHY WE ENGAGE

The education sector in Malaysia is regulated by the Ministry of Higher Education, the Malaysian Qualifications Agency, and professional bodies. We have to ensure we must obtain approvals and recognition from these regulatory bodies to ensure our graduates are competitive in the job market.

ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM	FREQUENCY	KEY CONCERNS
<ul> <li>Dialogues</li> <li>Events</li> <li>Websites</li> <li>News release</li> <li>Accreditation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Constantly</li> <li>Constantly</li> <li>Constantly</li> <li>Constantly</li> <li>Constantly</li> <li>Constantly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To be updated on the latest rules and regulations</li> <li>Ensure students graduate from accredited programmes</li> <li>Visa for international students</li> </ul>
RESPONSE		

• Regularly attend all the dialogues and events organised by the regulatory bodies.

• Regulatory websites and news released are frequently checked by us to ensure SEGi is updated on the latest information

• Detail self accreditation is carried out to ensure the regulatory bodies accredit all of SEGi's programmes.



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# **KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS**

#### **Innovation and Product Development**

SEGI's academic team constantly find means to reach out to students from all walks of life by stepping outside the box. We continuously challenge our teaching methods and strategies to ensure learners are successful and meet the industry demands. In 2021, the team developed flexible programmes for learners from all demographics and within the Malaysian regulatory framework.

#### 1. Established Research Centres



#### 2. Publications from Research Centres





3. 834 Micro-Credential Courses Launched in 2021



- 4. 16 MOOC Executive Programmes launced in 2021
  - Computing
  - Computer Network
  - Software Engineering
  - Business System Design
  - Global Business
  - Digital Marketing
  - Financial Management
  - Human Capital Management

- Educational Studies
- Special & Inclusive Education
- English Language Teaching
- Early Childhood Curriculum & Pedagogy
- Digital Advertising
- Digital Broadcasting
- Hospitality & Event Management
- Food Service & Convention Management

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#### 5. 13 New Programmes Launched in 2021



6. Diploma in Early Childhood Education APEL.Q provision approved in 2021 for in-service teachers to gain a qualification with their work experience – a Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA) initiative



### Student Relationship Management

#### HOW DID WE CREATE VALUE

#### 1. Ongoing Student Engagement & Dialogue

Despite travel restrictions that affected the international and domestic market due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the team continued to engage with students through virtual meetings and webinars.

#### 2. Partnerships & Collaborations

Industry and academic partnerships are essential for SEGi students and graduates. These partnerships enable students to access the industry for internships and employment. In addition, the students are updated on the latest trends and technology in the relevant sector. SEGi continued to engage the industry and academic advisers through virtual meetings and organised webinars for students to attend during the MCO period.

#### 3. Student Complaint Management

All cases of student complaints are dealt with using standard workflows, including direct engagement with the concerned departments, which the students have groused on, whilst keeping the respective heads informed of the situation. Prolonged complaints that have escalated would be attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs, by directly engaging with the respective heads.

#### 4. Climate Survey on Students' General Satisfaction







## Training and Capacity Building

#### HOW DID WE CREATE VALUE?

#### 1. Training and Development

Employee training and development can help employees become better at their jobs and overcome performance gaps due to a lack of knowledge or skills. This approach can help the team be more productive and obtain improved business outcomes, leading to a competitive advantage over other companies. Besides, training can help the employees be more innovative and agile in responding to change and help with necessary upskilling and reskilling to help the University ensure that their initiatives meet their current needs.

#### 2. Talent Management

The program is determined to help identify high-performing employees and help them develop the knowledge and skills required to advance into more senior roles. This will also help the employee step out of their comfort zone to take on more challenging assignments to gain more experience for personal growth.

#### WHAT WERE THE ACHIEVEMENTS?





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A leadership training session

#### **TYPES OF TRAINING 2021**





There are many types of employee training and development. In high performing organisations. Training and development initiatives are based on organisational needs, the target audience for the initiative, and the type of knowledge or skill that learners are expected to obtain. Some of the most common types of employee training and development include Technical skills, Hard Skills, Soft skills, Leadership skills, Teaching & Learning Approaches & Research Development. Every year, new sets of of Training plans will be compiled based on the gaps identified by the Head of the Department. This is to evolve and align with the organisation's direction and enhance the employees' competencies.

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# CONTRIBUTING TO THE GREEN AGENDA

### Environmental Stewardship

#### HOW DID WE CREATE VALUE

SEGi University in being a good global citizen is transforming the university as an environmentally friendly campus. To support this strategic direction, the University is ISO1401:2015 Certified by ABS Quality Evaluations since 2018. The University has been successfully maintaining the certification with no non-conformity during the annual surveillance audit.

#### **Energy Management**

- ✓ Solar power initiative
- ✓ Installation of timers to all classrooms
- $\checkmark$  Create sustainability awareness among staff and students

#### Water Management

- ✓ Install flush volume reduction cistern WC
- ✓ Install rainwater harvest system
- ✓ Educate staff and students on benefits of water savings

#### Waste & Resource Management

- ✓ Paperless Campaign
- ✓ Reduce Pollution Campaign
- ✓ Recycle Campaign
- ✓ Schedule Waste Management



The launching of Earth Day at SEGi University by celebrities – releasing of pigeons



#### SUSTAINABILITY

# Tracer Study results for Employment Rate of Graduates

# 76% 79% 2019 2020 72% 2021

2. Student Employability

(2019 - 2021)

# **EMPOWERING PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES**

1. Graduate Employment Readiness (GER) Programme Graduate Employment Readiness Programme (GER) was implemented in Year 2018 to prepare graduates for gainful employment by

- Seeking partnership with selected industries.
- Obtaining from selected industries exclusive access to their recruitment resources.
- Providing in-house "soft skills" training in preparing students for both internship placement and employment



### **Community Outreach**

#### Social Responsibility Projects 1.

SEGi University & Colleges continually engage with the community through various student-related projects that aim to benefit the surrounding communities. The engagement methods have been mainly through activities of student volunteer groups, clubs & societies. The respective schools/faculties also provide community-based projects as part of their delivery of the MPU subjects mandated by the Ministry of Higher Education. The key areas encompassed within all of these community-based projects include: Education, Clinical Services, Charity and Fund Raising.



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#### 2. Immunization Program

SEGi University, Faculty of Medicine participated in the National COVID-19 Immunization Program (Program Immunisasi Kebangsaan COVID-19:PICK). The University participated in two categories, as a Pusat Pemberian Vaksin General Practitioner (PPV GP) and Pusat Pemberian Vaksin Industri (PPV in).

The Klinik Medical SEGi at Kota Damansara started operating as a PPV GP to administer first and second doses from 22 June until 19 August, 2021. The PPV was operated by the clinic doctor, nurse and lecturers and support staff from the Faculty of Medicine. It reopened for the booster dose from 24 November 2022 to 15 February 2022.

SEGi Faculty of Medicine at Sibu planned and administered the first and second doses between 28 June 2021 and 1 September 2021. The team was led by the Dean and comprised lecturers, support staff, students and complimented by retired doctors, retired nurses and paramedics. Besides providing the services from UCTS, the team also extended mobile services to the oil palm estates in Sibu, Mukah and Lundu areas.

Both the PPV GP and PPV in administered 69,622 vaccinations.

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PPV GP	555	1110
PPV in (SIBU)	46746	21211
TOTAL	47301	22321

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 Weile vaccination at plantation site in interior Sarawak



Staffs and students at registration counter in PPVIN SEGi UCTS

Closing ceremony

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Constant clearning of the campus



Gathering of SEGians at fountain area during fire drills



Students being briefed on safety before lab sessions

# Workplace & Occupational Safety & Health (OSH)

#### 1. COVID-19 Management

Only fully vaccinated persons against the COVID-19 virus are allowed on campus. Entry is granted after MySejahtera scanning. Staff and students who are not well are discouraged from coming to campus.

The Ministry of Higher Education is informed of COVID-19 cases among staff and students. SEGians in this predicament are asked to register their status to MySejahtera and provide a screenshot of the report stating their quarantine duration. All close contacts are traced and advised according to the Ministry of Health's protocol on handling close contacts. Besides this, areas which the COVID-19 positive SEGian visited will be closed off until sanitisation is done. However, sanitisation is only required within 24 hours of occurrence. The area will be thoroughly cleaned if it exceeds 24 hours.

The campus is constantly cleaned using solutions approved by the Ministry of Health. Posters are placed all around campus as reminders to follow the SOPs.

#### 2. Fire Safety

All fire fighting equipment and fire safety are constantly checked and updated. Trainings and drills are conducted to create awareness among SEGians on what to do in emergencies. Bomba comes for inspection once a year and renews the Fire Certificate.

#### 3. Lift Safety

Permit Mesin Angkat, which certifies the safety of all lifts, are renewed every 15 months after passing the inspection of officers from the Department of Safety and Health under the Ministry of Human Resources.

#### 4. Prevention of Accidents

Campus grounds are inspected periodically to identify hazardous areas or acts. Besides, all accidents and incidents that occur are reported.



All students are required to put on safety gears when handling hazardous materials

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# STRENGHTENING ETHICS & INTEGRITY

### **Risk Management**

An effective governance structure and risk management system form the backbone of our business operations. Accordingly, the Group adopted the "Three Lines of Defence" model for the risk management and internal control system, which the details of the same are set out in our Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control.

The Group incorporates various key governance measures, including the review and approval of Strategic and Risk Management Plans by the Risk Management Committee and Board of Directors. The Group will undertake the necessary risk assessment to identify and mitigate significant risks affecting our business operations to minimise the high risk of failure. We also review the adequacy of the insurance coverage of our business operations to safeguard against potential threats.

Certain departmental heads are involved in identifying and mitigating sustainability risks across all areas of our operations. The Group's Internal Audit function oversees the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management framework while monitoring compliance with policies and procedures.

### Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption (ABAC) and Whistle-Blowing Policies

The Group is committed to conducting its business honestly and ethically and to acting in good faith. A Working Committee was set up to develop the Group's ABAC Policy and review its gap analysis. The Board has formalised the ABAC Policy and reviewed the relevant procedures to ensure SEGi complies with the requirements of Section 17A of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (Amendment) Act 2018 ("MACC Act").

E-Learning and Awareness Assessment on Code of Conduct ("the Codes") and ABAC Compliance were rolled out to all staff to create a culture of compliance and awareness on the ABAC as well as the principles and value of the Codes that SEGi uphold. Group Human Resources will continue with the relevant training and compliance assessment for all employees.

The employees could also raise their genuine concerns about the possible improprieties, fraudulent acts and other malpractices via the whistleblowing channel.

The ABAC and Whistle-Blowing Policies are revised as and when required to ensure their effectiveness in addressing potential fraud and corruption risks. The Policies are available on the Company's website.

The Board of Directors recognises the importance of practising high standards of corporate governance within the Group. The Board believes that sound corporate governance practices are essential for delivering sustainable value, enhancing business integrity, maintaining investors' confidence and achieving the Group's corporate objectives and vision. The Board will continuously evaluate and enhance the Group's corporate governance practices and procedures, and take guidance from the key principles as set out in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG") as well as the relevant provisions of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements ("Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements").

The Board of Directors of the Company is pleased to provide the following statement together with the Corporate Governance Report 2021 of the Company ("CG Report"). This statement is to be read together with the CG Report which reports the manner in which the Group has applied the key principles of good governance and the extent to which it has observed the corporate governance practices. Where there are gaps in the Company's observation of any of the principles and best practices, the necessary explanations were disclosed for the departure, and the alternative practices it has adopted and how such alternative practices achieve the intended outcome as set out in the MCCG. A copy of the CG Report is available on the Company's website, https://segi.investor.net.my/annual-report-2021/.

#### PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS

#### I. Board Roles and Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the overall corporate governance of the Group, including its strategic direction, establishing goals for management, monitoring the achievement of these goals and overseeing the investments of the Group. The Executive Committee ("Exco") reviews and deliberates on the business and strategic plan, the opportunities and threats arising each month and oversees the business conduct of the Group. Any issue arising will be tabled to the Board for decision, if necessary. The Exco also monitors the budget monthly and the action plans, if any, to rectify the overrun. The Board is mindful of its responsibilities to the shareholders and stakeholders for creating and delivering sustainable value in contributing to the goal of a knowledge-oriented society and long-term success of the Group.

The primary role of the Board is to provide effective governance over the Group's affairs to ensure the interests of shareholders are protected and the confidence of the investors are maintained whilst having regard for the interests of all stakeholders including customers, employees, suppliers and local communities. The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of the Company on behalf of the shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable.

The Board's key responsibilities are to:

- · oversee the overall strategic plan and performance of the Group's businesses and develop initiatives for profit and asset growth;
- oversee, evaluate and monitor the conduct of the businesses of the Group and their corporate strategies;
- approve and monitor financial and other reporting as required;
- ensure appropriate risk management framework, internal control systems, code of conduct and compliance frameworks are in place and operating effectively and efficiently;
- assess and approve major capital expenditure, acquisitions and divestments;
- ensure the effectiveness of the succession planning of the Group, in particular, the grooming of talents for senior management positions and the progress of the talent pool under the talent management programme;
- ensure that the Board continues to have the blend of skills, experience and attributes appropriate for the Company and its Group's businesses and to this end ensure that appropriate Directors are selected and appointed as required; and
- · develop and implement an effective communication channel between the Board, shareholders and the general public.

The Board delegated certain responsibilities to the Board Committees as described below with clearly defined terms of reference and the Board receives reports of their proceedings and deliberations. Where committees have no authority to make decisions on matters reserved for the Board, recommendations would be highlighted for the Board's approval. The chairmen of the various committees report the outcome of the committee meetings to the Board, and the minutes of the various committees are enclosed in the board papers at the following Board meetings. There is a clear division of functions between the Board and the management to ensure that no single individual or group dominates the decision-making process.



#### Separation of positions of the Chairman and Managing Director

The strong independent element of the Board has ensured a balance of power and authority. The clear division of roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and Group Managing Director has further enhanced the existing balance of power and authority.

The Chairman, Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas, is an Independent Non-Executive Director. He is responsible for ensuring the Board's effectiveness and conduct as well as enhancing the Group's corporate governance practices, whilst the Group Managing Director, Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok, has overall responsibility for the operating units, organisational effectiveness and implementation of the Board's policies and decisions. He is responsible for providing the vision and strategic direction of the Group and to formulate appropriate corporate strategies and develop the business.

The Board therefore believes that a balance of power and authority exists within its current structure to sufficiently enable it to discharge its duties objectively. The Board delegates to the Group Managing Director the implementation of the Group's strategic plan, policies and decisions adopted by the Board to achieve the Group's objective of creating long term value for its shareholders.

#### I. Board Roles and Responsibilities (Cont'd)

#### Code of Conduct ("the Code")

The Board adopted the Code with the aim of emphasising the Company's commitment to ethics and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, setting forth basic standards of ethical behaviour within the Group. The Code sets out rules of behaviour that Directors, officers and employees are expected to adopt when performing their duties, which include but are not limited to the following:

- · complying with legislation, regulatory and Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements;
- acting in the best interest of the Group;
- acting honestly and with integrity;
- being accountable and responsible; and
- recognising the importance of corporate responsibility.

The Code will be reviewed and updated regularly to meet SEGi's needs and to address the changing conditions of the Company. The Code is available on the Company's website.

#### Whistle-Blowing Policy

The Board established a whistle-blowing policy to provide an avenue for employees, suppliers and stakeholders to report genuine concerns relating to any malpractice or improper conduct related to the Group's businesses. Any whistle-blower acting in good faith is protected from retaliation for raising such allegations. Procedures are in place for investigations and appropriate follow-up actions.

The summary of the whistle-blowing policy is available on the Company's website.

#### **Promoting Sustainability**

The Board recognises the importance of sustainability and its increasing impact to the business. SEGi believes that the principles and actions to promote sustainability should be embedded across the Group in all aspects of the Group's operations and other activities. The impact on environmental, social and governance aspects should be taken into consideration in conducting the business. The Board is committed towards implementing sustainable practices in order to achieve the right balance between the needs of the community and the requirements of shareholders, and other stakeholders within the Group. The Group has actively integrated corporate responsibility initiatives as part of our business operations. Our policy and commitment to sustainability is in our Sustainability Policy which is available on the Company's website.

Further information on the Group's sustainability practices are set out in the Sustainability Statement in this annual report.

#### Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy

The Board has formalised the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy to promote the practice of ethical business dealings and to strengthen controls to minimise the risk of corruption and bribery in the Group's activities. The policy sets out the parameters to prevent and mitigate the occurrence of bribery and corrupt practices and to provide information and guidance to all employees, Directors and associated third parties on how to recognise and deal with bribery and corruption issues. SEGi is committed to conducting its business with honesty and integrity, avoiding practices of bribery and corruption in the conduct of the Group's daily operations and business.

SEGi believes that it is in the best interests of the Company to preserve long-term value to shareholders by conducting its business free from corruption and in accordance with the highest principles of integrity.

The Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy is available on the Company's website.

#### I. Board Roles and Responsibilities (Cont'd)

#### Access to Information and Advice

The Board recognises that the decision-making process is highly dependent on the quality of information furnished. At SEGi, every Director has access to all information within the Group. The Board maintains a direct line of communication with Senior Management.

All Directors are provided with Board meeting materials containing information relevant to the business of the meeting, which include but not limited to minutes of the previous meeting, minutes of the Board Committees' meetings, Directors' circular resolutions passed, quarterly results or annual financial statements, any acquisition and disposal proposals, updates from the Bursa Securities, Companies Commission of Malaysia and any other relevant regulatory bodies, related party transactions, report on Director's dealings in securities and changes on their directorships, if any. The agenda of the meetings and meeting materials are provided prior to each meeting so that the Directors are accorded sufficient time to appraise the proposals or information.

Directors are allowed to either participate in person or through other communication channels, such as zoom or tele-conferencing. Certain senior management are invited to participate in the Board meetings to enable all Board members to have equal access to the latest updates and developments of business operations of the Group. The chairmen of the Board Committees also brief the Board on matters discussed as well as decisions taken at the meetings of their respective Board Committee meetings.

The Board has unrestricted access to all information pertaining to the Group's affairs and the services of the Company Secretaries. If necessary, the Directors are at liberty to seek independent professional advice on matters relating to the fulfilment of their roles and responsibilities at the Company's expense to enable them to discharge their duties effectively.

#### **Company Secretaries**

The Company Secretaries advise and support the Board on matters in relation to corporate governance, compliance with laws, rules, procedures and regulatory requirements. The Company Secretaries are responsible to the Board for the administration of the Board and in ensuring that the Board carries out its roles and responsibilities in accordance with the Company's Constitution, corporate policies and procedures as well as the applicable laws and regulations. The Company Secretaries also assist the Board in organising and facilitating the on-boarding session for newly appointed Directors and making arrangements for their professional development and training.

The Board recognises that the Company Secretaries are suitably qualified and capable of carrying out the duties required. The Board is satisfied with the services and support rendered by the Company Secretaries in discharging their functions and duties.

The Company Secretaries attend the Board and Board Committee meetings and ensure all meetings are properly convened, and the records of proceedings are duly recorded and maintained in the statutory registers of the Company. The Board is updated by the Company Secretaries on matters requiring follow-up or implementation, as well as the regulatory changes and development in corporate governance, if any.

#### **Board Charter**

The Board adopted its Board Charter in 2012 to set out the roles, functions and composition of the Board and to ensure that all Board members acting on behalf of the Company are aware of their duties and responsibilities as Board members.

The Board Charter is reviewed periodically to ensure it remains relevant and is in line with the current standards of corporate governance. The Board Charter is available on the Company's website.

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#### II. Board Composition

The Board recognises the benefits of having a diverse Board to ensure decisions are made objectively, taking into account diverse perspectives and insights. The Board members comprise high calibre individuals who are professionals in their respective fields. They, with their different backgrounds and specialisations, collectively bring with them a wide range of experience and expertise primarily in legal, business, financial and academic fields. The mixture of skills and experience is vital to add value in the strategic directions of the Group and ensuring the Group continues to be a competitive leader in the education industry. A brief profile of each Director is set out in the Directors' Profile in this annual report.

The Board complied with the requirement of one third (1/3) of its members being independent pursuant to Paragraph 15.02(1) of Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements. There is no individual Director or group of Directors who dominates the Board's decision making.

The Executive Directors have direct responsibilities for business operations and performance. The presence of Independent Non-Executive Directors fulfils a pivotal role in corporate accountability. Although all the Directors have equal responsibilities for the Group's operations, the roles of these Independent Non-Executive Directors are important. They provide independent and objective views, advice and judgement on issues of strategy, business performance and controls. The Independent Non-Executive Directors also act as a check and balance for the Executive Directors and ensure that matters pertaining to strategies, performance and resource allocations proposed by the management are objectively evaluated. The Independent Non-Executive Directors always take into account the interests of the Group, shareholders and communities in which the Group conducts business as well as the public at large. The Non-Executive Directors met among themselves in November 2021 to review and deliberate on certain strategic, governance and operational issues.

The Board is committed to the following principles when determining its composition:

- the Board is to comprise of Directors with the blend of skills, experience and attributes appropriate for the Company and its Group businesses; and
- the principal criterion for the appointment of new Directors is their ability to add value to the Company and its Group businesses.

The Board reviews the composition and size of its Board from time to time to ensure they meet the above Principles. With the current composition, the Board is satisfied that it represents the required mix of skills, experience, independence and diversity for the Board to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.

#### II. Board Composition (Cont'd)

#### Diversities in Gender, Ethnicity and Age

The Board formalised the Board Diversity Policy. The Board currently has representatives from both male and female genders and also a mix of ethnicities, age and competencies. The composition of our Board together with the Senior and Key Management as at 31 December 2021 were as follows:

Gender	Total number	Percentage (%)
Male Female	20 15	57.14 42.86
Age Group		
30 – 39 years 40 – 49 years 50 – 59 years 60 years and above Ethnicity	1 11 13 10	2.86 31.43 37.14 28.57
Bumiputera Chinese Indian Others	6 24 4 1	17.14 68.57 11.43 2.86

The Board is supportive of diversity on the Board and in Senior Management team. The Group has a well-balanced representation between genders in the Senior Management as well as the entire staff force.

#### **Succession Planning Programme**

The Succession Planning Committee ("SPC") was set up in 2013 to oversee the strategy and governance of succession planning. The members of the SPC consists of two Executive Directors, a Non-Executive Director and certain Senior Management. The SPC is led by the Group Managing Director, aiming to develop the talents both vertically and horizontally, particularly focusing on critical key positions in the Group.

The Succession Planning programme is an on-going exercise. There are 43 talents shortlisted for 2021/2022. All the talents attended the Leadership Training Simulation in December 2021 and now pending the Report from the Consultant. On-the-job training will be arranged and their career pathway will be set based on the gap analysis.

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#### III. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is entrusted with the specific task of identifying and recommending new nominees to the Board. The Board has the final decision on appointments after considering the recommendations of the committee.

The Nominating Committee comprises exclusively of Non-Executive Directors, as follows:

Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas Independent Non-Executive Director	- Chairman	
Dato Goh Leng Chua Independent Non-Executive Director	- Member	
<b>Edwin Fua Chye Jin</b> Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	- Member	

The Board is satisfied that Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas is capable to be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the committee is able to discharge its duties effectively through a formal and transparent process, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and maintaining a high standard of corporate governance. The Board is aware of certain departure following the MCCG 2021 came into effect, especially on the chairmanship for the Board Committee, and will identify suitable candidate(s) for the relevant positions to rectify the situation.

The committee met once during the year under review.

#### Nomination and Appointment of Directors

The process of identifying and nominating new candidate(s) for appointment entails the following steps:

- Stage 1 : Identification of candidate(s)
- Stage 2 : Evaluation of suitability of candidate(s)
- Stage 3 : Recommendation to the Board for approval.

The proposal for new appointment(s) including those proposed by the major shareholders and other Board members, will be tabled for assessment and evaluation before the committee recommends to the Board for approval.

In evaluating the suitability of a candidate, the committee takes into account objective criteria such as qualifications, skills, experiences, professionalism, integrity, core competencies and time commitment of the candidate, and diversity required on the Board in the context of the Group's strategic direction. In the case of evaluating a potential Independent Director, the committee assesses the candidate's ability to be impartial and capability of providing objective judgement in boardroom deliberations. The committee also evaluates the candidate's independence to ensure that he/she fulfils the independence criteria as set out in Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements.

The Company Secretaries ensure that all appointments are properly made and all necessary information is obtained from the Directors, both for the Company's own records and for the purposes of meeting statutory and regulatory requirement obligations, including obligations arising from the Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements.

The committee also periodically examines the effectiveness of its present size in discharging its duties.

#### III. Nominating Committee (Cont'd)

The Nominating Committee conducts annual assessments of the Board in respect of their skills, experience, contributions and other qualities including core competencies. The committee also assesses the Independent Directors on their ability to discharge their duties with unbiased and independent judgement.

#### Summary of activities carried out during the financial year

#### Evaluation on the performance of the Board and Board Committees

In respect of the financial year under review, the committee conducted a self and peer assessment to evaluate the Directors based on the following:

- (a) the effectiveness of the Board and its Committees as a whole, based on specific criteria, covering areas such as Board structure and operations, the required mix of skills and experience of the Directors and Board Committees, principal responsibilities of the Board and Board Committees, size of non-executive participation and Board governance; and
- (b) the contributions of individual Director and Committee members based on specific criteria, including contributions to deliberations, role and duties, knowledge, expertise, integrity, time commitment, independence and training programmes attended.

The overall ratings of the appraisals were above average and the committee was satisfied that:

- (a) all Directors have performed satisfactorily in their respective roles;
- (b) the size of the Board is optimum and that there is an appropriate mix of knowledge, skills, attributes and core competencies in the composition of the Board;
- (c) the composition of the Audit Committee is satisfactory and the members have sufficient and relevant expertise in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities, and have been able to discharge their functions, duties and responsibilities in accordance with the terms of reference of the Audit Committee; and
- (d) the Board consists of a good balance of independent directors and the directors are capable to resolve potential areas of conflict that may impair their independence.

The committee viewed the evaluation exercise as a constructive platform for the Board to discuss the areas for improvement and formulate corrective measures, where required, to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

#### Election and Re-election

In accordance with the Constitution of the Company, all Directors who are appointed by the Board are subject to retirement and are eligible for election by shareholders at the annual general meeting ("AGM") following their appointment. The remaining Directors will retire at regular intervals by rotation at least once every three years and shall be eligible for re-election.

The committee reviewed and deliberated on the list of Directors to retire by rotation, together with the results of the evaluation for re-appointment of the respective Directors. The respective Directors expressed their intention for re-election. The committee was satisfied with their performance and recommended to the Board to table the resolutions for the re-election of the Directors retiring at the Company's AGM.

#### Annual Assessment of Independence and Tenure of Independent Directors

The Board recognises the importance of independence and objectivity in its decision making process. The committee assessed the Independent Directors' independence based on the criteria set out in Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements.

#### III. Nominating Committee (Cont'd)

#### Summary of activities carried out during the financial year (Cont'd)

#### Annual Assessment of Independence and Tenure of Independent Directors (Cont'd)

In respect of the financial year under review, the rating results of the self-assessment checklist for Independent Directors demonstrated the Directors' independence in their judgement and clarity of thought in problem solving.

The Board is aware of the recommended tenure of an Independent Director which should not exceed a cumulative or consecutive term of nine years as per the recommendation of the MCCG. However, the Board is of the opinion that the ability of a Director is very much a function of his calibre, qualification, experience and personal qualities, particularly of his integrity and objectivity, regardless of his tenure as an Independent Non-Executive Director.

Notwithstanding that Tan Sri Dato' Seri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas, Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong and Dato Goh Leng Chua serve the Company for more than nine years, the Board has evaluated them and agreed that all the Independent Directors:

- met the independence guidelines as set out in Chapter 1 of Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements;
- have actively participated in the Board's deliberations, provided objectivity in decision making as they possess in-depth knowledge of the Company's operations, and were impartial in their opinion to the Board;
- are unafraid to express an unpopular stance on issues and approaches any transactions that require Board's approval with a watchful eye and an inquiring mind;
- have contributed sufficient time and exercised due care during their tenure as Independent Directors of the Company, and carried out their professional duties in the best interest of the Company and shareholders; and
- have vast experience, expertise and the ability to make independent judgments to challenge management in an effective and constructive manner.

The Board, based on the review and recommendations made by the Nominating Committee, was satisfied with them as Independent Directors of the Company. The Board recommended their retention as Independent Non-Executive Directors based on the reasons enumerated above and will seek shareholders' approvals at the forthcoming AGM for their retention as Independent Directors, while exploring suitable candidates in fulfilling the requirements of MCCG 2021.

#### **IV. Remuneration Committee**

The Board has set up its Remuneration Policy. The Remuneration Policy is designed to support key business strategies and create a strong, performance-orientated environment.

The Executive Directors do not participate in decisions relating to their remuneration. The Board as a whole determines the remuneration of the Directors. The individual concerned abstains from participating in deliberations and decisions in respect of his/her individual remuneration.

The Remuneration Committee carried out an annual review of the Directors' remuneration whereupon recommendations were submitted to the Board for approval. The Remuneration Committee will ensure the Directors' remuneration packages are aligned with the Group's business strategy and long term objectives.

During the financial year under review, the remuneration package to the Directors remain unchanged due to the Movement Control Order ("MCO") and Enhanced MCO. The committee recommended the same remuneration package of the Executive Directors to the Board for its approval. The committee further recommended the same quantum of Non-Executive Directors' fees to the Board for tabling for shareholders' approval at the Company's forthcoming AGM.

#### IV. Remuneration Committee (Cont'd)

The Remuneration Committee consists of a majority of Non-Executive Directors, as follows:

Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas Independent Non-Executive Director	-	Chairman
<b>Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok</b> Group Managing Director	-	Member
Nicholas Rupert Heylott Bloy Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	-	Member

The committee met once during the year under review.

#### **Directors' Remuneration**

The aggregate remuneration of Directors for the financial year ended 31 December 2021, in respective bands of RM50,000 were as follows:

	Number of Directors	
Range of Remuneration	Executive	Non-Executive
Below RM50,001 RM50,001 to RM100,000 RM100,001 to RM150,000 RM600,001 to RM650,000	- - 1 1	2 4 - -

Notes: Successive bands of RM50,000 are not shown entirely as they are not represented.

The details of the remuneration for the Directors of the Company for the year under review are disclosed in the CG Report.

#### PRINCIPLE B: EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

#### I. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee assists the Board in discharging its duty in maintaining a sound internal control system and in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities particularly in financial accounting and reporting to safeguard the shareholders' investment and the Company's assets.

The terms of reference of the Audit Committee can be viewed at the Company's website and further information on the Audit Committee are set out in the Report of the Audit Committee.

#### **Compliance with Applicable Financial Reporting Standards**

The Board aims to present a balanced and understandable assessment of the Group's financial performance and prospects to the shareholders, primarily through its annual financial statements and unaudited interim results, as well as other corporate announcements, the Chairman's Statement and other reports in the Annual Report. The Audit Committee assists the Board in reviewing the annual financial statements and unaudited interim results to ensure accuracy and adequacy. The Board also takes responsibility to ensure that these financial statements are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2016 and the applicable financial reporting standards in Malaysia.

The Statement of Directors' Responsibilities pursuant to the Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements is set out in the ensuing pages of this Annual Report.

#### Assessment of Suitability and Independence of External Auditors

The role of the Audit Committee in relation to external auditors is described in the Audit Committee Report set out in the ensuing pages of this Annual Report. The Company has maintained a close and transparent relationship with its auditors in seeking professional advice and ensuring compliance with applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia.

The external auditors have full access to the books and records of the Group at all times. From time to time, the external auditors highlight and update the Audit Committee on matters that require their attention.

The Audit Committee meets with the external auditors to discuss their audit plan, audit findings and the Company's financial statements. At least twice a year and whenever necessary, the Audit Committee will meet with the external auditors without the presence of executive Board members and management personnel, to allow the Audit Committee and the external auditors to exchange their independent views on matters which require the Audit Committee's attention.

The external auditors are also invited to attend the Company's AGM and are available to answer any questions from shareholders on the conduct of the statutory audit and the contents of the annual audited financial statements.

During the year under review, the Audit Committee met twice with the external auditors without the presence of the Executive Directors and management to discuss any issues the external auditors may raise. No significant issues that may materially affect the performance of the Group were raised during these meetings. The external auditors have declared their independence to the Audit Committee and their compliance with By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

#### I. Audit Committee (Cont'd)

The Audit Committee also carried out an annual assessment on the performance, suitability and independence of the external auditors based on the following key areas:

- i) quality of service;
- ii) capability of the audit team;
- iii) sufficiency of resources;
- iv) scope of audit and planning;
- v) audit fees and non-audit fees, if any, including the nature and extent of the non-audit services rendered and the appropriateness of the level of fees;
- vi) communication and interaction; and
- vii) independence, objectivity and professional scepticism.

The Audit Committee also took into consideration the comments and viewpoints of the management during the annual assessment.

The committee acknowledged their sound technical expertise, credibility and capability in carrying out the audit of the Group and recommended to the Board for their re-appointment at the forthcoming AGM. The Board, after deliberating on the audit team's effectiveness and their performance, supported the recommendation of the Audit Committee to recommend Messrs. Ernst and Young PLT for re-appointment at the forthcoming AGM.

The Audit Committee also considered the non-audit services provided by the external auditors during the year ended 31 December 2021 and concluded that save for the following, there were no significant non-audit services provided by the external auditors:

Non-Audit fees	RM
Review of Directors' Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control	10,000

#### **Related Party Transactions**

An internal compliance framework exists to ensure that the Group meets its obligations under the Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements for any related party transactions and conflict of interest situation which may arise within the Company or the Group. The Board, through the Audit Committee, reviews material related party transactions, if any. A Director who has an interest in a transaction will abstain from deliberating and voting on the relevant resolution in respect of such transactions at the Board meeting.

During the year under review, the Internal Auditor has reviewed the related party transactions and reported that those related party transactions did not trigger any disclosure requirements pursuant to the Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements.

#### II. Risk Management and Internal Control Framework

The Board acknowledges its responsibility for maintaining a sound system of risk management and internal control in the Company and the Group. The risk management and internal control system are designed to manage, but not eliminate the risks faced by the Group within acceptable and appropriate levels. These controls provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatements, loss or fraud.

The Directors' responsibilities for the Group's system of internal controls cover not only the financial aspects but also compliance and operational controls. The Board also considers risk management matters and reviews the adequacy and integrity of the risk management system. The Group has formal Standard Operating Procedures which are reviewed from time to time. The risk management and internal control system is also regularly reviewed by senior management and recommendations are made to the Audit Committee and Board for approval.

#### **Risk Management Committee**

The Risk Management Committee was established to oversee the implementation of the risk management system in the Group. The committee reports directly to the Board and assists the Board in overseeing the risk management processes of the Group.

The key components of the risk management and internal control system and the overview of the Group's state of internal control are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control set out in this annual report.

The Risk Management Committee consists of the following members:

Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong Independent Non-Executive Director	-	Chairman
Dato' Seri Mohamed Azahari bin Mohamed Kamil Independent Non-Executive Director	-	Member
Professor Hew Moi Lan Executive Director/Group Chief Executive Officer	-	Member
<b>Edwin Fua Chye Jin</b> Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	-	Member

The Group recognises that risk is an integral and unavoidable component of its business and is committed to managing all risks in a proactive and effective manner. The Risk Management Committee is assisted by the RMC Working Committee ("RMWC").

The RMWC, comprising the heads from various business units and corporate departments, was formed to identify, evaluate and manage risks that affect the operations and performance of the Group. The principal risks identified will then be highlighted in the Risk Management Committee meetings and Board meetings. Appropriate actions were proposed and implemented to mitigate the risks to an acceptable level.

The Risk Management Committee met twice during the year under review.

As an on-going process, significant business risks faced by the Group are identified and evaluated, and consideration is given to the potential impact the risks have on our organisation. This includes examining principal business risks in critical areas, assessing the likelihood of happening and identifying the measures taken to mitigate, avoid or eliminate these risks.

#### II. Risk Management and Internal Control Framework (Cont'd)

#### Internal Audit Function

The Board has established an in-house internal audit department to assist the Audit Committee and the Board in providing independent assessments on the adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Group's risk management, internal control and governance systems.

The Internal Audit department is staffed by 3 and it is led by Ms. Jade Lim Yuen Har (Director, Internal Audit). Ms. Jade Lim obtained her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance from the University of London (External Programme) in 2002. She is also a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and The Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia (CMIIA).

The Internal Audit Charter was established to ensure the Internal Audit function is free from any conflict of interest, which could impair their objectivity and independence. In addition, the Internal Audit SOP is established to ensure that the Internal Audit function carries out their duties closely in line with the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF).

During the financial year ended 31 December 2021, the Internal Audit function carried out the following activities to assure the Audit Committee on the risk management, internal control and governance state of the Group:

- i) Based on the approved 2021 Internal audit plan which was formulated after considering key business processes and risks of the Group, the Internal Audit carried out audits on SEGi University and Colleges and key Corporate offices.
- ii) The Internal Audit reports and follow-up audit results were tabled to the Audit Committee and Management to ensure agreed action plans are indeed carried out to address significant findings.
- iii) Reported to the Audit Committee special audit reports which are not covered in the approved internal audit plan. Special audit assignments were value added services requested by the Management in relation to compliance, governance, risk management and internal controls.
- iv) Reviewed, investigated and verified certain whistle-blowing issues and reported to Audit Committee on the findings and outcomes.

The total cost incurred for the Internal Audit function for 2021 was approximately RM308,000.

Details of the Company's internal control processes are presented in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control which appears in the ensuing pages of this report.

#### PRINCIPLE C: INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

#### I. Communication with Stakeholders

The Group is committed to maintaining a high standard for the dissemination of relevant and material information on the development of the Group. The Group also places strong emphasis on the importance of timely and equitable dissemination of information to stakeholders.

SEGi will also leverage on information technology to disseminate all publications to shareholders via electronic means to promote more efficient engagement and communication with shareholders.

#### I. Communication with Stakeholders (Cont'd)

The Group welcomes inquiries and feedback from shareholders and other stakeholders. All queries and concerns regarding the Group may be conveyed to the following persons:

#### i. Cheryl Chong Poh Yee

Group Chief Financial Officer

ii. Hew Ling Sze

Telephone number:603-6287 3777Facsimile number:603-6145 2679Email:corporate@segi.edu.my

Company Secretary

The Board has appointed Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong, a Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, to whom all concerns regarding the Company may be conveyed.

#### **Corporate Disclosure Policies and Procedures**

The Company is committed to providing timely, accurate and credible disclosure of material information, in compliance with disclosure requirements of Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements and all other applicable legal and regulatory requirements, in order to keep our stakeholders, shareholders and other market participants fully informed and to enable orderly behaviour in the market.

The Company has in place policies and procedures ("the Disclosure Policy") to ensure comprehensive, accurate and timely disclosures. The objectives of the Disclosure Policy are to develop and maintain realistic investor expectations by ensuring all required disclosures are made on a broadly disseminated basis. It is imperative to ensure all our stakeholders and shareholders have equal access to such information. Contact and communication with stakeholders, shareholders, other market participants or regulatory authorities are conducted through the authorised spokesperson or any other officers as may be authorised by the authorised spokesperson.

#### Leverage on Information Technology for Effective Dissemination of Information

The Group's corporate website at www.segi.edu.my provides quick access to information about the Group. The information on the website includes corporate profile, key management profiles, corporate policies and annual reports of the Company. The corporate website also incorporates an Investor Relations section which provides all relevant information on the Company which is accessible to the public. This includes but is not limited to all announcements made by the Company and press releases.

#### II. Conduct of General Meetings

#### Shareholders' Participation at General Meetings

The AGM provides a platform for two-way communication between the Company and shareholders. The notice and agenda of AGM together with the Form of Proxy are given to shareholders at least twenty-one days before the meeting to give the shareholders sufficient time to prepare themselves to attend the AGM either in person, by corporate representative or by proxy.

The Board observes the requirement under the Practice 13.1 of MCCG to serve notice for at least 28 days prior to the meeting, and will strive for it to ensure the shareholders are given sufficient notice and time to peruse the annual report and consider the resolutions that will be discussed and decided at the General Meetings.

The Chairman and the Board encourage shareholders to attend and participate in the AGM, as it forms an important platform where the shareholders can engage directly with the Board and the management and take the opportunity to raise questions and seek clarification on any matters pertaining to the business and financial performance of the Group. The Directors and senior management, together with the External Auditors, are available to respond to questions from the shareholders during the meeting.

#### II. Conduct of General Meetings (Cont'd)

#### Shareholders' Participation at General Meetings (Cont'd)

In 2021, the Company conducted its first virtual AGM through live streaming and online remote voting using the Remote Participation and Voting Facilities. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic which has yet to be eradicated substantially, the Company will consider for the coming AGM to be conducted virtually to give shareholders and/or proxies an opportunity to participate in the AGM effectively and safely.

All Board members, together with the chairman of the respective Board Committees, the management and the External Auditors, attended the AGM in 2021. The Group Managing Director attended to questions raised during the AGM.

#### Poll Voting

The Board implements poll voting for all the resolutions to be passed in all general meetings. The Company will appoint an independent scrutineer to undertake the polling process and to validate the votes cast at the general meeting.

At the 35<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 27 September 2021, all resolutions were decided by way of poll and the votes received in respect of each resolution were announced to Bursa Securities on the same date as the meeting was held.

#### FOSTER COMMITMENT

#### Time Commitment

The Directors observe the recommendations of the MCCG that they are required to notify the Chairman before accepting any new directorships and to indicate the time expected to be spent on the new appointment.

The Board, with the assistance from the Company Secretaries, will draw a proposed timetable for the Board and Board Committee meetings, including AGM, to be held in the next calendar year, to ease the Directors in planning their schedules to attend the Board and Board Committee meetings.

The Board meets on a scheduled basis, at least once every quarter with additional meetings held as and when urgent issues arise and important decisions are required to be made between the scheduled quarterly meetings. The Board has a formal schedule of matters reserved to it for decisions, including the approval of annual and quarterly results, major acquisitions and disposals, material contracts or agreements, major capital expenditures, major decisions affecting business operations and performance of the Group. All Board members exercise independent judgement when deliberating matters concerning the Group including strategy, operations, performance, finance, resources and standard of conduct.

Senior management staff and/or external advisors may be invited to attend the Board meetings to advise the Board on issues under their respective purview.

#### FOSTER COMMITMENT (Cont'd)

The Board is satisfied with the level of time commitment given by the Directors in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities. During the year ended 31 December 2021, five meetings were held. The Directors have dedicated adequate time and effort to attend the Board and Board Committee meetings held. The attendances of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Name of Directors	No. of meetings attended
- Tan Sri Dato' Seri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas	5 out of 5 (100%)
Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok	5 out of 5 (100%)
Professor Hew Moi Lan	5 out of 5 (100%)
Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy	3 out of 5 ( 60%)
Dato' Seri (Dr.) Mohamed Azahari Bin Mohamed Kamil	5 out of 5 (100%)
Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong	5 out of 5 (100%)
Dato Goh Leng Chua	5 out of 5 (100%)
Edwin Fua Chye Jin	5 out of 5 (100%)

The Directors will also ensure that they must not hold directorships at more than five public listed companies to ensure that their commitment, resources and time are more focused to enable them to discharge their duties effectively.

#### **Training and Development of Directors**

Mandatory Accreditation Programme will be organised for newly appointed Directors, if necessary. The Directors who have completed the Mandatory Accreditation Programme continuously attend various training programmes to stay abreast with developments in the marketplace and new statutory and regulatory requirements. The Board recognises the importance of Directors keeping abreast with industry development and trends. The Directors are also regularly updated on new and relevant statutory as well as regulatory guidelines during the Board meetings.

The Company regularly identifies relevant training programmes, either internal or external, for the Directors and members of the Board Committees. During the year under review, the Directors attended education programmes and seminars in connection to the relevant changes in laws and regulations, updates on accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules, capital market developments, and risk management to stay abreast with developments in the market place. Among the relevant programmes/trainings attended were as follows:

Director	Name of Programme	Date
Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas	Sime Darby Plantation Board Workshop on Cyber Risk – Board's Role in Cyber Risk Management & Governance	26.01.2021
	SDP Board Effectiveness Workshop	29.03.2021
	Board's Role in The Changing World of Work	03 & 01.06.2021
	PNB Knowledge Forum 2021 – Rising above Covid- 19: Reimaging Work in Malaysia & Beyond	14.07.2021

#### FOSTER COMMITMENT (Cont'd)

Director	Name of Programme	Date
Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas (Cont'd)	The National Recovery Summit 2021 (Winning the War Against Covid – The Road To Recovery)	09.09.2021
	Sime Darby Plantation Board Retreat & Lunch Talk	22 & 24.09.2021
	Khazanah Megatrends Forum	04 - 06.10.2021
	Sime Darby Plantation Board Webinar on Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) – Insights for Directors	15.12.2021
Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok	Corporate Counsel Conference – Legal Currents: Tech in 2021	15 & 16.07.2021
Professor Hew Moi Lan	Sustainability Reporting Workshop	23.08.2021
Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy	Southeast Asia's Green Economy Malaysian	23.11.2021
Dato' Seri (Dr.) Mohamed Azahari Bin Mohamed Kamil	Proposed Corporate Governance Guide (4 <sup>th</sup> Edition)	25.11.2021
Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong	Labuan Tax Regime	08.02.2021
	MIA Webinar Series: Market Manipulation and Securities Fraud	26.04.2021
	MIA Webinar Series: Pathway to Equity Capital via Initial Public Offering (IPO)	27.05.2021
	MIA Webinar Series: Share Buy-Back, and Dealings In Listed Securities, Closed Period and Insider Trading	16.06.2021
	MIA Virtual Conference Series: Capital Market Conference 2021	17.06.2021
	ISQM 1 Quality Management For Firms That Perform Audits Or Reviews Of Financial Statements, Or Other Assurance Or Related Services Engagements; & ISA 220 (Revised) Quality Management For An Audit Of Financial Statements	28.06.2021
	Webinar Training Course of Deferred Tax Under MFRS 112	02.07.2021
	National Tax Conference 2021	27 & 28.07.2021
	ISQM 1 & ISA 220 (Revised)	09.11.2021

#### FOSTER COMMITMENT (Cont'd)

Director	Name of Programme	Date
Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong	MFRS 15 And MFRS 16: Disclosures – Best Practices	26.11.2021
	Audit Oversight Board	29.11.2021
	MIA Webinar Series: Transitioning From ISQC 1 to ISQM 1 & ISQM 2 – Including first time implementation requirements	30.11.2021
	MIA Webinar Series: Impact on Auditor Reporting of COVID-19 and MCO Restrictions	02.12.2021
	Transfer Pricing	09.12.2021
	MIA Webinar Series: Pre & Post IPO Rules	13.12.2021
	MIA Webinar Series: Group Accounting (MFRS 2, 10, 11): Basic To Intermediate By Using MS Excel Works	20 & 21.12.2021
Dato Goh Leng Chua	Audit Oversight Board	29.11.2021
Edwin Fua Chye Jin	Preparing Leaders and Executives for Artificial Intelligence	15.03.2021

The Board will continue to evaluate and determine the training needs of its Directors on an ongoing basis.

#### **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

The Board has taken steps to ensure that the Group complied with the principles and practices of the MCCG. The Board will take the initiative and effort to rectify those departures disclosed above and in the CG Report, or consider for alternative measures, if necessary.

The Board believes that there is always room for improvement and enhancement, and are continuously exploring new measures and opportunities to enhance the system of governance and meet stakeholder expectations.

This statement was approved by the Board of Directors during the Board Meeting held on 13 April 2022.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the Audit Committee ("AC" or "the Committee") Report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### COMPOSITION

The AC comprises three members, all of whom are non-executive Directors, with a majority of them being independent:

Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong Independent Non-Executive Director	- Chairn	nan
Dato Goh Leng Chua Independent Non-Executive Director	- Mem	nber
<b>Edwin Fua Chye Jin</b> Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	- Mem	nber

The Chairman, Dato' Amos Siew, is a member of Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("MIA"). Mr. Edwin Fua is also a member of MIA. As such, the composition of the AC is in line with the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR").

The Nominating Committee ("NC") evaluates the AC annually and is satisfied that the AC members have sufficient, recent and relevant areas of expertise in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities. The AC members are also financially literate and are able to analyse and interpret financial statements in order to effectively discharge their duties and responsibilities as members of the AC. The NC reported to the Board on the results of the appraisals and were endorsed by the Board.

#### MEETINGS

During the year under review, five meetings were held. The attendance of each member was as follows:

Members	No. of meetings attended
Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong	5/5 (100%)
Dato Goh Leng Chua	5/5 (100%)
Edwin Fua Chye Jin	5/5 (100%)

Certain members of senior management attended the meetings by invitation of the Committee. The external auditors were also present at certain meetings to report to the Committee on their audit plan, their audit report, any major audit findings and any other specific issues. The Committee also met two times during the financial year with the external auditors without the management present.

The Secretary was responsible for drawing up the agenda and circulating it, supported by explanatory documentation to the Committee members prior to each meeting.

The minutes of each AC meeting were recorded and tabled for confirmation at the next meeting and they were subsequently circulated to the Board of Directors for information. The Chairman of the Committee also reported the outcome of each meeting to the Board during the Board meetings which were held immediately after the AC meetings.

The Terms of Reference of the Committee are available on the Company's website, <u>https://www.segi.edu.my/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Terms-of-Reference-of-Audit-Committe-150921.pdf</u>.

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#### ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

During the year under review, the Committee carried out the following activities in discharging its functions and duties:

- i. Financial reporting
  - Reviewed the quarterly reports of the Group and audited financial statements of the Company and the Group to ensure that they were in
    compliance with the requirements of applicable approved accounting standards and relevant authorities before recommending for the
    Board's consideration and approval. The AC enquired with the management on the fluctuations in the financial performance and position
    of the Group and made enquiries on the processes to ensure that adequate controls were in place to ensure the accuracy of reporting.
  - Reviewed the Company's compliances, in particular the quarterly reports and audited financial statements, with the provisions of the Companies Act 2016, MMLR, applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia and other relevant legal and regulatory requirements. The AC also made enquiries on the change of accounting policies, if any, to ensure conformity to the applicable approved accounting standards.
- ii. External auditors
  - Reviewed the external auditors' scope of work, areas of audit emphasis and audit plans for the year prior to the commencement of the annual audit with the Partner and representatives from the external auditors who presented their audit strategy and plan.
  - Reviewed with the external auditors the results of the audit and the audit report and considered the major findings by the external auditors and the management's responses thereto.
  - Reviewed the assistance given by the Group employees to the auditors.
  - Considered and recommended to the Board for approval the audit fees payable to the external auditors as disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
  - Performed annual assessments to evaluate the objectivity, performance and independence of the external auditors, including their suitability, independence, performance and quality of work provided and recommended to the Board to table for shareholders' approval on their re-appointment.
  - Reviewed and assessed the quotations for the non-audit services from the external auditors and ensured that the provision of these services would not compromise the external auditors' independence, if they are being engaged for their services.
  - · Met with the external auditors independently without the presence of the management.
- iii. Internal auditors
  - Reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit processes, internal audit department's annual work plan, audit function resource requirements, and assessed the performance of the internal auditors to ensure the department has sufficient and adequate manpower and there were no suppression or infringement on scope imposed by the management.
  - Reviewed the programmes and annual internal audit plan for the current financial year to ensure adequate scope and comprehensive coverage of the activities of the Company and the Group. The Committee also ensured that significant risks identified are covered in the internal audit plan.
  - Reviewed the reports of the internal auditors, arising from their special review, annual audit reviews and follow-up reviews to ensure relevant controls are put in place to mitigate significant risks faced by the Group and address significant audit findings highlighted in the audit reports respectively.
  - Met with the internal auditors independently without the presence of the management.

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#### ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR (Cont'd)

- iv. Reviewed the whistle-blowing issues with the internal auditors, and discussed with management the issues to ensure that proper investigations were conducted while protecting the anonymity of the whistle-blowers.
- Reviewed the Company's Audit Committee Report and the adequacy of its terms of reference and Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control ("SORMIC") to ensure the contents therein are accurate and in compliance with the MMLR, prior to recommending the same to the Board for approval.
- vi. Reviewed the related party transactions entered into by the Company and the Group, and the disclosure of such transactions in the annual report of the Company, where necessary.
- vii. Deliberated the treatment and impact on prior year adjustments for the classification between investment property and property, plant and equipment, and reviewed with the auditors on management's assessment and the adequate disclosure in the financial statements.
- viii. Deliberated on impact and COVID-19 pandemic's relief, for instance, accounting for rent concession, on the its application and accounting treatment, and deliberated the approach undertaken by management with the external auditors on their review of the management's approach and the appropriateness and the adequacy of disclosure in the financial statements.
- ix. Reviewed the extent of the Group's compliances with provisions set out in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("the Code") in relation to financial reporting, Internal Audit function, audit and risk management and recommended to the Board action plans to address identified gaps between the Group's existing corporate governance practices and the prescribed corporate governance principles and best practices under the Code.
- x. Reviewed the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Compliance Programme, and ensured the risk assessment on gap analysis, the action plans taken to address the gaps, control measures implemented, as well as the implementation of all the necessary awareness trainings for the Board and all employees, together with the Compliance Assessment for all employees.

#### INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

The Audit Committee is supported by an in-house and independent Internal Audit Department who performs the internal audit function for the Group. The main role of the Internal Audit Department is to review the effectiveness of the system of internal control and risk management within the Group and this is performed with impartiality, proficiency and due professional care.

It is the responsibility of the Internal Audit Department to provide the Audit Committee with independent and objective report on the state of internal control of the various operating units within the Group and the extent of compliances with the Group's established policies and procedures as well as the relevant statutory requirements.

During the year, the Internal Audit Department has performed audits on the Group's Institutions and key corporate departments in accordance to the approved Internal Audit Plan as well as some ad-hoc special audits and reviews as assigned by the Senior Management. The internal auditors reviewed the internal controls and key operating processes of the Group businesses, related party transactions and ascertained the extent of compliance with the established Group Policies and Standard Operating Procedures, and statutory requirements. The completed audit reports were presented to the Audit Committee for deliberation and follow-up audits were also performed to ensure Management had addressed the control weaknesses accordingly. The internal auditors also conducted investigations on certain allegations raised by whistle-blowers to ensure appropriate actions, as well as corrective steps, if any, were carried out.

Further details of the Internal Audit Function and its activities are found in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement and SORMIC in this Annual Report.

The Audit Committee Report was approved by the Board of Directors on 13 April 2022.
The Board of Directors ("Board") is pleased to outline the state and key elements of the risk management and internal control of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2021. This statement has been prepared in accordance with the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control – Guidelines for Directors of Listed Issuers ("Guidelines") issued on 31 December 2012, which is in line with Paragraph 15.26(b) of the Main Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd and Principle B of the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance.

#### THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Board remains committed towards operating a sound risk management and internal control system and has recognised that the system must continuously evolve to support the type of business and size of operations of the Group. In view of the limitations inherent in any system of risk management and internal control, the Board is aware that such system is designed to manage risk exposures within the Group's risk appetite rather than the complete elimination of the risk of failure to achieve business objectives. The system can therefore only provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance, against material misstatement or loss.

The Group has an on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks it faces. The Board regularly reviews the results of this process, including measures taken by Management to address areas of key risks as identified. This process has been in place for the financial year under review and up to the date of approval of this Statement.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM**

The Group has applied the "Three Lines of Defence" Model for the organisation of the risk management and internal control system.



The Board is assisted by the Risk Management Committee ("RMC") and the Audit Committee ("AC"), which have been delegated with primary oversight responsibilities on the Group's risk management and internal control system. The Board remains responsible for the overall governance of risk and internal control, as well as for all the actions of the Board Committees with regard to the execution of the delegated oversight responsibilities.

The Senior Management Committee assists the Board to oversee the risk management activities and to provide oversight and support over the governance and risk management processes.

# RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM (Cont'd)

#### i) 1st Line of Defence

The first line of defence comprises the risk management activities of the Group. This includes the establishment of the code of conduct, policies and procedures as well as the core competencies of the Group.

#### ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Line of Defence

The second line of defence is to provide oversight and support. The policy and procedures owners are responsible to regularly review and update the policies and procedures to ensure that sufficient internal controls are embedded into the relevant functions.

The Group has also established the Risk Management Working Committee ("RMWC") who assists the RMC to review and manage the risk profile of the Group.

#### iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> Line of Defence

The third line of defence is the in-house Internal Audit function who conducts independent assessment on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management, internal control and governance systems.

## **5 KEY COMPONENT OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM**



#### 1) Risk Management

The Board has entrusted the RMC to review the risk management processes within the Group.

The RMC is assisted by the RMWC which comprised of Top and Senior Management ("Management") of the Group to identify and assess significant risks to be updated into the risk profile of the Group. The RMWC will also formulate relevant control mechanisms to address the identified risks accordingly.

#### 5 KEY COMPONENT OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM (Cont'd)

#### 1) Risk Management (Cont'd)

Strategic	Reputational	Regulatory	Financial	Operational	Health

Significant risks of the Group identified are grouped into the following 6 categories:

- i) Strategic
- ii) Reputational
- iii) Regulatory
- iv) Financial
- v) Operational
- vi) Health

The associated business risks from these 6 categories are first being assessed and rated based on their risk likelihood and impact. After risk assessment, the identified business risks are then mapped onto the Risk map which is divided into 4 Quadrants to determine relevant actions plan to be devised:-



#### i) "Prevent at Source" Risk

Risks in this quadrant are classified as Primary Risks and are rated "high" priority. They are the critical risks that threaten the achievement of the Group's objectives. These risks are both significant in consequence and likely to occur. They should be reduced or eliminated with preventive controls and should be subject to control evaluation and testing.

## ii) "Detect and Monitor" Risk

Risks in this quadrant are significant, but they are less likely to occur. To ensure that the risks remain low likelihood and are managed by the Group appropriately, they need to be monitored on a rotational basis. Detective controls should be put into place to ensure that these high significant risks will be detected before they occur. These risks are second priority after Primary Risks.

#### iii) "Monitor" Risk

Risks in this quadrant are less significant, but have a higher likelihood of occurring. These risks should be monitored from time to time to ensure that they are being appropriately managed and that their significance has not changed due to changing business conditions.

#### 5 KEY COMPONENT OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM (Cont'd)

#### 1) Risk Management (Cont'd)

#### iv) "Low Control" Risk

Risks in this quadrant are both not significant and unlikely to occur. They require minimal monitoring and control unless subsequent risk assessments indicate a substantial change, prompting a move to another risk category.

For business risks which are rated and mapped at the top Quadrant of the Risk Map, the RMWC would then discuss to formulate relevant action plans with deadlines set to mitigate them accordingly. The Risk Profile is then updated with the risk assessment results and action plans and deadlines to manage the risk.

The RMC reviews the Risk Profile to monitor the action plans devised are indeed carried out to mitigate the risks faced by the Group. During the year, four RMWC and two RMC meetings were conducted to review the Risk Profile and the outcomes of the meetings were also presented to the Board.

#### 2) Control environment

i) THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ("AC")

The Board has tasked the AC with established Terms of Reference to examine the effectiveness of the Group's System of Internal Control.

In order to achieve that, the AC evaluates the internal audit function to assess its effectiveness in discharging of its responsibilities. Internal audit findings are presented, together with the Management's comments and proposed action plans, to the AC for its review. The AC also ensures the internal audit function follows up and reports on the status of the implementation of action plans by the Management on the findings.

The AC had updated the Board on the status of the Group's System of Internal Control in the Board meetings conducted during the year.

The AC also reviewed and ensured relevant measures had been carried out by the Management to address the internal control weaknesses raised by the external auditors during the AC meetings.

- ii) The planning and management of the Group's business operations are well documented in the Group Organisational Chart approved by the Group Managing Director.
- iii) Key functions such as finance and treasury, legal, human resources, and marketing matters are controlled centrally to ensure consistency in the setting and application of policies and procedures relating to these functions, and reduce duplication of works, thereby promoting efficiency in the Group.
- iv) Key business processes of the Group are governed by Standard Operating Procedures to ensure consistency in delivery of quality academic and support services to students, integrity and timeliness of the Financial Statements, as well as good governance processes in engagement of goods and services and payments to suppliers. The Group key institutions' examination departments are ISO certified in order to further enhance the integrity of the examination processes.

#### 3) Control Activities

- i) The Senior Management Committee, which comprises the Group's Top and Senior Management, evaluates and approves major business decisions, procurements and policies.
- ii) Business strategies, sales targets and budgets are set by Key Management together with Heads of Business units and approved by the Executive Committee ("EXCO"). These targets and budgets together with any major operational issues are regularly monitored and discussed at the Senior Management meetings.

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#### 5 KEY COMPONENT OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM (Cont'd)

#### 4) Information, Training and Communication

- i) Monthly financial performance and key business indicators are tabled and deliberated at the monthly EXCO meetings. Major business strategies and operational issues are also discussed at these meetings.
- ii) The Executive Directors and Group Top and Senior Management report to the Board the financial performances of the Group during the regular Board meetings. Major investments and business strategies are also discussed and approved by the Board.
- iii) Training and development programmes such as ISO, health and safety, technical and leadership trainings are organised for employees to ensure that they are equipped with necessary knowledge and skills as well as being kept up to date with the necessary competencies to carry out their responsibilities towards achieving the Group's objectives.
- iv) The Group Human Resource Management and Internal Audit function have collaborated to roll-out the awareness sessions on the Code of Conduct and Compliance Learning to create awareness on the importance of controls and compliance with the code of conduct as well as the policies and procedures.
- v) Induction programme for new joiners is organised with the aim of raising their awareness and educating them on the Group's approach to risk management and internal control. Such sessions also provide a forum to enhance the participants' understanding on the Group's risk management and control procedures as well as their roles in managing the risks.

#### 5) Monitoring

- i) The independent internal audit function provides assurance to the RMC and AC regarding the state of the risk management, governance and internal control systems of the Group by carrying out regular audits.
- ii) An Internal Control Rating Framework has been formulated to provide the AC with a better understanding of the conclusions derived in the internal audit reports regarding the state of the internal controls and governance systems of SEGi University and Colleges.
- iii) The Safety and Health Committee reviews the occupational safety and health procedures within the Group's institutions.
- iv) The Whistle Blowing Policy provides a transparent and confidential platform for employees to raise any concerns about suspected misconduct within the Group without fear of retaliation.

#### ASSURANCE

The Group has also obtained reasonable assurance from the Group Managing Director and Group Chief Financial Officer on the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and Group's System of Internal Control in all material aspects, during the financial year under review.

#### CONCLUSION

The Board is of the view a sound risk management and internal control system is in place for the financial year under review, and up to the date of approval of this statement, for identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks faced by the Group. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board to safeguard shareholders' investment.

During the financial year under review, there were no major weaknesses in internal controls which resulted in material losses, contingencies or uncertainties that would require a disclosure in the Group's Annual Report.

#### **REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

The External Auditors have reviewed this Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2021. Their limited assurance review was performed in accordance with the Audit and Assurance Practice Guide 3 (AAPG3) issued by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

Based on the review, the external auditors have reported to the Board that nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe this Statement is inconsistent with their understanding of the processes the Board has adopted in reviewing adequacy and effectiveness of the Risk Management and Internal Control system of the Group.

This Statement was approved by the Board of Directors on 13 April 2022.

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The Board is responsible for ensuring that the financial statements of the Group give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of the Company as at the end of the year, and of their results and cash flows for the year then ended. The Directors also ensured that the financial statements are drawn up in accordance with the applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia and the provisions of the Companies Act 2016.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors have adopted and consistently applied suitable accounting policies and made reasonable and prudent judgements.

The Directors are also responsible for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

This statement was approved by the Board of Directors on 13 April 2022.

# OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BURSA SECURITIES LISTING REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. Utilisation of Proceeds Raised from Corporate Proposals

There were no proceeds raised from corporate proposals in the year under review.

# 2. Audit and Non-Audit Fees

For the financial year ended 31 December 2021, the amounts of audit fees paid or payable by the Company and the Group to the external auditors are as follows:-

	Company (RM)	Group (RM)	
Audit fees	130,000	514,000	111
Non-audit fees in relation to review of Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control	10,000	181,000	

#### 3. Material Contracts

Save as disclosed below, there were no material contracts entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries, involving the interest of directors and/or major shareholders, either still subsisting at the end of the year or, if not then subsisting, entered into since the end of the previous year.

On 8 July 2020, SEGi College (Subang Jaya) Sdn Bhd ("SCSJ"), one of the wholly owned subsidiary company of the Company, entered into an agreement to lease with HCK Capital Holdings Sdn Bhd, ("HCHSB"), a wholly owned subsidiary company of HCK Capital Group Berhad ("HCK"), for the leasing of part of a development namely, Edumetro @ Subang Jaya ("Leased Property"), as SCSJ new campus, for a leasing tenure of 12 years ("Leased Tenure") commencing from a date to be mutually agreed in June 2022 ("Lease Commencement Date") (hereinafter referred to the "Agreement to Lease").

The Agreement to Lease is to set out mutual agreement on the terms and conditions of an agreement to lease the Leased Property whilst pending completion of the development and construction of Leased Property. The lease of the Leased Property will take effect only on the Lease Commencement Date, subject to the delivery of vacant possession of the Leased Property to HCHSB and completion of Additional Specifications on the Leased Property on the effective date of the Lease Tenure.

There was no consideration passing save for the refundable security monies paid upon execution of the Agreement to Lease.

Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok ("TSC"), the Group Managing Director and major shareholder of the Company, is also the Executive Chairman and major shareholder of HCK. Pinnacle Heritage Solutions Sdn Bhd ("PHS"), the major shareholder of the Company, is a party acting in concert with TSC pursuant to the shareholders agreement dated 25 April 2012 entered between TSC and PHS. Mr. Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy, the Non-Independent Non-Executive Director and major shareholder of the Company by virtue of his interest in PHS pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016 is considered a person connected with PHS.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors and/or major shareholders of the Company, and/or persons connected with them have any interest, whether direct or indirect, in the Agreement to Lease.

#### 4. Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a revenue or trading nature

There were no recurrent related party transactions of revenue nature which required shareholders' mandate during the year ended 31 December 2021.

# OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BURSA SECURITIES LISTING REQUIREMENTS

5. Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP")

On 1 July 2014, the Company implemented a LTIP for a period of 10 years. The LTIP comprises the Employees' Share Option Scheme ("ESOS") and Share Grant Plan ("SGP") for the eligible directors and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries ("Eligible Persons"). The SGP is intended to allow the Company to award Performance Share Plan ("PSP") Grant to Eligible Persons.

During the financial year, no ESOS options and PSP Grants were granted and vested by the Company under ESOS and SGP respectively. No ESOS options have been exercised as at the date of this report.

During the financial year under review ("FY2021"), there is only 1 existing plan and the details of the LTIP are as follows:

LTIP	Total number of ESOS options or PSP Grants granted	Total number of ESOS options exercised or PSP Grants vested	Total ESOS options or PSP Grants outstanding
ESOS option	3,956,270	-	2,695,265
PSP Grant	549,933	549,933	

As at 31 December 2021, the aggregate ESOS and PSP granted to Directors and Chief Executive are as follows:

Directors	Aggregate ESOS	Aggregate ESOS	Aggregate ESOS
	options or PSP	options exercised or	options or PSP
	Grants granted	PSP Grants vested	Grants outstanding
ESOS option	306,939	-	306,939
PSP Grant	172,654	172,654	-

In accordance to the By-Laws, the aggregate maximum allocation applicable to Directors and Senior Management is 60%. No ESOS options and PSP Grants were granted and vested during the financial year under review and the total amounts of ESOS options and PSP Grants granted and vested to the Directors and senior management since commencement of the LTIP was 0.64%.

No ESOS options were offered to and exercised by, or PSP Grants were granted to and vested in the Non-Executive Directors, under the LTIP, in respect of the financial year under review and since commencement of the LTIP.

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report together with the audited financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

# **Principal activities**

The Company is principally engaged in the businesses of investment holding and provision of management consultancy services, property management, rental of premises, business advisory services and educational and training services.

The principal activities and other information relating to the subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 18 to the financial statements.

# 114 Results

	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
Profit for the year	46,241	36,688
Profit for the year, attributable to: Equity holders of the Company Non-controlling interests		36,688 -
	46,241	36,688

There were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the financial year other than as disclosed in the financial statements.

In the opinion of the directors, except as disclosed in the financial statements, the results of the operations of the Group and of the Company during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.

# Dividend

No dividend has been paid or declared by the Company since the end of the previous financial year.

On 3 January 2022, the directors declared an interim single-tier dividend in respect of financial year ending 31 December 2022 of RM0.03 per ordinary share amounting to RM36,774,863 and the dividend was paid on 25 January 2022. The financial statements for the current financial year do not reflect this interim dividend. It will be accounted for in equity as an appropriation of retained earnings in the financial year ending 31 December 2022.

On 18 April 2022, the directors recommended the payment of a first and final single-tier dividend of RM0.01 per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021. This dividend is subject to the approval of the shareholders at the coming Annual General Meeting.

#### Issue of shares and debentures

The Company did not issue any new shares or debentures during the financial year.

# Long Term Incentive Plan

The Company's Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") is governed by the By-Laws which were approved by the shareholders on 18 June 2014. The LTIP was implemented on 1 July 2014 and shall be in force for a period of 10 years from the date of implementation. The LTIP comprises the Employees' Share Option Scheme ("ESOS") and Share Grant Plan ("SGP") for the eligible directors and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries ("Eligible Persons"). The SGP is intended to allow the Company to award Performance Share Plan ("PSP") Grant to Eligible Persons. Based on the By-Laws, the ESOS options and/or PSP Grant will only be granted to the Eligible Persons upon the LTIP Committee providing the Eligible Persons written confirmation or notification of the number of ESOS options and/or PSP Grant vested in them. The fulfilment of the stipulated vesting conditions by the Eligible Persons is not sufficient to vest the ESOS options and/or PSP Grant to the Eligible Persons.

During the financial year, no ESOS options in accordance to section 253 of the Companies Act 2016 were granted by the Company pursuant to the LTIP.

Details of the LTIP are set out in Note 32(d) to the financial statements.

# Treasury shares

There were no repurchase of the Company's issued ordinary shares, nor any resale, cancellation or distribution of treasury shares during the financial year.

As at 31 December 2021, the Company held as treasury shares a total of 38,734,400 of its 1,264,563,142 issued ordinary shares. Such treasury shares are held at a carrying amount of RM45,191,000 and further relevant details are disclosed in Note 31 to the financial statements.

# Subsequent events

Details of subsequent events are disclosed in Note 39 to the financial statements.

# Directors

The names of the directors of the Company in office since the beginning of the financial year to the date of this report are:

Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas Tan Sri Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok Professor Hew Moi Lan Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy Dato' Seri (Dr.) Mohamed Azahari Bin Mohamed Kamil Dato' Siew Boon Yeong Dato Goh Leng Chua Fua Chye Jin DIRECTORS' REPORT

# Directors (cont'd.)

The names of the directors of the Company's subsidiaries in office since the beginning of the financial year to the date of this report (not including those directors listed above) are:

Chong Poh Yee Dato' Pahamin A. Rajab Dr. Susie Lau Meng Ching Dr. Tan Saw Poh Elaine Chegne Peck Oon Kamalam Pillay Rungapadiachy Ng Kim Leng Ona Lee Aei Professor Dr. Azrin Esmady Bin Ariffin Professor Dr. Mohamad Raili Bin Suhaili Professor Dato' Dr. Ahmad Termizi Bin Zamzuri Savinilorna Payandi-Pillay-Ramen Stella Lau Kah Wai Elsie Hui Ei Cheeng

(appointed on 31 May 2021)

# **Directors' benefits**

Neither at the end of the financial year, nor at any time during that year, did there subsist any arrangement to which the Company was a party, whereby the directors might acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate other than shares issued and awarded under the Company's LTIP.

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than benefits included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by the directors or the fixed salary of full time employees of the Company as disclosed below) by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with any director or with a firm of which the director is a member, or with a company in which the director has a substantial financial interest.

	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
Fees	266	266
Salaries and other emoluments	666	666
Defined contribution plan	70	70
Defined contribution plan Estimated money value of benefits-in-kind	43	43
	1,045	1,045

#### Indemnity and insurance for directors and officers

The directors and officers of the Group and of the Company are covered under a directors' and officers' liability insurance. The insurance has an aggregate limit of RM10,000,000 against any legal liability, if incurred by the directors and officers of SEG International Bhd. ("SEGi") and its subsidiaries in discharging of their duties while holding office for SEGi and its subsidiaries subject to the terms of the policy. The insurance premium for SEGi and its subsidiaries is RM10.000.

# **Directors' interests**

According to the register of directors' shareholdings, the interests of directors in office at the end of the financial year in shares (and options over shares) in the Company and its related corporations during the financial year were as follows:

	Number of ordinary shares			
	1.1.2021	Acquired	Sold	31.12.2021
The Company				
Direct interest				
Tan Sri Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	396,694,479	-	-	396,694,479
Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri				
Dr. Haji Megat Khas	67,991	-	-	67,991
Dato' Siew Boon Yeong	3,771,428	-	-	3,771,428

According to the register of directors' shareholdings, the interests of directors in office at the end of the financial year in shares (and options over shares) in the Company and its related corporations during the financial year were as follows: (cont'd.)

	Number of ordinary shares			S
	1.1.2021	Acquired	Sold	31.12.2021
The Company				
Indirect interest				
Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy ^	856,259,514	-	-	856,259,514
Tan Sri Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok *	459,565,035	-	-	459,565,035

	Numb	Number of options over ordinary shares				
	1.1.2021	Granted	Exercised/ Lapsed	31.12.2021		
Direct interest						
Professor Hew Moi Lan	306,939	-	-	306,939		

^ Deemed interests through Pinnacle Heritage Solutions Sdn. Bhd. ("PHS")'s, direct and indirect interest in SEGi shares.

\* Deemed interests in such SEGi shares held by PHS pursuant to the shareholders' agreement dated 25 April 2012 entered between Tan Sri Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok and PHS for regulating their relationship with one another as shareholders of SEGi.

By virtue of their interests in shares in the Company, Tan Sri Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok and Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy are deemed interested in the shares of the subsidiaries during the financial year to the extent that the Company has an interest.

Other than as disclosed, none of the other directors in office at the end of the financial year had any interest in shares and options over shares in the Company or its related corporations during the financial year.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

# Other statutory information

- (a) Before the statements of comprehensive income and statements of financial position of the Group and of the Company were prepared, the directors took reasonable steps:
  - to ascertain that proper action had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of provision for doubtful debts and satisfied themselves that all known bad debts had been written off and that adequate provision had been made for doubtful debts; and
  - (ii) to ensure that any current assets which were unlikely to realise their values as shown in the accounting records in the ordinary course of business had been written down to an amount which they might be expected so to realise.
- 118 (b) At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances which would render:
  - (i) the amount written off for bad debts or the amount of the provision for doubtful debts in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company inadequate to any substantial extent; and
  - (ii) the values attributed to the current assets in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company misleading.
  - (c) At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances which have arisen which would render adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Group and of the Company misleading or inappropriate.
  - (d) At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances not otherwise dealt with in this report or the financial statements of the Group and of the Company which would render any amount stated in the financial statements misleading.
  - (e) As at the date of this report, there does not exist:
    - (i) any charge on the assets of the Group or of the Company which has arisen since the end of the financial year which secures the liabilities of any other person; or
    - (ii) any contingent liability of the Group or of the Company which has arisen since the end of the financial year.
  - (f) In the opinion of the directors, except as disclosed in the financial statements:
    - (i) no contingent or other liability has become enforceable or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which will or may affect the ability of the Group or of the Company to meet their obligations when they fall due; and
    - (ii) no item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report which is likely to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Group or of the Company for the financial year in which this report is made.

# Auditors

The auditors, Ernst & Young PLT, have expressed their willingness to continue in office. Auditors' remuneration are disclosed below:

	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
Auditors' remuneration:		
Ernst & Young PLT	391	130
Other auditors	123	-
	514	130

Signed on behalf of the Board in accordance with a resolution of the directors dated 18 April 2022.

Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas Tan Sri Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok

#### STATEMENT BY Directors

PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(2) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016

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We, Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas and Tan Sri Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok, being two of the directors of SEG International Bhd., do hereby state that, in the opinion of the directors, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 126 to 211 are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia, so as to give a true and fair view of the financial positions of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2021 and of their financial performance and cash flows for the financial year then ended.

Signed on behalf of the Board in accordance with a resolution of the directors dated 18 April 2022.

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Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas Tan Sri Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok

STATUTORY DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(1)(b) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016

I, Chong Poh Yee, being the officer primarily responsible for the financial management of SEG International Bhd., do solemnly and sincerely declare that the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 126 to 211 are in my opinion correct, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1960.

Subscribed and solemnly declared by the abovenamed Chong Poh Yee at Kuala Lumpur in the Federal Territory on 18 April 2022.

Chong Poh Yee (MIA member no. 7620)

Before me,

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF SEG INTERNATIONAL BHD. (INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of SEG International Bhd., which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2021 of the Group and of the Company, and statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows of the Group and of the Company for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 126 to 211.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2021, and of their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Independence and other ethical responsibilities

We are independent of the Group and of the Company in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("By- Laws") and the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

#### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis of our audit opinion on the accompanying financial statements.

TO THE MEMBERS OF SEG INTERNATIONAL BHD. (INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)

## Report on the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Key Audit Matters (cont'd.)

Impairment of (i) goodwill and (ii) investment in subsidiaries

#### (i) Goodwill

(Refer to summary of significant accounting policies in Note 2.4(b), significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions in Note 3(b)(i) and disclosure of goodwill in Note 17(b) to the financial statements)

As at 31 December 2021, the carrying amount of goodwill recognised by the Group stood at RM27,210,000, which represents 10% of the Group's total non-current assets and 7% of the Group's total assets. This goodwill mainly relates to three subsidiaries principally engaged in the educational activities. The Group is required to perform annual impairment test of the cash generating units (CGUs) or groups of CGUs to which this goodwill has been allocated. The Group estimated the recoverable amount of its CGUs or groups of CGUs to which the goodwill is allocated based on value in use (VIU) calculations using cash flows projections.

We consider this impairment test to be an area of audit focus due to the significance of the amount, the complexity of the assessment process and the significant management judgement and assumptions involved. Specifically, we focus on the evaluation of the assumptions on expected revenue growth, discount rate and terminal growth rate.

(ii) Investment in subsidiaries

(Refer to summary of significant accounting policies in Note 2.4(a), significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions in Note 3(b)(ii) and disclosure of investment in subsidiaries in Note 18 to the financial statements)

As at 31 December 2021, the carrying amount of investment in subsidiaries stood at RM76,793,000, which represents 40% of the Company's total non-current assets and 29% of the Company's total assets.

The history of continued losses and the depleting shareholders' fund reported by certain subsidiaries indicated that the carrying amount of the investment in subsidiaries may be impaired. Accordingly, the Company carried out impairment testing on these investment in subsidiaries by estimating the recoverable amount using VIU calculations.

Similarly, we focused on impairment assessment of investment in subsidiaries as the impairment testing relies on VIU calculations using a fiveyear cash flow projection.

In addressing the areas of focus on impairment of goodwill as well as investments in subsidiaries, we performed, among others, the following procedures:

- a) obtained an understanding of the relevant internal process in estimating the recoverable amount of the CGUs or groups of CGUs;
- b) evaluated the basis of preparing cash flow projection taking into consideration the assessment of management's historical budgeting accuracy;
- c) together with EY valuation specialist, evaluated the methodology applied and management's key assumptions used which comprise discount rate, forecast annual growth rates and terminal growth rate by making comparisons to historical trends, internal and external market data; and
- d) analysed the sensitivity of key assumptions by assessing the impact of changes to the recoverable amounts.

TO THE MEMBERS OF SEG INTERNATIONAL BHD. (INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)

## Report on the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Key Audit Matters (cont'd.)

Impairment of (i) goodwill and (ii) investment in subsidiaries (cont'd.)

We have also evaluated the adequacy of the Group's and of the Company's disclosures of each key assumption on which the Group and the Company have based their cash flow projection. Key assumptions are those to which the recoverable amount is most sensitive, as disclosed in Notes 17(b) and 18 to the financial statements.

#### Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the directors' report, but does not include the financial statements of the Group and of the Company and our auditors' report thereon, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report, and the annual report which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Group and of the Company or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

When we read the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to the directors of the Company and take appropriate action.

#### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of financial statements of the Group and of the Company that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Group and of the Company that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's and the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Group and of the Company as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

TO THE MEMBERS OF SEG INTERNATIONAL BHD. (INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)

## Report on the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, whether due to fraud or
  error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide
  a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as
  fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and of the Company's internal control.
  - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
  - Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group or the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
  - Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Group and of the Company represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
  - Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial statements of the Group. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF SEG INTERNATIONAL BHD. (INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)

# Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia, we report that the subsidiaries of which we have not acted as auditors, are disclosed in Note 18 to the financial statements.

# Other matters

This report is made solely to the members of the Company, as a body, in accordance with Section 266 of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

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Ernst & Young PLT 202006000003 (LLP0022760-LCA) & AF 0039 Chartered Accountants **Lee Ai Chung** No. 03265/04/2023 J Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 18 April 2022

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		Group 2021 2020		Company 2021 2020		
	Note	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	4	223,499	204,124	61,494	57,487	
Cost of services	5	(78,911)	(63,196)	(18,733)	(16,740)	
Gross profit		144,588	140,928	42,761	40,747	
Interest income	6	751	1,006	2,280	2,315	
Other income	7	9,511	8,974	5,919	3,683	
Distribution expenses		(6,506)	(7,141)	(179)	(231)	
Administrative expenses		[44,366]	(45,307)	(2,807)	(3,128)	
Other expenses		(44,272)	[44,421]	(5,895)	(3,778)	
Operating profit		59,706	54,039	42,079	39,608	
Finance costs	8	(7,443)	(8,867)	(5,219)	(6,823)	
Profit before tax	9	52,263	45,172	36,860	32,785	
Taxation	12	(6,022)	(5,996)	(172)	477	
Profit for the year		46,241	39,176	36,688	33,262	
Other comprehensive income, net of tax: Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Fair value gain through other comprehensive						
income ("FVOCI") equity instruments Revaluation of freehold land and buildings		5 22,008	200	- 9,002	-	
Item that may be reclassified						
subsequently to profit or loss:						
Foreign currency translation differences		(181)	184	-	-	
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		21,832	384	9,002	-	
Total comprehensive income for the year		68,073	39,560	45,690	33,262	

# STATEMENTS OF **COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** 21

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2
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		G	roup	Company		
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	
Profit for the year, attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company		46,233	39,181	36,688	33,262	
Non-controlling interests		8	(5)	-	-	
		46,241	39,176	36,688	33,262	
Total comprehensive income for the year, attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company		68,065	39,565	45,690	33,262	
Non-controlling interests		8	(5)	-	-	
		68,073	39,560	45,690	33,262	
Earnings per share attributable to equity						
holders of the Company - Basic	13	3.77 sen	3.18 sen			
- Diluted	13	3.76 sen	3.10 sen 3.17 sen			
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		G	Group		Company		
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000		
Assets							
Non-current assets							
Property, plant and equipment	15	94,424	74,935	16,649	6,419		
Investment properties	16	6,747	6,841	-	-		
Intangible assets	17	27,210	27,522	-	-		
Investment in subsidiaries	18	-	-	76,793	77,450		
Other investment	19	660	660	-	-		
Receivables	20	4,873	4,390	28,062	22,536		
Right-of-use assets	21	118,909	130,632	72,332	78,672		
Deferred tax assets	22	8,939	7,174	365	1,952		
		261,762	252,154	194,201	187,029		
Current assets							
Inventories	23	86	85	-	-		
Receivables	20	25,576	30,635	13,797	32,294		
Tax recoverable		3,181	2,173	24	-		
Other financial asset	24	280	278	280	278		
Deposits, cash and bank balances	25	118,453	53,045	60,029	19,297		
		147,576	86,216	74,130	51,869		
Total assets		409,338	338,370	268,331	238,898		
Equity and liabilities Current liabilities							
Borrowings	26	23,058	24,272	23,058	24,272		
Lease liabilities	20	22,639	19,738	14,919	11,497		
Payables	27	57,437	45,715	10,717	12,566		
Contract liabilities	28	30,043	43,713 23,970	10,717	IC,JUU		
Provisions	28 29	30,043 120	23,970	-	-		
Current tax liabilities	29	744	347	-	72		
		134,041	114,042	48,694	48,407		
Net current assets/(liabilities)		13,535	(27,826)	25,436	3,462		

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		G	roup	Company	
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
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Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	26	-	7,250	-	7,250
Lease liabilities	21	105,351	120,827	64,502	73,760
Payables	27	2,007	2,034	1,117	1,689
Contract liabilities	28	1,134	1,164	-	-
Provisions	29	406	442	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	22	6,517	1,338	-	-
		115,415	133,055	65,619	82,699
Total liabilities		249,456	247,097	114,313	131,106
Net assets		159,882	91,273	154,018	107,792
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company					
Share capital	30	147,707	147,707	147,707	147,707
Treasury shares	31	(45,191)	(45,191)	(45,191)	(45,191)
Reserves	32	58,383	(10,218)	51,502	5,276
		160,899	92,298	154,018	107,792
Non-controlling interests		(1,017)	(1,025)	-	-
Total equity		159,882	91,273	154,018	107,792
Total equity and liabilities		409,338	338,370	268,331	238,898

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF

**CHANGES IN EQUITY** 

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	-			Non-distribu	table ——			Distributable		
Group	Share capital (Note 30) RM'000	Treasury shares (Note 31) RM'000	Fair value reserve of financial assets at FVOCI (Note 32(b)) RM'000	Exchange translation reserve (Note 32(c)) RM'000	Share- based payment reserve (Note 32(d)) RM'000	Asset revaluation surplus (Note 32(e)) RM'000	Accumulated losses /retained profits (Note 32(a)) RM'000	to equity holders	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
At 1 January 2021	147,707	(45,191)	-	193	1,991	-	(12,402)	92,298	(1,025)	91,273
Profit for the year <u>Other comprehensive income</u> <u>for the year, net of tax</u> :	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,233	46,233	8	46,241
Revaluation of freehold land and buildings Fair value gain on financial	-	-	-	-	-	22,008	-	22,008	-	22,008
assets Foreign currency translation	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
differences Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	(181)	-	-	-	(181)	-	(181)
for the year Depreciation transfer for	-	-	5	(181)	-	22,008	46,233	68,065	8	68,073
buildings to retained profits Deferred tax impact transfer on revaluation of freehold	-	-	-	-	-	(139)	139	-	-	-
land and buildings Transactions with owners:	-	-	-	-	-	33	(33)	-	-	-
- Share-based payment	-	-	-	-	536	-	-	536	-	536
At 31 December 2021	147,707	(45,191)	5	12	2,527	21,902	33,937	160,899	(1,017)	159,882

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	◄	Non-distributable —			<b></b>	Distributable			
Group	Share capital (Note 30) RM'000	Treasury shares (Note 31) RM'000	Fair value reserve of financial assets at FVOCI (Note 32(b)) RM'000	Exchange translation reserve (Note 32(c)) RM'000	Share- based payment reserve (Note 32(d)) RM'000	Accumulated losses (Note 32(a))	Attributable to equity holders of the Company RM'000	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
At 1 January 2020	147,707	(37,486)	(200)	9	1,969	(20,937)	91,062	(1,020)	90,042
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax:	-	-	-	-	-	39,181	39,181	(5)	39,176
Fair value gain on financial assets Foreign currency translation	-	-	200	-	-	-	200	-	200
differences	-	-	-	184	-	-	184	-	184
Total comprehensive income for the year Transactions with owners:	-	-	200	184	-	39,181	39,565	(5)	39,560
- Purchase of treasury shares	-	(7,705)	-	-	-	-	(7,705)	-	(7,705)
- Share-based payment	-	-	-	-	22	-	22	-	22
- Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(30,646)	(30,646)	-	(30,646)
At 31 December 2020	147,707	(45,191)	-	193	1,991	(12,402)	92,298	(1,025)	91,273

# STATEMENT OF

**CHANGES IN EQUITY** 

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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	◄	Non-dis	stributable — Share-based	→ Asset	Distributable	
Company	Share capital (Note 30) RM'000	Treasury shares (Note 31) RM'000	payment reserve (Note 32(d)) RM'000	revaluation surplus (Note 32(e)) RM'000	Retained profits (Note 32(a)) RM'000	Total equity RM'000
At 1 January 2021	147,707	(45,191)	1,991	-	3,285	107,792
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	36,688	36,688
Revaluation of freehold land and buildings Depreciation transfer for buildings to	-	-	-	9,002	-	9,002
retained profits	-	-	-	(29)	29	-
Deferred tax impact transfer on revaluation of freehold land and buildings	_	-	-	7	[7]	-
Transactions with owners:						
- Share-based payment	-	-	536	-	-	536
At 31 December 2021	147,707	(45,191)	2,527	8,980	39,995	154,018
At 1 January 2020	147,707	[37,486]	1,969	-	669	112,859
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	33,262	33,262
Transactions with owners:						(7 705)
- Purchase of treasury shares	-	(7,705)	-	-	-	(7,705)
- Share-based payment	-	-	22	-	-	(20.646)
- Dividend (Note 14)	-	-	-	-	(30,646)	(30,646)
At 31 December 2020	147,707	(45,191)	1,991	-	3,285	107,792

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF **CASH FLOWS** FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Company

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Profit before tax		52,263	45,172	36,860
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation and amortisation of:				
- right-of-use assets	9, 21(a)	23,371	22,357	14,731
- property, plant and equipment	9, 15	9,014	10,538	207
- investment properties	9, 16	94	166	-
- development costs	9, 17	1	2	-
Write-off of:				
- plant and equipment	9, 15	247	8	-
- bad debts	9	3	502	-
- amount due from a subsidiary	9	-	-	1,869
Gain on:				
- disposal of plant and equipment	7, 9	(101)	(13)	-
<ul> <li>derecognition of right-of-use assets</li> </ul>	7	(1,262)	(80)	-
Allowance for impairment loss on:				
- investment in subsidiaries	9, 18	-	-	2,204
– goodwill	17	311	-	-
- ECL on trade receivables	9, 20(b)	775	1,518	-
Reversal of:				
<ul> <li>allowance for ECL on trade receivables</li> </ul>	9, 20(b)	(172)	(454)	-
- impairment from amounts due from subsidiaries	7, 9	-	-	(3,197)
Unrealised foreign currency exchange (gain)/loss	9	(81)	46	-
Dividend income	4	(57)	(54)	(38,603)
Interest income	6	(751)	(1,006)	(2,280)
Interest expense	8	7,443	8,867	5,219
Covid-19 related rent concessions received	7	(1,652)	[2,432]	(1,012)
Fair value movement on financial assets	24	[2]	75	[2]
Share-based payment expense	10	536	22	39

Note

Group

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Cash generated from operations

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Increase/(decrease) in provisions

Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities

Changes in working capital (Increase)/decrease in inventories

Operating cash flows before changes in working capital

Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables

Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables

Decrease/(increase) in amount due from subsidiaries

## STATEMENTS OF

**CASH FLOWS** 

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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		Gi	Group		Company		
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000		
Cash generated from operations (cont'd.)		111,676	63,788	28,223	11,285		
Interest paid		[7,443]	(8,867)	(5,043)	(6,488)		
Net tax paid		(8,741)	(6,492)	(96)	(30)		
Net cash generated from operating activities		95,492	48,429	23,084	4,767		
Cash flows from investing activities							
Interest received		751	1,006	745	775		
Dividend received		57	54	38,603	32,505		
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment		273	19	-	-		
Purchase of plant and equipment		(1,392)	(2,792)	(20)	(170)		
Purchase of own shares		-	(7,705)	-	(7,705)		
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities		(311)	[9,418]	39,328	25,405		
Cash flows from financing activities							
Drawdown of borrowings		536	15,272	536	15,272		
Repayment of hire purchase and finance lease payables		(909)	(970)	-	-		
Payment of lease liabilities		(20,400)	(19,314)	(13,216)	(12,002)		
Repayment of term loan		(9,000)	(9,000)	(9,000)	(9,000)		
Dividend paid		-	(30,646)	-	(30,646)		
Deposits with licensed banks with maturity of more than							
three months		(171)	(194)	(168)	(190)		
Net cash used in financing activities		[29,944]	(44,852)	(21,848)	(36,566)		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		65,237	(5,841)	40,564	(6,394)		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		47,721	53,562	14,133	20,527		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	25	112,958	47,721	54,697	14,133		

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

#### 1. Corporate information

SEG International Bhd. ("SEGi" or "The Company") is a public limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia, and is listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is located at 6th Floor, SEGi University, No. 9, Jalan Teknologi, Taman Sains Selangor, Kota Damansara, PJU 5, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

The principal activities of the Company are investment holding and provision of management consultancy services, property management, rental of premises, business advisory services, educational and training services. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 18.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 18 April 2022.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS"), International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM") and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand ('000) except when otherwise indicated.

#### 2.2 Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except on 1 January 2021, the Group and the Company adopted the following amended MFRSs mandatory for annual financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021.

Description	Effective for annual periods beginning on or after
Amendments to MFRS 9, MFRS 139 MFRS 7, MFRS 4 and MFRS 16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform-Phase 2	1 January 2021
Amendment to MFRS 16 Leases - Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021	1 April 2021

The adoption of these Amendments to MFRSs did not result in significant changes in the accounting policies of the Group and of the Company and had no significant effect on the financial performance or position of the Group and of the Company except for the adoption of Amendment to MFRS 16 Leases - Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021.

The Group has early adopted Amendments to MFRS 16 Leases - Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Group and the Company have recognised a total of RM1,652,000 and RM1,012,000 respectively of rent concessions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## 2.2 Changes in accounting policies (cont'd.)

#### Accounting for property, plant and equipment

On 30 September 2021, the Group and the Company changed its accounting policy with respect to the subsequent measurement of freehold land and buildings which are presented within property, plant and equipment from a cost model, where an asset is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses to a revaluation model where an asset is carried at fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The Group and the Company believe that subsequent measurement using a revaluation model provides more relevant information about the financial position and performance of these assets.

The Group and the Company applied the change in accounting policy prospectively as required in MFRS 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, where there is no restatement of prior period for the carrying value and depreciation charge of the assets concerned. The Group's and the Company's freehold land and buildings were revalued as at 30 September 2021 by independent professional qualified valuer.

The effect from this change in accounting policy as at 31 December 2021 are as follows:

		Increase	/(decrease)
	Note	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
Freehold land and buildings – valuation			
Freehold land and buildings - accumulated depreciation	15	15,505	8,374
Freehold land and buildings	15	(12,025)	(2,043)
- depreciation expenses	15	404	47
Asset revaluation surplus	32(e)	21,902	8,980
Retained profit	32(e)	106	22
Deferred tax liabilities	22	5,489	1,408
Taxation	12	[33]	[7]

## 2.3 Standards issued but not yet effective

The standards and interpretations that are issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the Group's and of the Company's financial statements are disclosed below. The Group and the Company intend to adopt these standards, if applicable, when they become effective.

Description	Effective for annual periods beginning on or after
Annual improvements to MFRS standards 2018 - 2020	1 January 2022
Amendments to MFRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment — Proceeds before Intended Use	1 January 2022
Amendments to MFRS 3 — Reference to the Conceptual Framework	1 January 2022
Amendments to MFRS 137 — Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract	1 January 2022
Amendments to MFRS 17 - Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 17 - Initial Application of MRFS 17 and MFRS 9 - Comparative Information	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101 - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101 - Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 108 - Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112 - Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128 - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its	1 January 2023
Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred

The above standards and interpretations do not have impact on the financial statements of the Group and the Company.

#### 2.4 Subsidiaries and basis of consolidation

#### (a) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

In the Company's separate financial statements, investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less accumulated impairment losses. On disposal of such investments, the difference between net disposal proceeds and their carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss.

## (b) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries as at the reporting date. The Group controls an investee if, and only if, the Group has:

- (i) power over the investee (such as existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee);
- (ii) exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its investment with the investee; and
- (iii) the ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns.

#### 2.4 Subsidiaries and basis of consolidation (cont'd.)

## (b) Basis of consolidation (cont'd.)

Generally, there is a presumption that a majority of voting rights results in control. To support this presumption and when the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- (i) the contractual arrangement(s) with the other vote holders of the investee;
- (ii) rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- (iii) the Group's voting rights and potential voting rights.

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year included in the consolidated financial statements from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income ("OCI") are attributed to the owners of the Group and to the noncontrolling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies to be in line with the Group's accounting policies. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the related assets (including goodwill), liabilities, non-controlling interest and other components of equity, while any resultant gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any investment retained is recognised at fair value.

#### Business combinations and goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred, measured at acquisition date fair value and the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether to measure the non-controlling interests in the acquiree at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred and included in administrative expenses.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts by the acquiree.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date through profit or loss.

## 2.4 Subsidiaries and basis of consolidation (cont'd.)

#### (b) Basis of consolidation (cont'd.)

#### Business combinations and goodwill (cont'd.)

Goodwill is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred and the amount recognised for non-controlling interests, and any previous interest held, over the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If the fair value of the net assets acquired is in excess of the aggregate consideration transferred, the Group re-assesses whether it has correctly identified all of the assets acquired and all of the liabilities assumed and reviews the procedures used to measure the amounts to be recognised at the acquisition date. If the reassessment still results in an excess of the fair value of net assets acquired over the aggregate consideration transferred, then the gain is recognised in profit or loss.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units ("CGU") that are expected to benefit from the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquiree are assigned to those units.

Where goodwill has been allocated to a CGU and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the disposed operation is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal. Goodwill disposed in these circumstances is measured based on the relative values of the disposed operation and the portion of the CGU retained.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of foreign operation on or after 1 January 2006 are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operations and are recorded in the functional currency of the foreign operations and translated in accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note 2.7(c).

Goodwill and fair value adjustments which arose on acquisitions of foreign operation before 1 January 2006 are deemed to be assets and liabilities of the Company and are recorded in RM at the rates prevailing at the date of acquisition.

#### 2.5 Transactions with non-controlling interests

Non-controlling interest represents the equity in subsidiaries not attributable, directly or indirectly, to owners of the Company, and is presented separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income and within equity in the consolidated statement of financial position, separately from equity attributable to owners of the Company.

Changes in the Company owners' ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions. In such circumstances, the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interest is adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Company.

## 2.6 Current versus non-current classification

The Group presents assets and liabilities in statement of financial position based on current/non-current classification. An asset is current when it is:

- (i) expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in normal operating cycle;
- (ii) held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- (iii) expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period; or
- (iv) cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.
- All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when:

- (i) it is expected to be settled in normal operating cycle;
- (ii) it is held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- (iii) it is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period; or
- (iv) there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

The Group classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as non-current assets and liabilities.

# 2.7 Foreign currency

#### (a) Functional and presentation currency

The individual financial statements of each entity in the Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (RM), which is also the Company's functional currency.

#### (b) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are measured in the respective functional currencies of the Company and its subsidiaries and are recorded on initial recognition in the functional currencies at exchange rates approximating those ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured in foreign currencies measured at fair value are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

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## 2.7 Foreign currency (cont'd.)

## (b) Foreign currency transactions (cont'd.)

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at the reporting date are recognised in profit or loss except for exchange differences arising on monetary items that form part of the Group's net investment in foreign operations, which are recognised initially in other comprehensive income and accumulated under foreign currency translation reserve is reclassified from equity to profit or loss of the Group on disposal of the foreign operation.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on the change in fair value of the item (i.e. translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in OCI or profit or loss are also recognised in OCI or profit loss, respectively).

### (c) Foreign operations

For consolidation purposes, all assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated at prevailing exchange rate on reporting date. Income and expense items are translated at average exchange rate for the period. The exchange differences arising on the translation are taken directly to other comprehensive income. On disposal of a foreign operation, the cumulative amount recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under foreign currency translation reserve relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the profit or loss.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of foreign operations are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operations and are recorded in the functional currency of the foreign operations and translated at the closing rate at the reporting date.

#### 2.8 Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured initially at cost. Following initial acquisition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalised development costs, are not capitalised and expenditure is reflected in profit or loss in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed as either finite or indefinite.

#### **Research and development costs**

All research costs are recognised in the profit or loss as incurred.

Expenditure incurred on projects to develop new products is capitalised and deferred only when the Group can demonstrate the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale, its intention to complete and its ability to use or sell the asset, how the asset will generate future economic benefits, the availability of resources to complete the project and the ability to measure reliably the expenditure during the development. Product development expenditures which do not meet these criteria are expensed off when incurred.

Development costs, considered to have finite useful lives, are stated at cost less any impairment losses and are amortised using the straight-line basis over the commercial lives of the underlying products not exceeding ten years. Impairment is assessed whenever there is an indication of impairment and the amortisation period and method are also reviewed at least at each reporting date

## 2.9 Property, plant and equipment

## Effective prior to 30 September 2021

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the property, plant and equipment if the recognition criteria are met. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Group and the Company depreciate them separately based on their specific useful lives. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred. The present value of the expected cost for the decommissioning of an asset after its use is included in the cost of the respective asset if the recognition criteria for a provision are met.

Freehold land has an infinite useful life and therefore is not depreciated. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, at the following annual rates:

Buildings	2%
Computer hardware and software	15% - 33%
Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	10% - 20%
Library books and manuals	10% - 20%
Motor vehicles	20%

Capital work-in-progress are not depreciated as these assets are not yet available for use.

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method are reviewed at each financial year-end, and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on derecognition of the asset is included in the profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

## Effective after 30 September 2021

Plant and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the plant and equipment if the recognition criteria are met. When significant parts of plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Group and the Company depreciate them separately based on their specific useful lives. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred. The present value of the expected cost for the decommissioning of an asset after its use is included in the cost of the respective asset if the recognition criteria for a provision are met.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at fair value less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses recognised after the date of revaluation. Valuations are performed with sufficient frequency to ensure that the carrying amount of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its fair value.

A revaluation surplus is recorded in OCI and credited to the asset revaluation surplus in equity. However, to the extent that it reverses a revaluation deficit of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss, the increase is recognised in profit and loss. A revaluation deficit is recognised in the statement of profit or loss, except to the extent that it offsets an existing surplus on the same asset recognised in the asset revaluation surplus.

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## 2.9 Property, plant and equipment (cont'd.)

### Effective after 30 September 2021 (cont'd.)

An annual transfer from the asset revaluation surplus to retained earnings is made for the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset and depreciation based on the asset's original cost. Additionally, accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued asset. Upon disposal, any revaluation surplus relating to the particular asset being sold is transferred to retained earnings.

Freehold land has an infinite useful life and therefore is not depreciated. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, at the following annual rates:

Buildings	2%
Computer hardware and software	15% - 33%
Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	10% - 20%
Library books and manuals	10% - 20%
Motor vehicles	20%

Capital work-in-progress are not depreciated as these assets are not yet available for use.

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method are reviewed at each financial year-end, and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on derecognition of the asset is included in the profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

#### 2.10 Investment properties

Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measure at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. These investment properties are depreciated over the shorter of the residual lease period and estimated useful life. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment losses is in accordance with Note 2.11.

Investment properties are derecognised when they have either been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from the use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gain or loss on the retirement or disposal of an investment property is recognised in the profit or loss in the year of retirement or disposal.

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed at each financial year-end to ensure that the amount, method and period of depreciation are consistent with previous estimates and the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the items of the investment properties.

Transfers are made to or from investment property only when there is a change in use. For a transfer from investment property to owneroccupied property, the deemed cost for subsequent accounting is the fair value at the date of change in use. For a transfer from owner-occupied property to investment property, the property is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy for property, plant and equipment up to the date of change in use.

#### 2.11 Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's ("CGU") fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. When the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded companies or other available fair value indicators.

The Group bases its impairment calculation on detailed budgets and forecast calculations, which are prepared separately for each of the Group's CGU to which the individual assets are allocated. These budgets and forecast calculations are generally covering a period of five years. A long term growth rate is calculated and applied to project future cash flows after the fifth year.

Impairment losses of continuing operations are recognised in the statement of profit or loss in expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset, except for properties previously revalued with the revaluation taken to OCI. For such properties, the impairment is recognised in OCI up to the amount of any previous revaluation.

For assets excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication that previously recognised impairment losses no longer exist or have decreased. If such indication exists, the Group estimates the asset's or CGU's recoverable amount. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognised in the profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case, the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually as at 31 December 2021 and also when circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

Impairment is determined for goodwill by assessing the recoverable amount of each CGU (or group of CGUs) to which the goodwill relates. When the recoverable amount of the CGU is less than its carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised. Impairment losses relating to goodwill cannot be reversed in future periods.

## 2.12 Inventories

Inventories are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is determined using the weighted average method. Cost includes the cost of purchases and incidentals in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

#### 2.13 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits, and short-term deposits which have a maturity of three months or less, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amount of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. These also include bank overdrafts that form an integral part of the Group's and of the Company's cash management.

## 2.14 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. When the Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to a provision is presented in profit or loss net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, when appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

#### 2.15 Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

## (a) Financial assets

#### (i) Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") and fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI").

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's and the Company's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient, the Group initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at FVTPL, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under MFRS 15.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are 'solely payment of principal and interest ('SPPI')' on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level.

The Group's and the Company's business model for managing financial assets refers to how they manage their financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both.

## 2.15 Financial instruments (cont'd.)

## (a) Financial assets (cont'd.)

## (i) Initial recognition and measurement (cont'd.)

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, such as the date that the Group and the Company commit to purchase or sell the asset.

## (ii) Subsequent measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments);
- Financial assets at FVOCI (debt instruments);
- Financial assets at FVOCI (equity instruments); and
- Financial assets at FVTPL.

## Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)

The Group and the Company measure financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial asset in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate ("EIR") method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

The Group's and the Company's financial assets at amortised cost include trade and other receivables and deposits, cash and bank balances.

## Financial assets at FVOCI (debt instruments)

The Group and the Company measure debt instruments at FVOCI if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

### 2.15 Financial instruments (cont'd.)

#### (a) Financial assets (cont'd.)

#### (ii) Subsequent measurement (cont'd.)

#### Financial assets at FVOCI (debt instruments) (cont'd.)

For debt instruments at FVOCI, interest income, foreign exchange revaluation and impairment losses or reversals are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and computed in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost. The remaining fair value changes are recognised in OCI. Upon derecognition, the cumulative fair value change recognised in OCI is recycled to profit or loss.

The Group's and the Company's debt instruments at FVOCI includes investments in quoted equity shares included under other non-current financial assets.

## Financial assets designated at FVOCI (equity instruments)

Upon initial recognition, the Group and the Company can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at FVOCI when they meet the definition of equity under MFRS 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation and are not held for trading. The classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to profit or loss. Dividends are recognised as other income in the statement of profit or loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the Group and the Company benefit from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments designated at FVOCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

Unquoted shares in Malaysia is classified and measured as FVOCI. The Group and the Company elected to classify irrevocably its non-listed equity investments under this category as it intends to hold these investments for the foreseeable future. There was no impairment losses recognised in profit or loss for these investments in prior periods.

#### Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets at FVTPL include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at FVTPL or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Financial assets with cash flows that are not solely payments of principal and interest are classified and measured at FVTPL, irrespective of the business model. Notwithstanding the criteria for debt instruments to be classified at amortised cost or at FVOCI, as described above, debt instruments may be designated at FVTPL on initial recognition if doing so eliminates, or significantly reduces, an accounting mismatch.

Financial assets at FVTPL are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

This category includes investment security under other financial asset.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd.)

#### 2.15 Financial instruments (cont'd.)

#### (a) Financial assets (cont'd.)

#### (iii) Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (such as removed from the statement of financial position) when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Group and the Company have transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Group and the Company have transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group and the Company have neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but have transferred control of the asset.

When the Group and the Company have transferred their rights to receive cash flows from an asset or have entered into a 'passthrough' arrangement, they evaluate if and to what extent they have retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When they have neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Group's and of the Company's continuing involvement in the asset. In that case, the Group and the Company also recognise an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group and the Company have retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group and the Company could be required to repay.

#### (b) Financial liabilities

#### (i) Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at FVTPL, loans and borrowings, payables or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group's and the Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, loans and borrowings including bank overdrafts.

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## 2.15 Financial instruments (cont'd.)

#### (b) Financial liabilities (cont'd.)

#### (ii) Subsequent measurement

#### Loans and borrowings

After initial recognition, trade and other payables, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in profit or loss.

## (iii) Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expired. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in statement of profit or loss.

#### (c) Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

### 2.16 Impairment of financial assets

The Group and the Company recognise an allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") for all debt instruments carried at amortised cost and FVOCI. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group and the Company expect to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original EIR. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12- month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables, the Group and the Company apply a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Group and the Company do not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognise a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Group and the Company have established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

### 2.16 Impairment of financial assets (cont'd.)

Other financial assets including investment securities, short-term deposits and cash and cash equivalents are placed with reputable financial institutions. The Group and the Company consider these counterparties have a low risk of default and a strong capacity to meet contractual cash flows, and are of low credit risk. The impairment provision is determined based on the 12-month ECL.

The Group and the Company consider a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 30 to 180 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Group and the Company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group and the Company are unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group and the Company. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

#### 2.17 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are capitalised as part of the cost of a qualifying asset if they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of that asset. Capitalisation of borrowing costs commences when the activities to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress and the expenditures and borrowing costs are incurred. Borrowing costs are capitalised until the assets are substantially completed for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period they are incurred. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that the Group and the Company incurred in connection with the borrowing of funds.

#### 2.18 Employee benefits

#### (a) Short term benefits

Wages, salaries, bonuses and social security contributions are recognised as an expense in the year in which the associated services are rendered by employees of the Group and of the Company. Short term accumulating compensated absences such as paid annual leave are recognised when services are rendered by employees that increase their entitlement to future compensated absences, and short term non-accumulating compensated absences such as sick leave are recognised when the absences occur.

#### (b) Defined contribution plans

The Group and the Company participate in the national pension schemes as defined by the laws of the countries in which it has operations. The Malaysian companies in the Group and the Company make contributions to the Employees Provident Fund ("EPF") in Malaysia, a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions to defined contribution pension schemes are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is performed.

#### (c) Employee share option plans

The Company implemented its Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") on 1 July 2014, which comprises of the Employees' Share Option Scheme ("ESOS") and Share Grant Plan ("SGP") for the eligible directors and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. Employees of the Group and the Company receive remuneration in the form of share options as consideration for services rendered.

## 2.18 Employee benefits (cont'd.)

## (c) Employee share option plans (cont'd.)

#### Equity-settled transactions

The cost of these equity-settled transactions with employees is measured by reference to the fair value of the options at the date on which the options are granted using an appropriate valuation model. This cost is recognised in profit or loss, with a corresponding increase in the employee share option reserve over the vesting period. The cumulative expense recognised at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of options that will ultimately vest. The charge or credit to profit or loss for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognised at the beginning and end of that period.

No expense is recognised for options that do not ultimately vest, except for options where vesting is conditional upon a market or non-vesting condition, which are treated as vested irrespective of whether or not the market or non-vesting condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance and/or service conditions are satisfied. The employee share option reserve is transferred to retained profits upon expiry of the share options. When the options are exercised, the employee share option reserve is transferred to share capital if new shares are issued, or to treasury shares if the options are satisfied by the reissuance of treasury shares.

## 2.19 Leases

The Group and the Company assess at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

## (a) As lessee

The Group and the Company apply a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group and the Company recognise lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

## (i) Right-of-use assets

The Group and the Company recognise right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Leasehold land	over the lease term of 779 years
Property	2 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	2 to 5 years

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Group and the Company at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies in Note 2.11 impairment of non-financial assets.

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#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd.)

## 2.19 Leases (cont'd.)

#### (a) As lessee (cont'd.)

#### (ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group and the Company recognise lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and the Company and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group and the Company exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group and the Company use their incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

The Company's lease liabilities are included in financial liabilities in Note 36.

#### (iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group and the Company apply the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases such as those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option. It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. The assessment of whether an underlying asset is of low value is performed on an absolute basis and is not affected by the size, nature or circumstances of the lessee. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## (b) As lessor

Leases in which the Group and the Company do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset are classified as operating leases. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in revenue in the statements of comprehensive income due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

#### 2.20 Ordinary share capital and share issuance expenses

An equity instruments is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Group and of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities. Ordinary shares are equity instruments.

Ordinary shares are recorded at the proceeds received, net of directly attributable incremental transaction costs. Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised in equity in the period in which they are declared.

#### 2.21 Treasury shares

The Company's own equity instruments, which are reacquired (treasury shares) are recognised at cost and deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments. Any difference, between the carrying amount of treasury shares and the consideration received, if reissued, is recognised directly in equity. Voting rights related to treasury shares are nullified for the Company and no dividends are allocated to them respectively.

## 2.22 Revenue from contracts with customers and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of services or goods are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group and the Company expect to be entitled in exchange for those services or goods.

The Group and the Company satisfy a performance obligation and recognise revenue over time if the Group's and the Company's performance:

- do not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Company and have an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to-date; or
- create or enhance an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or
- provide benefits that the customer simultaneously receives and consumes as the Group and the Company perform.

For performance obligations where any one of the above conditions is not met, revenue is recognised at the point in time at which the performance obligation is satisfied.

Revenue from contracts with customers and other income are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account contractually defined terms of payment and excluding taxes or duty. The followings describes the performance obligations in contracts with customers:

## (a) Educational services

Educational services revenue comprise:

#### (i) Tuition fees

Tuition fees are recognised over a period of time when the services are rendered.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd.)

#### 2.22 Revenue from contracts with customers and other income (cont'd.)

#### (a) Educational services (cont'd.)

Educational services revenue comprise: (cont'd.)

## (ii) Facility fees

The student's facility fees are recognised over a period of time when the services are rendered.

#### (iii) Administration fees

Administration fees from application services are recognised when the services are rendered at a point in time.

#### (b) Non-educational services

Non-educational services are recognised when the services are rendered at a point in time.

#### (c) Sale of eyecare and healthcare-related products

Sales are recognised net of returns and trade discount when the goods are rendered at a point in time.

## (d) Management fees

Management fees are recognised when services are rendered.

#### (e) Rental income

Rental income arising from operating leases on investment properties is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in revenue in the statement of comprehensive income due to its operating nature.

#### (f) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the Group's and the Company's right to receive the payment is established, which is generally when shareholders approve the dividend.

#### (g) Interest income

Interest income recognised on an accrual basis that reflects the effective yield of the asset.

#### Contract liabilities arising from revenue recognition

A contract liability is recognised if a payment is received or a payment is due (whichever is earlier) from a customer before the Group and the Company transfer the related goods or services. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the Group and the Company perform under the contract such as transfers control of the related goods or services to the customer.

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#### 2.22 Revenue from contracts with customers and other income (cont'd.)

## Cost to obtain a contract

The Group pays agent commission to its agent for certain contracts that they obtain for number of students recruited. The Group applies the optional practical expedient to immediately expense costs to obtain a contract if the amortisation period of the asset that would have been recognised is one year or less. As such, sales commissions are immediately recognised as an expense.

#### 2.23 Income taxes

#### (a) Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date in the countries where the Group and the Company operate and generates taxable income.

Current income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity is recognised in equity and not in the statement of profit or loss. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

#### (b) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes at the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all temporary differences, except:

- where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is
  not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss;
  and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- where the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd.)

## 2.23 Income taxes (cont'd.)

## (b) Deferred tax (cont'd.)

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss. Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in OCI or directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Tax benefits acquired as part of a business combination, but not satisfying the criteria for separate recognition at that date, are recognised subsequently if new information about facts and circumstances change. The adjustment is either treated as a reduction in goodwill (as long as it does not exceed goodwill) if it was incurred during the measurement period or recognised in profit or loss.

## 2.24 Contingencies

A contingent liability is:

- (a) a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group; or
- (b) a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because:
  - (i) it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; or
  - (ii) the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group.

Contingent liabilities and assets are not recognised on the statement of financial position of the Group, except for contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination that are present obligations and which the fair values can be reliably determined.

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### 2.25 Segment reporting

Segment reporting in the financial statements are presented on the same basis as it is used by management internally for evaluating operating segment performance and in deciding how to allocate resources to operating segments. Operating segments are distinguishable components of the Group that engage in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components. An operating segment is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

All transactions between operating segments are conducted based on mutually agreed allocation bases, with intra-segment revenue and costs being eliminated. Income and expenses directly associated with each segment are included in determining business segment performance.

### 2.26 Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to by the Group.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1: Quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3: Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to fair value measurement is unobservable

#### 2.26 Fair value measurement (cont'd.)

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Group and the Company have determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

## 2.27 Financial guarantee contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due.

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised initially as a liability at fair value, net of transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial guarantee contracts are recognised as income in profit or loss over the period of the guarantee. If the debtor fails to make payment relating to financial guarantee contract when it is due and the Company, as the issuer, is required to reimburse the holder for the associated loss, the liability is measured at the higher of the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date and the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation.

#### 2.28 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attached conditions will be complied with. When the grant related to an asset, the fair value is recognised as deferred capital grant in the statement of financial position by deducting the grant in arriving at the carrying amount of assets when the asset is ready for its intended use. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods that the related costs, for which it is intended to compensate, are expensed.

When loans or similar assistance are provided by governments or related institutions, with an interest rate below the current applicable market rate, the effect of this favourable interest is regarded as a government grant. The loan or assistance is initially recognised and measured at fair value and the government grant is measured as the difference between the initial carrying value of the loan and the proceeds received. The loan is subsequently measured as per the accounting policy in Note 2.15(b).

#### 3. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Group's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

### (a) Critical judgements made in applying accounting policies

There are no critical judgements made by management in the process of applying the Group's and the Company's accounting policies that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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## 3. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (cont'd.)

#### (b) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

#### Impairment of goodwill and investment in subsidiaries

## (i) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of business combination over the Group's share in the net fair value of the acquired subsidiary's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities. Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually and at other times when such indicators exist. This requires an estimation of the value in use of the cash-generating units ("CGU") to which goodwill is allocated.

### (ii) Investment in subsidiaries

The Company reviews its investment in subsidiaries when there are indicators of impairment. Impairment is measured by comparing the carrying amount of an investment with its recoverable amount. Significant estimation is required in determining the recoverable amount.

When value in use calculation are undertaken, management must estimate the expected future cash flows from the asset and choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. Further details of goodwill and investment in subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 17(b) and Note 18 respectively.

#### Revaluation of freehold land and buildings within property, plant and equipment

The Group and the Company measure the freehold land and buildings which are presented within property, plant and equipment at revalued amounts, with changes in fair value being recognised in OCI. These assets were valued by reference to transactions involving assets of a similar nature, location and condition. The Group and the Company engaged an independent professional qualified valuer to assess the fair values as at 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2021 for these assets. The key assumptions used to determine the fair value of these assets are disclosed in Note 15.

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4. Revenue

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	Group		Company	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Educational services rendered	221,882	203,265	-	-
Non-educational services rendered	369	230	731	732
Management fees	-	-	6,151	6,492
Rental income	98	155	16,009	17,758
Dividend income	57	54	38,603	32,505
Sale of eyecare and healthcare - related products 	1,093	420	-	-
	223,499	204,124	61,494	57,487
<b>Timing of revenue recognition</b> Goods or services transferred				
- at a point in time	29,992	12,900	45,485	39,729
- over time	193,507	191,224	16,009	17,758
	223,499	204,124	61,494	57,487

The transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations (unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied) as at 31 December 2021 is as follows:

## Educational services rendered - Contract liabilities (Note 28)

	Gr	roup
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Within one year	30,043	23,970
More than one year	1,134	1,164
	31,177	25,134

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## 5. Cost of services

	G	Group		Company	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	
Salaries and related expenses Other direct costs	50,558 28,353	49,440 13,756	- 18,733	- 16,740	
	78,911	63,196	18,733	16,740	
Included in other direct costs are the followings:					
Agent fee	22,316	9,093	-	-	
Incentive to staff	1,021	793	-	-	
Students' direct expenses	409	728	-	-	
Sharing and royalty fees	1,325	1,186	-	-	
Library, lab and workshop expenses	2,473	1,090	-	-	
Management fees	-	-	4,002	3,184	
Cost of goods sold	155	163	-	-	
Depreciation of right-of-use-assets	-	-	14,731	13,556	
Others	654	703	-	-	
	28,353	13,756	18,733	16,740	

## 6. Interest income

	G	Group		npany
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Interest income from: Subsidiaries	-	-	1,577	1,540
Fixed deposits	751	1,006	703	775
	751	1,006	2,280	2,315

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7. Other income

		G	roup	Con	npany
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Hostel related income		1,473	3,091	-	-
Student deposits forfeited		935	1,126	-	-
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	9	101	13	-	-
Fair value gain on other financial assets		-	-	2	5
Accounting service fees from subsidiaries		-	-	1,680	1,440
Gain on derecognition of right-of-use assets	21	1,262	80	-	-
Covid-19 related rent concessions received	21	1,652	2,432	1,012	1,538
Reversal of impairment from amount due					
from subsidiaries	9	-	-	3,197	-
Government grants	7(a)	2,213	3	-	-
Others		1,875	2,229	28	700
		9,511	8,974	5,919	3,683

## (a) Government grants

Government grants have been received for the subsidy on employees' salaries. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attached to these grants.

## 8. Finance costs

		G	roup	Con	npany
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Interest expense on:					
Lease liabilities	21(b)	6,744	7,197	4,391	4,920
Hire purchase liabilities	21(b)	47	102	-	-
Overdraft	26	23	523	23	523
Loans	26	629	1,045	629	1,045
Loans from subsidiary companies		-	-	176	335
		7,443	8,867	5,219	6,823

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## 9. Profit before tax

The following amounts have been included in arriving at profit before tax:

		Group		Company	
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Auditors' remunerations:					
- current year					
- Ernst & Young PLT		350	354	130	120
- overseas member firms of Ernst & Young PLT		41	40	-	-
- other auditors		123	114	-	-
- under/(over) provision in prior years					
- Ernst & Young PLT		-	[4]	-	-
- other auditors		1	×	-	-
Non-audit fees for services rendered by:					
- Ernst & Young PLT		119	58	10	10
- other auditors		62	109	-	-
- under provision in prior years to Ernst & Young PLT		1	2	-	-
Employee benefits expense	10	82,812	81,485	764	962
Expense related to short-term leases in respect of:					
- premises		67	61	-	-
- hostels		33	2	-	-
- equipment		113	85	-	-
Foreign currency exchange (gain)/loss:					
- realised		(405)	(153)	131	10
- unrealised		(81)	46	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation of:					
- right-of-use assets	21(a)	23,371	22,357	14,731	13,556
- property, plant and equipment	15	9,014	10,538	207	158
- investment properties	16	94	166	-	-
- development costs	17	1	2	-	-
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	7	(101)	(13)	-	-

\* Less than RM1,000

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## 9. Profit before tax (cont'd.)

The following amounts have been included in arriving at profit before tax: (cont'd.)

		Gi	roup	Con	npany
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Gain on derecognition of right-of-use assets	21	(1,262)	(80)	-	-
Impairment loss on investment in subsidiaries	18	-	-	2,204	960
Allowance for impairment loss on:					
– goodwill	17	311	-	-	-
- ECL on trade receivables	20(b)	775	1,518	-	-
Reversal of:					
- impairment from amounts due from subsidiaries	7	-	-	(3,197)	-
- allowance for ECL on trade receivables	20(b)	(172)	(454)	-	-
Write-off of:					
- amount due from a subsidiary	-	-	-	1,869	
- property, plant and equipment	15	247	8	-	-
- bad debts		3	502	-	-

## 10. Employee benefits expense

		G	roup	Con	npany
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Employee benefits expense:	9				
Salaries, wages, bonuses and allowances		70,832	71,808	581	492
Defined contribution plan		7,602	7,455	70	68
Social security contributions		862	939	2	2
Share-based payment expense		536	22	39	382
Other benefits		2,980	1,261	72	18
		82,812	81,485	764	962

Included in employee benefits expense of the Group and of the Company are executive directors' remuneration amounting to RM736,000 (2020: RM661,000) and RM736,000 (2020: RM661,000), respectively as further disclosed in Note 11.

## 11. Directors' remuneration

The details of remuneration received and receivable by directors of the Group and of the Company during the year are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
- Executive/non-executive:				
Salaries and other emoluments	666	547	666	547
Bonus	-	45	-	45
Defined contribution plan	70	69	70	69
Total executive/non-executive directors' remuneration				
excluding benefits-in-kind	736	661	736	661
Estimated money value of benefits-in-kind	43	56	43	56
Total executive/non-executive directors' remuneration				
including benefits-in-kind	779	717	779	717
Non-executive:				
Fees	266	266	266	266
Total directors' remuneration including benefits-in-kind	1,045	983	1,045	983

The number of directors of the Group and of the Company whose total remuneration during the years fell within the following bands is analysed below:

	Gr	Number o Group		any.	
	2021	2020	2021	pany 2020	
Executive directors:					
Below RM50,001	-	1	-	1	
RM100,001 – RM150,000	1	-	1	-	
RM600,001 - RM650,000	1	-	1	-	
RM650,001 — RM700,000	-	1	-	1	
Non-executive directors:					
Below RM50,001	2	2	2	2	
RM50,001 - RM100,000	4	4	4	4	

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12. Taxation

The major components of income tax for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

		Grou		Con	npany	
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	
Current income tax:						
Malaysia income tax		7,730	4,691	-	101	
Foreign income tax		522	257	-	-	
(Over)/under provision of Malaysian income tax in						
respect of prior years		(122)	615	-	(198)	
		8,130	5,563	-	(97)	
Deferred tax:	22					
Origination and reversal of temporary differences		(2,340)	2,084	(168)	200	
Over/(under) provision in respect of prior years		232	(1,651)	340	(580)	
		(2,108)	433	172	(380)	
Income tax expense/(credit) recognised in profit or loss		6,022	5,996	172	[477]	

Domestic current income tax is calculated at the Malaysia statutory tax rate of 24% (2020: 24%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

Taxation for other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

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## 12. Taxation (cont'd.)

The reconciliations between income tax and the product of accounting profits multiplied by the applicable corporate tax rate for the financial years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Profit before tax	52,263	45,172	36,860	32,785
Taxation at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2020: 24%)	12,543	10,841	8,846	7,868
Adjustments: Non-deductible expenses	1,688	1,499	13	432
Income not subject to tax	(2,018)	(3,520)	(9,265)	(7,802)
Deferred tax assets not recognised	349	4.645	245	959
Utilisation of previously unrecognised deferred tax assets	(1,055)	(4,446)	-	(1,156)
Utilisation of current year's allowance for increased export of service	(4,139)	(133)	-	-
Different tax rate of certain subsidiaries	(1,423)	(1,854)	-	-
Realisation of deferred tax on revaluation of freehold land and buildings (Over)/under provision in respect of prior years:	(33)	-	[7]	-
- current income tax	(122)	615	-	(198)
- deferred tax	232	(1,651)	340	(580)
Income tax expense/(credit) recognised in profit or loss	6,022	5,996	172	(477)

Tax savings during the financial years arising from:

	Group		Company	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Utilisation of current year tax losses	(295)	-	(294)	-
Utilisation of tax losses brought forward from previous years	(239)	(4,110)	-	(1,156)
	(534)	(4,110)	(294)	(1,156)

## 13. Earnings per share

## (a) Basic

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the Group's profit net of tax, attributable to equity holders of the Company of RM46,233,000 (2020: RM39,181,000) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial year, net of treasury shares, of approximately 1,225,829,000 (2020: 1,231,385,000).

## 13. Earnings per share (cont'd.)

## (b) Diluted

Diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing profit net of tax, attributable to equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

The following reflect the profit and share data used in the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the years ended 31 December:

	Group	
	2021	2020
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (RM'000)	46,233	39,183
Weighted average number of ordinary shares ('000) Effect of dilution ('000)	1,225,829	1,231,385
- Shares Grant Plan ("SGP")	4,451	4,45
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share ('000)	1,230,280	1,235,830
Basic earnings per share (sen):		
Basic earnings per share for profit for the year, net of tax	3.77	3.18
<u>Diluted earnings per share (sen):</u> Diluted earnings per share for profit for the year, net of tax	3.76	3.1

No share options vested to employees under the existing employee share option scheme that have not been included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share because they are anti-dilutive.

## 14. Dividends

	Con	npany
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Recognised during the financial year:		
<u>In respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2020:</u> Interim single tier dividend of RM0.025 per ordinary share paid on 25 November 2020		30.646

Subsequent to financial year end, dividends have been declared or recommended by the directors as disclosed in Note 39.

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## 15. Property, plant and equipment

Group	Freehold land RM'000	Buildings RM'000	Computer hardware and software RM'000	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment RM'000	Library books and manuals RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Capital work-in progress RM'000	Total RM'000
At 31 December 2021								
<b>Cost or valuation</b> At 1 January 2021 Additions Revaluation	4,250 -	52,947 -	17,717 309	109,579 773	9,249 198	4,670	67 112	198,479 1,392
adjustment (Note 32) Transfer * Reclassification Disposals Write-off (Note 9)	7,750 - - -	19,780 (12,025) - - -	- 30 (7)	- - 122 - (247)	- - - -	- - (755) -	- (152) -	27,530 (12,025) - (762) (247)
At 31 December 2021	12,000	60,702	18,049	110,227	9,447	3,915	27	214,367
Depreciation At 1 January 2021 Depreciation charge (Note 9 Transfer * Disposals	-   - - -	11,231 1,198 (12,025) -	16,668 637 - (6)	83,250 6,597 - -	8,495 330 - -	3,900 252 - (584)	- - -	123,544 9,014 (12,025) (590)
At 31 December 2021	-	404	17,299	89,847	8,825	3,568	-	119,943
Net book value	12,000	60,298	750	20,380	622	347	27	94,424
At 31 December 2020								
<b>Cost</b> At 1 January 2020 Additions Reclassification Disposals Write-off (Note 9)	4,250 - - -	52,947 - - -	17,050 667 - -	107,700 1,834 83 (30) (8)	9,108 141 - -	4,670 - - -	- 150 (83) -	195,725 2,792 - (30) (8)
At 31 December 2020	4,250	52,947	17,717	109,579	9,249	4,670	67	198,479
<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 January 2020 Depreciation charge (Note 9 Disposal	- ] - -	10,173 1,058 -	15,631 1,037 -	75,795 7,477 (22)	8,077 418 -	3,352 548 -	- - -	113,028 10,538 (22)
At 31 December 2020	-	11,231	16,668	83,250	8,495	3,900	-	123,544
Net book value	4,250	41,716	1,049	26,329	754	770	67	74,935

\* This transfer relates to the accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date that was eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the revalued asset.

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## 15. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd.)

	Freehold land	Buildings	Computer hardware and software	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Company	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 31 December 2021						
Cost or valuation						
At 1 January 2021 Additions	4,250	3,877	843 10	351 10	441	9,762 20
Revaluation adjustment Transfer *	7,750	2,667 (2,043)	-	-	-	10,417 (2,043)
At 31 December 2021	12,000	4,501	853	361	441	18,156
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2021	-	1,984	683	235	441	3,343
Depreciation charge (Note 9) Transfer *	-	106 (2,043)	79 -	- 22	-	207 (2,043)
As at 31 December 2021	-	47	762	257	441	1,507
Net book value	12,000	4,454	91	104	-	16,649
At 31 December 2020						
Cost						
At 1 January 2020 Additions	4,250	3,877	686 157	338 13	441	9,592 170
At 31 December 2020	4,250	3,877	843	351	441	9,762
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2020	-	1,907	628	209	441	3,185
Depreciation charge (Note 9)	-	77	55	26	-	158
As at 31 December 2021	-	1,984	683	235	441	3,343
Net book value	4,250	1,893	160	116	-	6,419

\* This transfer relates to the accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date that was eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the revalued asset.

## 15. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd.)

(a) During the financial year, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment at aggregate cost of RM1,392,000 (2020: RM2,792,000) of which NIL (2020: NIL) were acquired by means of hire purchase.

Net carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment held under hire-purchase agreements are as follows:

Gr	Group		
2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000		
1,669	1,935		
267	562		
1,936	2,497		
	<b>2021</b> <b>RM'000</b> 1,669 267		

Details of the obligation under hire-purchase are disclosed in Note 21(b)(i).

- (b) At the end of the financial year, the carrying amount of the freehold land and buildings of the Group and of the Company are pledged as security for banking facilities amounted to approximately RM63,665,000 (2020: RM40,902,000) and RM16,454,000 (2020: RM6,143,000) respectively.
- (c) Key assumptions used in value in use calculations

The recoverable amount of the plant and equipment is determined based on value in use calculations using probability-based cash flow projections from financial forecasts with key assumptions approved by management covering a 5-year period (2020: 5-year period). The cash flow projections include management's different scenarios of possible recovery of students enrolments and cost-cutting measures.

Key assumptions used in value in use calculations are presented below:

- (i) Pre-tax discount rate of 12% (2020: 12%).
- (ii) Revenue annual growth rate of 1% to 25% (2020: 3% to 5%).
- (iii) Terminal growth rate of 2% (2020: 1.3%) represents the growth rate applied to extrapolate post-tax cash flow beyond the five year financial budget period.

The impairment assessments performed by one of the subsidiaries is sensitive to changes to the assumptions below and any significant adverse movements in these assumptions could impact the results of the impairment test.

- Discount rate: An increase in the pre-tax discount rate of 2% would result in an impairment of RM1,618,000 (2020: RM1,576,000).
- Growth rate: The forecast long-term growth rate are based on published industry research and does not exceed the long-term average growth rate for the industry. A reduction to 1% in the long-term growth rate would result in an impairment of RM180,000 (2020: NIL).

## 15. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd.)

## (d) Revaluation of freehold lands and buildings

## Valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements

The fair values of the freehold land and buildings are determined by external, independent property valuers, having appropriate recognised professional qualification and recent experience in the location and category of property being valued.

Description of valuation techniques used and key inputs to valuation on freehold land and

Valuation technique	Significant observable inputs
Comparison Method of Valuation ("CMV")	Selling price per square foot ("psf") of comparable properties sold adjusted for location, accessibility, visibility or exposure, view, size and shape of property, planning provisions and title restrictions (if any).
Comparison and Cost Method of Valuation	The land is valued by reference to transactions of similar lands in the surrounding areas with appropriate adjustments made for differences in the relevant characteristics of the land. Completed buildings are valued by reference to the current estimates on construction costs to erect equivalent buildings, taking into consideration of similar buildings in terms of size, construction and finishes. Appropriate adjustments are then made for the factors of obsolescence and existing physical condition of the building.

## (e) Reconciliation of carrying amount

If the freehold land and building were measured using cost model, the carrying amounts would be as follows:

	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
Cost Accumulated depreciation	57,197 (12,292)	8,127 (2,062)
Net carrying amount as at 31 December 2021	44,905	6,065

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## 16. Investment properties

At cost	Buildings RM'000
At 1 January 2020	7,007
Depreciation charge (Note 9)	(166)
At 31 December 2020/1 January 2021	6,841
Depreciation charge (Note 9)	(94)
At 31 December 2021	6,747

The investment properties of the Group were appraised by the Directors based on a valuation performed by an independent professional qualified valuer on a comparison method of valuation, to be approximately RM7,000,000 (2020: RM7,000,000).

#### Valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements

The fair values of the investment properties is determined by external, independent property valuers, having appropriate recognised professional qualification and recent experience in the location and category of property being valued.

Description of valuation techniques used and key inputs to valuation on investment properties:

Valuation technique	Significant observable inputs
Comparison Method of Valuation ("CMV")	Selling price per square foot ("psf") of comparable properties sold adjusted for location, accessibility, visibility or exposure, view, size and shape of property, planning provisions and title restrictions (if any).

The investment properties are valued using CMV. The CMV entails analysing recent transaction and asking prices of similar properties in and around the locality for comparison purposes with adjustments made for differences in location, accessibility, tenure, title restriction (if any) and other relevant characteristics to arrive at the fair value.

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17. Intangible assets

	Note	D Goodwill RM'000	evelopment costs RM'000	Total RM'000
Group				
Cost				
At 31 December 2020/1 January 2021/31 December 2021		34,759	7,045	41,804
Accumulated amortisation				
At 1 January 2020 Amortisation	9	(7,238) -	(7,042) (2)	(14,280) (2)
At 31 December 2020 Amortisation	9	(7,238) -	(7,044) (1)	(14,282) (1)
At 31 December 2021		(7,238)	(7,045)	(14,283)
Accumulated impairment				
At 1 January 2020/31 December 2020/ 1 January 2021 Impairment		- (311)	-	- (311)
At 31 December 2021		(311)	-	(311)
Net carrying amount				
At 31 December 2020		27,521	1	27,522
At 31 December 2021		27,210	-	27,210

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## 17. Intangible assets (cont'd.)

## (a) Allocation of goodwill

The carrying amount of goodwill arising from the acquisition of the respective subsidiaries and allocated to the CGU is as follows:

	Gr	Group	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	
SEGi University Sdn. Bhd.	10,316	10,316	
SEGi College (Subang Jaya) Sdn. Bhd.	13,140	13,140	
SEGi College (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd.	3,312	3,312	
Others (Note a(i))	442	753	
	27,210	27,521	

Note a(i)

Included in Others is a goodwill of RM311,000 that is allocated to a subsidiary that has ceased operations subsequent to year end. The Group has fully impaired the goodwill during the financial year based on fair value less costs of disposal.

## (b) Key assumptions used in value in use calculations

The recoverable amounts of the remaining CGUs (i.e. other than as mentioned in Note a(i) above) are determined based on value in use calculations using probability-based cash flow projections from financial forecasts with key assumptions approved by the management covering a 5-year period (2020: 5-year period). The cash flow projections include management's different scenarios of possible recovery of student enrolments and cost-cutting measures.

The following are the key assumptions on which management has based its cash flow projections to undertake impairment testing of goodwill:

- (i) There will be no material changes in the structure and principal activities of the Group, the budgeted gross profit margin is based on historical trend of gross margin for the CGU.
- (ii) There will not be any adverse changes in the economic conditions or other abnormal factors, which will adversely affect the operations of the CGU.
- (iii) Pre-tax discount rate of 12% (2020: 12%) is applied in determining the recoverable amount of the CGU. The discount rate was estimated based on the Group's existing weighted average cost of capital.
- (iv) Forecast annual growth rates of 1% to 25% (2020: 3% to 42%) are applied to the five years cash flow projections.
- (v) Terminal growth rate of 2% (2020: 1.3%) represents the growth rate applied to extrapolate post-tax cash flow beyond the five year financial budget period.

#### 17. Intangible assets (cont'd.)

## (b) Key assumptions used in value in use calculations (cont'd.)

The impairment assessments are sensitive to changes to these assumptions and any significant adverse movements in these assumptions could impact the results of the impairment test.

- Discount rate: An increase in the pre-tax discount rate of 2% would result in an impairment of RM2,872,000 (2020: RM875,000) for SEGi College (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd.
- The forecast long-term growth rate are based on published industry research and does not exceed the long-term Growth rate: average growth rate for the industry. A reduction to 1% in the long-term growth rate would result in an impairment of RM751,000 (2020: NIL) for SEGi College (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd.

#### (c) Development costs

Development costs refer to costs incurred in study materials developments. As explained in Note 2.8, the useful life of these costs is estimated to be not more than ten years.

The amortisation of development costs is included in the "Administrative expenses" line item in the statements of comprehensive income.

## 18. Investment in subsidiaries

	Company	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Unquoted shares at cost:		
At 1 January	88,241	88,601
Addition during the year	1,050	-
LTIP granted to employees of subsidiaries / over provision of LTIP granted to employees of subsidiaries	497	(360)
At 31 December	89,788	88,241
Accumulated impairment losses:		
At 1 January	(10,791)	(9,831)
Impairment loss for the year (Note 9)	(2,204)	(960)
At 31 December	(12,995)	(10,791)
	76,793	77,450

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# 18. Investment in subsidiaries (cont'd.)

The details of the subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of Company		ctive interest 2020 %	Principal activities
Incorporated in Malaysia:			
SEGi College (KL) Sdn. Bhd.*	100	100	Provision of professional, commercial and academic education
PDCE Resources Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of professional, commercial and academic education
SEGi College (PG) Sdn. Bhd.*	100	100	Provision of professional, commercial and academic education
SEGi College (KD) Sdn. Bhd.*	100	100	Provision of professional, commercial and academic education
SMRC Learning Alliance Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of educational and training services
SEG Equity Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Investment holding
SEG International Group Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Investment holding and provision of training and educational services
SEGi Campus Sdn. Bhd. (now known as SEGi Digital Sdn. Bhd.)**	100	100	Property investment and development
SEGi Holdings Sdn. Bhd.*	100	100	Investment holding and management consultancy
Summit Education Sdn. Bhd.**	98.63	98.63	Investment holding and management consultancy
Summit Early Childhood Edu-Care Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of child education and related services
IAQ Accreditation Agency Sdn. Bhd. (formerly known as Agensi Pekerjaan Job Venture Sdn. Bhd.)**	100	100	Academic quality assurance, investment holding and education consultancy related businesses
PMDC Learning Alliance (EM) Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of management consultancy services and investment holding
Held through subsidiaries:			
SEGi University Sdn. Bhd.*	100	100	Provision of professional, commercial and academic education
SEGi EyeCare Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of eye care and optometry related services
SEGi Consultancy Sdn Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of educational and training services
SEGi College (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Operation of an educational institution for further studies
SEGi HealthCare Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of medical clinic and healthcare services
IFPA Resources Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of financial planning and financial related courses

# 18. Investment in subsidiaries (cont'd.)

The details of the subsidiaries are as follows: (cont'd.)

Name of Company		ctive interest 2020 %	Principal activities
Incorporated in Malaysia: (cont'd.)			
Held through subsidiaries: (cont'd.)			
SEGi Assets Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Property investment and property management
SEGi-IGS Sdn. Bhd.**	94	94	Provision of educational services
SEGi College (Subang Jaya) Sdn. Bhd.*	100	100	Operation of institute providing educational programmes
Summit Multimedia Education Sdn. Bhd.**	81.25	81.25	Provision of educational services
Binary Mark Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Property investment
SEGi Properties (M) Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Investment property holding
SEGi DentalCare Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of dental care and training services
SEGi EduHub Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Property investment and development
Metromas Realtors Sdn. Bhd.*	100	100	Investment holding and property investment
Consortium Support Services Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of hostels and transportation management
Milenium Optima Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Provision of solutions and e-community management system
Platinum Icon Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Development of software business solutions
Bumi Intuisi Sdn. Bhd.**	100	100	Software development and provision of total online training solution
Incorporated in Republic of Mauritius	:		
Worldwide Accreditation Ltd.***	100	100	Provision of licensing and accreditation of educational programmes
Incorporated in Republic of China (Ho	ong Kong]	):	
Darson Limited**	100	100	Provision of education and recruitment services and other related services
Karden Limited**	100	100	Provision of education and recruitment services

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#### 18. Investment in subsidiaries (cont'd.)

#### Impairment loss on investment in subsidiaries

(a) Impairment assessment using fair value less costs of disposal

During the financial year, the Company has provided an impairment loss amounting to RM2,204,000 for its investments in dormant subsidiaries. The recoverable amount was based on the fair value costs of disposals.

(b) Impairment assessment using value in use

During the financial year, the Company carried out review of recoverable amounts of the investments determined based on value in use (i.e. other than as mentioned in Note (a) above) and the key assumptions used in calculating the recoverable amounts as described below. In the previous financial year, based on the key assumptions applied, the recoverable amount was estimated to be lower than the carrying amount and an impairment loss amounting to RM960,000 was recognised and included in other expenses in the profit or loss.

The value in use was calculated using cash flow projections based on financial budget approved by the Board of Directors covering a 5-year period (2020: 5-year period).

Key assumptions used in value in use calculations are presented below:

- (i) Pre-tax discount rate of 12% (2020: 12%).
- (ii) Revenue annual growth rate of -49% to 25% (2020: -21% to 25%).
- (iii) Terminal growth rate of 2% (2020: 1.3%) represents the growth rate applied to extrapolate post-tax cash flow beyond the five year financial budget period.

The management believes that there are no reasonably possible change in any of the above key assumptions which would cause the carrying values of the investments to materially exceed their recoverable amounts.

#### 19. Other investment

	Gr	oup
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Non current:		
Fair value through other comprehensive income		
Quoted equity investments in Malaysia	660	660

The Group designated its investments in quoted shares as equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income.

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# 20. Receivables

		Gi	roup	Company	
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Non-current:					
Non-current: Non-trade					
Deposits		4,873	4,390	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiaries	20(a)	-	-	28,062	22,536
		4,873	4,390	28,062	22,536
Current:					
Trade					
Trade receivables	20(b)	24,519	25,710	-	-
Less: Allowance for ECL		(3,903)	(3,300)	-	-
		20,616	22,410	-	-
Non-trade					
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments		4,963	8,727	469	550
Less: Write-off	9	(3)	(502)	-	-
		4,960	8,225	469	550
Amounts due from subsidiaries	20(a)	-	-	13,328	31,744
Total current trade and other receivables		25,576	30,635	13,797	32,294
Total trade and other receivables (non-current and current)		30,449	35,025	41,859	54,830
Add: Deposits, cash and bank balances	25	118,453	53,045	60,029	19,297
Less: Prepayments		(3,011)	(5,718)	(380)	(418)
Total financial assets carried at amortised cost		145,891	82,352	101,508	73,709

#### 20. Receivables (cont'd.)

#### (a) Amounts due from subsidiaries

	Com	pany
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Interest bearing	41,071	54,280
Non-interest bearing	319	-
	41,390	54,280

The amounts due from subsidiaries are non-trade in nature, unsecured and receivable on demand. The interest bearing portion bore an effective interest rate of 3.4% to 3.5% (2020: 1.75% to 3.5%) per annum.

#### Amounts due from subsidiaries that are impaired

The Company applies the simplified approach whereby allowance for impairment are measured at lifetime ECL. Movement in allowance for ECL:

	Company Individually impair	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Other receivables - nominal amounts	5,100	8,297
Less: Allowance for ECL	(5,100)	(8,297)
	-	_

#### Movement in allowance for ECL:

	Com	pany
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
At 1 January Less: Reversal of impairment (Note 7)	8,297 (3,197)	8,297 -
31 December	5,100	8,297

Amounts due from subsidiaries that are individually determined to be impaired at the reporting date relate to subsidiaries that are in significant financial difficulties and have defaulted on payments. These amounts due from subsidiaries are not secured by any collateral or credit enhancements.

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#### 20. Receivables (cont'd.)

#### (b) Trade receivables

The normal trade credit terms granted by the Group ranged from 30 to 180 days (2020: 30 to 180 days). They are recognised at their original invoice amounts which represent their fair values on initial recognition. Other credit terms are assessed and approved on a case-by-case basis. The Group recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECL at each reporting date.

#### Ageing analysis of trade receivables

The ageing analysis of the Group's trade receivables is as follows:

Gro	oup
2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
20,616	22,410
3,903	3,300
24,519	25,710
	2021 RM'000 20,616 3,903

#### Trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired

Trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired are creditworthy debtors with good payment records with the Group. Most of the Group's trade receivables arise from students under the Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional ("PTPTN") loan scheme.

None of the Group's trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired have been renegotiated during the financial year.

#### Trade receivables that are impaired

The Group's trade receivables that are impaired at the reporting date and the movement of the allowance for ECL used to record the impairment are as follows:

Movement in allowance for ECL:

		Group		
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	
At 1 January		3,300	2,236	
Allowance for the year	9	775	1,518	
Reversal for the year	9	(172)	[454]	
At 31 December		3,903	3,300	

Certain trade receivables are individually determined to be impaired at the reporting date relate to debtors that are in significant financial difficulties and have defaulted on payments. These receivables are not secured by any collateral or credit enhancements.

#### 21. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities

#### Group and Company as a lessee

The Group and the Company have lease contracts for various items of property and equipment used in its operations. Leases of property generally have lease terms between 2 to 10 years, while plant and equipment generally have lease terms of 2 to 5 years. The Group's and the Company's obligations under its leases are secured by the lessor's title to the leased assets. There are several lease contracts that include extension and termination options and variable lease payments, which are further discussed below.

The Group and the Company also have certain leases of property and equipment with lease terms of 12 months or less and with low value. The Group applies the 'short-term lease' recognition and 'lease of low-value assets' recognition exemptions for these leases.

#### (a) Right-of-use assets

Set out below are the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets recognised and the movements during the year:

		✓ Group Group Leasehold land and			Company
	Note	Property RM'000	others RM'000	Total RM'000	Property RM'000
At 1 January 2020		117,630	5,226	122,856	92,228
Additions		30,870	63	30,933	-
Derecognition	7	(800)	-	(800)	-
Depreciation charge	9	(22,221)	(136)	(22,357)	(13,556)
At 31 December 2020		125,479	5,153	130,632	78,672
Additions		19,098	-	19,098	8,391
Derecognition	7	(7,450)	-	(7,450)	-
Depreciation charge	9	[23,234]	(137)	(23,371)	(14,731)
At 31 December 2021		113,893	5,016	118,909	72,332

The leases of properties are mainly used for the Group's education operations and as offices.

# 21. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities (cont'd.)

# (b) Lease liabilities

Set out below are the carrying amounts of lease liabilities and the movements during the year:

	Note	<ul> <li>Property and others RM'000</li> </ul>	– Group Hire purchase RM'000	Total RM'000	Company Property leases RM'000
At 1 January 2020		130,946	2,282	133,228	98,797
Additions		30,933	-	30,933	-
Derecognition	7	(880)	-	(880)	-
Interest expense	8	7,197	102	7,299	4,920
Covid-19 related rent concessions received	7	[2,432]	-	(2,432)	(1,538)
Payments of leases		(26,511)	(1,072)	(27,583)	(16,922)
At 31 December 2020		139,253	1,312	140,565	85,257
Additions		19,098	-	19,098	8,392
Derecognition	7	(8,712)	-	(8,712)	-
Interest expense	8	6,744	47	6,791	4,391
Covid-19 related rent concessions received	7	(1,652)	-	(1,652)	(1,012)
Payments of leases		(27,144)	(956)	(28,100)	(17,607)
At 31 December 2021		127,587	403	127,990	79,421

	G	Group		Company	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Current	22,639	19,738	14,919	11,497	
Non-current	105,351	120,827	64,502	73,760	
	127,990	140,565	79,421	85,257	

The lease liabilities at the end of the reporting period bore a weighted average incremental borrowing rate of 3.6% (2020: 4.55%).

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities are disclosed in Note 36.

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# 21. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities (cont'd.)

# (b) Lease liabilities

The following are the amounts recognised in profit or loss:

		Group		Company	
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	9	23,371	22,357	14,731	13,556
Interest expense on lease liabilities	8	6,744	7,197	4,391	4,920
Covid-19 related rent concessions received	7	(1,652)	(2,432)	(1,012)	(1,538)
Derecognition	7	(1,262)	(80)	-	-
Total amount recognised in profit or loss		27,201	27,042	18,110	16,938

#### (i) Hire purchase liabilities

	Gr	oup
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Minimum lease payments: - repayable within 1 year - repayable between 1 year to 5 years	341 72	918 455
Less: Future finance charges	413 (10)	1,373 (61)
Present value	403	1,312

The net hire purchase liabilities are repayable as follows:

	Gr	oup
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Non-current: - repayable between 1 year to 5 years	70	444
Current: - not later than 1 year	333	868
	403	1,312

The hire purchase liabilities at the end of the reporting period bore effective interest rates ranging from 4.56% to 8.79% (2020: 4.56% to 8.79%) per annum.

# 21. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities (cont'd.)

A reconciliation of lease liabilities arising from financing activities is as follows:

Group	As at 1 January 2021 RM'000	Additions RM'000	Repayments RM'000	Covid–19 related rent concessions RM'000	Unwinding of interest RM'000	Derecognition RM'000	Other RM'000	As at 31 December 2021 RM'000
Hire purchase								
liabilities: Non-current	444				_	_	(374)	70
Current	868	-	(956)	-	47	-	374	333
	1,312	-	(956)	-	47	-	-	403
Property and others	5:							
Non-current	120,383	10,143	-	-	-	-	(25,245)	105,281
Current	18,870	8,955	(27,144)	(1,652)	6,744	(8,712)	25,245	22,306
	139,253	19,098	(27,144)	(1,652)	6,744	(8,712)	-	127,587
Total lease liabilitie from financing	es.							
activities	140,565	19,098	(28,100)	(1,652)	6,791	(8,712)	-	127,990
	As at 1			Covid-19				As at 31

As at 1 January 2020 RM'000	Additions RM'000	Repayments RM'000	Covid-19 related rent concessions RM'000	Unwinding of interest RM'000	Derecognition RM'000	Other RM'000	As at 31 December 2020 RM'000
1,312	-	-	-	-	-	(868)	444
970	-	(1,072)	-	102	-	868	868
2,282	-	(1,072)	-	102	-	-	1,312
S:							
108,633	30,060	-	-	-	(880)	(17,430)	120,383
22,313	873	(26,511)	[2,432]	7,197	-	17,430	18,870
130,946	30,933	(26,511)	[2,432]	7,197	(880)	-	139,253
	30.033	(27,583)	(2 / 32)	7 200	(880)		140,565
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# 21. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities (cont'd.)

A reconciliation of lease liabilities arising from financing activities is as follows: (cont'd.)

Company	As at 1 January RM'000	Additions RM'000	Covid-19 related rent concessions RM'000	Repayments RM'000	Unwinding of interest RM'000	Other RM'000	As at 31 December RM'000
2021							
Lease liabilities:							
Non-current	73,760	5,661	-	-	-	(14,919)	64,502
Current	11,497	2,731	(1,012)	(17,607)	4,391	14,919	14,919
Total lease liabilities from							
financing activities	85,257	8,392	(1,012)	(17,607)	4,391	-	79,421
2020							
Lease liabilities:							
Non-current	85,257	-	-	-	-	(11,497)	73,760
Current	13,540	-	(1,538)	(16,922)	4,920	11,497	11,497
Total lease liabilities from							
financing activities	98,797	-	(1,538)	(16,922)	4,920	-	85,257

#### 22. Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)

Deferred tax as at 31 December relates to the following:

Group	As at 1 January 2020 RM'000	Recognised in profit or loss RM'000	As at 31 December 2020 RM'000	Recognised in profit or loss RM'000	Recognised in OCI RM'000	As at 31 December 2021 RM'000
Deferred tax assets						
Unabsorbed capital allowances Unused tax losses Other temporary differences	1,167 718 5,637	(296) (707) 655	871 11 6,292	(296) 35 2,026	- -	575 46 8,318
	7,522	(348)	7,174	1,765	-	8,939

Deferred tax liability

# 22. Deferred tax assets/(liabilities) (cont'd.)

Deferred tax as at 31 December relates to the following:

Group	As at 1 January 2020 RM'000	Recognised in profit or loss RM'000	As at 31 December 2020 RM'000	Recognised in profit or loss RM'000	Recognised in OCI RM'000	As at 31 December 2021 RM'000
Deferred tax liabilities						
Revaluation of freehold land and buildings	-	-	-	33	(5,522)	(5,489)
Property, plant and equipment	(1,253)	(85)	(1,338)	310	-	(1,028)
	(1,253)	(85)	(1,338)	343	(5,522)	(6,517)
Company						
Deferred tax assets						
Unabsorbed capital allowances	1,167	[471]	696	(326)	-	370
Unused tax losses Other temporary differences	709	(709) 1,579	- 1,579	- 128	-	- 1,707
	1,876	399	2,275	(198)	-	2,077
Deferred tax liabilities						
Revaluation of freehold land and buildings	-	-	-	7	(1,415)	(1,408)
Property, plant and equipment	(304)	(19)	(323)	19	-	(304)
	(304)	(19)	(323)	26	(1,415)	(1,712)
				Group	Co	ompany
			2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Presented after appropriate offsetting as follo	OWS:					
Deferred tax assets			7,226	6,860	365	1,952

(4,804)

2,422

(1,024)

5,836

-

365

-

1,952

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#### 22. Deferred tax assets/(liabilities) (cont'd.)

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:

	Group		Company	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Unused tax losses	47,984	47,319	4,985	3,963
Unabsorbed capital allowances	5,866	4,185	-	-
Unutilised tax credit	1,085	1,034	-	-
Other deductible temporary differences	5,626	5,081	-	-
	60,561	57,619	4,985	3,963

The above deferred tax assets have not been recognised due to uncertainty of its recoverability.

The unabsorbed capital allowances of the Group are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the respective entities within the Group, subject to no substantial changes in shareholdings of those entities under the Income Tax Act 1967 and guidelines issued by the tax authority.

On the other hand, the Malaysia Finance Act gazetted on 27 December 2018 has imposed a time limitation to restrict the carry forward of the unused tax losses for Malaysian entities. Based on the latest Malaysian Finance Act gazetted on 31 December 2021, the time limit for the carry forward of the unused tax losses has been extended from 7 years to 10 years.

As a result of this change, the unused tax losses accumulated up to the year of assessment 2018 are allowed to be carried forward for 10 consecutive years of assessment (i.e. from years of assessment 2019 to 2028) and any balance of the unused tax losses thereafter shall be disregarded.

However, for any unused tax losses that originated from the year of assessment 2019 onwards, these are allowed to be carried forward for a maximum period of 10 consecutive years of assessment immediately following that originating year of assessment and any balance of the unused tax losses thereafter shall be disregarded.

#### 22. Deferred tax assets/(liabilities) (cont'd.)

The following table shows the accumulated unutilised tax losses from the previous and current year of the Group and of the Company in Malaysia:

	Group		Company	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Unutilised tax losses				
Expire by 31 December 2028	39,838	41,701	3,689	3,689
Expire by 31 December 2029	3,674	3,718	274	274
Expire by 31 December 2030	2,773	1,900	-	-
Expire by 31 December 2031	1,699	-	1,022	-
	47,984	47,319	4,985	3,963

# 23. Inventories

	Gro	oup
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
At lower of cost and net realisable value		
Eyecare and health related products	86	85

Inventories represent eyecare and healthcare products for sale stated at lower of cost and net realisable value.

During the financial year, the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in cost of sales of the Group was RM155,000 (2020: RM163,000).

#### 24. Other financial asset

	Group/0	Company
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Current:		
Fair value through profit or loss		
Investment securities	280	278

Investment securities represent investment in mutual fund.

#### 25. Deposits, cash and bank balances

		G	roup	Con	npany
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
		43,324	10,034	43,324	10,034
Cash and bank balances	25(a)	69,634	37,687	11,373	4,099
Fixed deposits with licensed banks	25(b)	5,495	5,324	5,332	5,164
		118,453	53,045	60,029	19,297

(a) At reporting date, bank balance of the Group and of the Company, RM33,238,607 (2020: RM21,363,946) and RM8,804,487 (2020: RM1,530,823), respectively are placed under an Automated Sweep Agreement ("Automated Sweep") with licensed banks. The overnight placement of the funds following the Automated Sweep, bears an average interest at 1.4% (2020: 1.4%) per annum.

(b) Fixed deposits with licensed banks of the Group and of the Company amounting to RM5,495,000 (2020: RM5,324,000) and RM5,332,000 (2020: RM5,164,000) respectively are pledged for bank guarantee facilities.

The weighted average effective interest rates ("WAEIR") as at the reporting date and the remaining maturities of the Group's and of the Company's deposits with licensed banks and licensed financial institutions are as follows:

	Gr	Group		pany
	2021	2020	2021	2020
WAEIR (%)	1.83	2.69	1.84	2.72
Average maturities (Months)	1 - 8	1 - 8	1 - 8	1 - 8

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following as at the reporting date:

	Group		Company	
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Deposits, cash and bank balances Less:	118,453	53,045	60,029	19,297
Deposits with licensed banks with maturity of more than three months	(5,495)	(5,324)	(5,332)	(5,164)
Total cash and cash equivalents	112,958	47,721	54,697	14,133

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#### 26. Borrowings

			company
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Non-current:			
Secured Loan	26(a)	-	7,250
Current:			
Secured		6 200	E 770
Overdraft Loan	26(a)	6,308 7,250	5,772 9,000
		13,558	14,772
Unsecured			
Loan	26(a)	9,500	9,500
		23,058	24,272
		23,058	31,522

# (a) Loans

Group/Compar 2021 2 RM'000 RM	
KH 000	
-	7,250
9,500	9,500
7,250	9,000
16,750	18,500
16,750	25,750
	2021 RM'000 - 9,500 7,250 16,750

During the current financial year, the term loan and revolving credit bore a weighted average effective interest rate of 5.33% (2020: 5.48%) per annum and 2.53% (2020: 2.32%) per annum respectively.

The term loans are secured by the legal mortgage of certain buildings of the Group as disclosed in the Note 15.

# 26. Borrowings (cont'd.)

A reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities is as follows:

	As at 1 January RM'000	Additions RM'000	Repayments RM'000	Interest expense RM'000	Other RM'000	As at 31 December RM'000
Group and Company 2021						
Loans:						
Non-current	7,250	-	-	-	(7,250)	-
Current	18,500	-	(9,629)	629	7,250	16,750
Overdraft:						
Current	5,772	536	(23)	23	-	6,308
Total borrowings from financing activities	31,522	536	(9,652)	652	-	23,058
2020						
Loans:						
Non-current	16,250	-	-	-	(9,000)	7,250
Current	9,000	9,500	(10,045)	1,045	9,000	18,500
Overdraft:	,	,			,	
Current	-	5,772	(523)	523	-	5,772
Total borrowings from financing activities	25,250	15,272	(10,568)	1,568	-	31,522

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27. Payables

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#### Group Company 2021 2020 2021 2020 Note RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 Non-current: Non-trade Deposits 2,007 2,034 1,117 1,689 Current: Trade Trade payables 27(a) 29 346 Non-trade Other payables and accruals 57,091 45,686 2,573 1,693 Amounts due to subsidiaries 27(b) 8,144 10,873 \_ \_ 57,091 45,686 10,717 12,566 57,437 45,715 10,717 12.566 Total trade and other payables (current and non-current) 59,444 47,749 11,834 14,255 Add: Borrowings 26 23,058 31,522 23,058 31,522 Add: Lease liabilities 21(b) 127,990 140,565 79,421 85,257 Total financial liabilities carried at amortised cost 131,034 210,492 219,836 114,313

#### (a) Trade payables

The normal trade credit terms granted to the Group ranged from 30 to 90 days (2020: 30 to 90 days).

#### (b) Amounts due to subsidiaries

The amounts due to subsidiaries are non-trade in nature, unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand. The foreign currency exposure profile of the amounts due to the subsidiaries of the Company at the end of the reporting period is as follow:

	Cor	npany
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
United States Dollar ("USD")	143	4,709

# 28. Contract liabilities

	Gr	oup
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
At 1 January	25,134	30,993
Deferred during the year	188,579	174,633
Recognised as revenue during the year	(182,536)	(180,492)
At 31 December	31,177	25,134
Fees received in advance		
Current	30,043	23,970
Non-current	1,134	1,164
	31,177	25,134

#### 29. Provisions

	Gro	oup
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
At January	442	619
Provisions during the year	88	-
Utilised during the year	[4]	(177)
At 31 December	526	442
Provisions		
Current	120	-
Non-current	406	442
	526	442

Included in the provisions are provision for the estimated costs of dismantlement, removal or restoration of property, plant and equipment arising from the use of such assets, which are capitalised and included in right-of-use assets.

30. Share capital

		Group/Company			
	2021 '000	2020 '000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	
<b>Issued and fully paid-up</b> Ordinary shares					
At 1 January/31 December	1,264,563	1,264,563	147,707	147,707	

The holders of ordinary shares (except treasury shares) are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by the Company. All ordinary shares carry one vote per share without restrictions and rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

# 31. Treasury shares

The Company purchased its issued ordinary shares in the open market under the share buy- back programme. Details are as follows:

	No of shares	Cost of shares RM'000
1 January 2020 Additions during the year	26,048,600 12,685,800	37,486 7,705
At 31 December 2020/1 January 2021 31 December 2021	38,734,400	45,191

The share buy-back programme was financed by internally generated funds. The shares purchased were retained as treasury shares in accordance with Section 127(4)(b) of the Companies Act 2016 and presented as a deduction from shareholders' equity.

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# 32. Reserves

		G	roup	Con	npany
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Retained profits/ (accumulated losses)	32(a)	33,937	(12,402)	39,995	3,285
Fair value reserve of financial assets at FVOCI	32(b)	5	-	-	-
Exchange translation reserve	32(c)	12	193	-	-
Share-based payment reserve	32(d)	2,527	1,991	2,527	1,991
Asset revaluation surplus	32(e)	21,902	-	8,980	-
		58,383	(10,218)	51,502	5,276

#### (a) Retained profits

The Company may distribute dividends out of its entire retained profits as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 under the single tier system.

#### (b) Fair value reserve of financial assets at FVOCI

The fair value reserve of financial assets at FVOCI represents the cumulative fair value changes, net of tax, of debt instruments at FVOCI until they are disposed of or impaired.

#### (c) Exchange translation reserve

The foreign currency translation reserve represents exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations whose functional currencies are different from that of the Group's presentation currency.

#### (d) Share-based payment reserve

Share-based payment reserve represents the equity-settled share options granted (refer definition of grant date below) to employees. The reserve is made up of the cumulative value of services received from employees recorded over the vesting period commencing from the grant date of equity-settled share options and is reduced upon the expiry or exercise of the share options.

According to MFRS 2, a grant date is the date at which the entity and another party (including an employee) agree to a share-based payment arrangement, being when the entity and the counterparty have a shared understanding of the terms and conditions of the arrangement. At the grant date the entity confers on the counterparty the right to equity instruments of the entity, provided the specified vesting conditions, if any, are met. If that agreement is subject to an approval process (for example, by shareholders), grant date is the date when approval is obtained. Hence, under the MFRS 2, an option is granted upon share option contract being entered, regardless whether at the material time the option has yet vested on the employee.

#### 32. Reserves (cont'd.)

#### (d) Share-based payment reserve (cont'd.)

The movements in share-based payment reserve of the Group and of the Company are as follows:

	Group/Company RM'000
At 1 January 2020	1,969
Share-based payment expense during the year	524
Over provision of share-based payment expense in prior years	(502)
At 31 December 2020	1,991
Share-based payment expense during the year	628
Over provision of share-based payment expense in prior years	(92)
At 31 December 2021	2,527

(i) The main features of the Company's Employee Share Option Scheme ("ESOS") are outlined below:

- The maximum number of new ordinary shares in the Company which may be issued upon the exercise of the ESOS shall not
  exceed 15% of the issued and paid-up share capital (excluding treasury shares, if any) of the Company at any point of time
  throughout the duration of the ESOS.
- Full-time executives of the Group and executive directors of the Company in employment with the Company and its subsidiary
  companies which are not dormant shall be eligible to participate in the ESOS.
- The maximum number of options that may be offered to an Eligible Person shall be determined at the discretion of the Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") Committee after taking into consideration, amongst others and where relevant, the performance, contribution, employment grade, seniority and length of service of the Eligible Person, subject to the following:
  - The executive directors and senior management do not participate in the deliberation or discussion of their own allocation;
  - The allocation to an Eligible Person, who either individually or collectively, through persons connected to the Eligible Person, holds 20% or more of the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares, if any), must not exceed 10% of the new shares available under the LTIP; and
  - Not more than 60% of the new shares available under the LTIP shall be allocated in aggregate to the executive directors and senior management of the Company and its subsidiaries.

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#### 32. Reserves (cont'd.)

#### (d) Share-based payment reserve (cont'd.)

(i) The main features of the Company's Employee Share Option Scheme ("ESOS") are outlined below: (cont'd.)

The option price shall be the five-day weighted average market price of the Company's shares immediately preceding the date of the offer, with a discount of not more than 10% or such other percentage of discount as may be permitted by Bursa Securities and/or any other relevant authorities from time to time at the LTIP Committee's discretion or the par value of the shares of the Company, whichever is the higher.

The ESOS shall be in force for a period of 10 years from the effective date (1 July 2014) for the implementation of the ESOS.

Details of the ESOS options granted in accordance to MFRS 2 are as follows:

As at 31 December 2021, the Company has an allocation of 14 million (2020: 16 million) ESOS options that are made available to eligible employees of the Group. The vesting of these allocations to the employees are subject to certain vesting conditions and the sole discretion of the LTIP Committee.

The following table illustrates the movements in the allocations of share options during the financial year:

	ESOS op allocations a	
	2021 '000	2020 '000
At 1 January Forfeited during the year	15,563 (1,126)	21,929 (6,366)
At 31 December	14,437	15,563

The expected life of the option is based on historical date and is not necessarily indicative of exercise pattern that may occur. The expected volatility reflects the assumptions that the historical volatility is indicative of future trends which may also not necessarily be the actual outcome.

#### 32. Reserves (cont'd.)

#### (d) Share-based payment reserve (cont'd.)

(ii) Shares Grant Plan ("SGP")

SGP is intended to allow the Company to award the Performance Share Plan ("PSP") Grant to selected Eligible Persons of the Company and its subsidiaries. The PSP Grant is an annual grant to incentivise the Eligible Persons towards the attainment of the long-term success and growth of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Upon acceptance of the PSP Grant by the selected Eligible Persons, the Eligible Person will be entitled to participate in the SGP where shares may be vested with the PSP Grantees at no cost over a period of up to 10 years upon fulfilment of vesting conditions, whereby the selected Eligible Persons will be assessed based on, amongst others, individual performance and the fulfilment of yearly performance targets and/or criteria set and the overall financial performance of the Group, in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated and determined by the LTIP Committee at its discretion. The vesting of the PSP Grant is at the LTIP Committee's sole discretion.

The LTIP Committee may in its absolute discretion decide that the ordinary share in the Company ("SEGi Shares") to be awarded to the selected Eligible Persons be satisfied by the following methods:

- Issuance of new SEGi Shares;
- Acquisition of existing SEGi Shares from the Main Market of Bursa Securities;
- Any other methods as may be permitted by the Companies Act 2016, as amended from time to time and any re-enactment thereof; or
- A combination of any of the above.

The following table illustrates the movements in PSP Grant allocation during the financial year:

	PSP G allocations	
	2021 '000	2020 '000
At 1 January Granted in accordance to MFRS 2	4,451	3,545 1,488
Forfeited during the year	-	(582)
At 31 December	4,451	4,451

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# 32. Reserves (cont'd.)

# (e) Asset revaluation surplus

	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
2021		
Revaluation of freehold land and buildings	27,530	10,417
Deferred tax impact on revaluation of freehold land and buildings	(5,522)	(1,415
Revaluation of freehold land and buildings, net of tax	22,008	9,002
Depreciation transfer for buildings to retained profits	(139)	(29
Deferred tax impact transfer on revaluation of freehold land and buildings	33	7
	21,902	8,980

# 33. Commitments and contingencies

### Guarantees

	(	Group		npany
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Secured: Bank guarantees	25	25	-	-
Unsecured: Bank guarantees	16,575	26,720	14,355	26,672
	16,600	26,745	14,355	26,672

Bank guarantees are secured by fixed deposits with licensed banks as disclosed in Note 25.

#### 34. Related party disclosures

# Significant related party transactions

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Company also carried out the following transactions with the related parties during the financial year:

		Com	pany
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
(Income)/expenses			
Sale of services to subsidiaries:			
- management fee	4	(6,151)	(6,492)
- maintenance fee		(552)	(552)
- rental of premises	4	(16,009)	(17,758)
- service charge		(180)	(180)
- accounting fee	7	(1,680)	(1,440)
Interest income from subsidiaries	6	(1,577)	(1,540)
Interest expense from subsidiaries	8	176	335
Dividend income from subsidiaries	4	(38,603)	(32,505)
Acquisition of services from subsidiaries:			
- accreditation fee		8,017	8,971
- maintenance fee		1,096	1,096
- management fee	5	4,002	3,184

Information regarding outstanding balances arising from related party transactions as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 are disclosed in Note 20(a) and Note 27(b).

The directors of the Company are of the opinion that the above transactions are entered into in the normal course of business and based on negotiated and mutually agreed terms.

Key management personnel are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group either directly or indirectly. The key management personnel includes all the Directors of the Group, and certain members of senior management of the Group.

#### 34. Related party disclosures (cont'd.)

# Significant related party transactions (cont'd.)

Compensation of key management personnel:

Group		Company	
2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
266	266	266	266
709	648	709	648
70	69	70	69
1,045	983	1,045	983
1,454	1,308	410	435
175	157	49	52
1,629	1,465	459	487
2,674	2,448	1,504	1,470
	2021 RM'000 266 709 70 1,045 1,454 175 1,629	2021 RM'000         2020 RM'000           266 709 648 70         266 648 69           1,045         983           1,454 175         1,308 157           1,629         1,465	2021 RM'0002020 RM'0002021 RM'000266 266 709 648 700 70266 648 709 701,0459831,0451,454 1,571,308 49410 491,6291,465459

#### 35. Fair value of financial instruments

# (a) Financial instruments that are not carried at fair value and whose carrying amounts are reasonable approximation of fair value

The following are classes of financial instruments that are not carried at fair value and whose carrying amounts are reasonable approximation of fair value:

	Note
Receivables (non-current and current)	20
Deposits, cash and bank balances	25
Borrowings (non-current and current)	26
Payables (non-current and current)	27

#### 35. Fair value of financial instruments

#### (b) Fair value measurements

The following methods and assumptions are used to estimate the fair values of the following classes of financial instruments:

#### (i) Deposits, cash and bank balances, receivables, payables and borrowings

The carrying amounts of these financial assets and liabilities are reasonable approximation of fair values, either due to their short-term nature or that they are floating rate instruments that are re-priced to market interest rates on or near the reporting date.

The carrying amounts of the loans and borrowings are reasonable approximations of fair values due to the insignificant impact of discounting.

#### (ii) <u>Quoted investments</u>

The fair value of quoted investments is determined by reference to stock exchange quoted market bid prices at the close of the business at the reporting date.

#### (iii) Amounts due from/(to) subsidiaries

The Company does not anticipate the carrying amounts recorded at the reporting date that would eventually be received or settled to be significantly different from the fair values as the amounts are repayable on demand.

#### Fair value hierarchy analysis

The Group has carried its quoted investment and other financial asset that are classified as debt instruments at fair value through OCI and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss respectively at their fair values. The quoted investment and other financial asset belong to Level 1 and Level 2 respectively of the fair value hierarchy.

There were no transfers between any levels of the fair value hierarchy during the financial year. There were also no changes in the purpose of any financial instruments that subsequently resulted in a different classification.

#### 36. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's and the Company's principal financial liabilities comprise borrowings and trade and other payables. The main purpose of these financial liabilities is to finance the Group's and the Company's operations. The Group's and the Company's principal financial assets include trade and other receivables and cash and short term deposits that derive directly from its operations. The Group and the Company also hold financial assets at fair value through profit and loss.

The Group and the Company are exposed to market risk, credit risk, and liquidity risk. The Group's and the Company's management oversees the management of these risks. The Group's senior management is supported by Audit Committee that provides independent oversight to the effectiveness of the risk management process. The Board of Directors reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, which are summarised below.

#### (a) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of an exposure will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group's and the Company's exposure to the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates relates primarily to the Group's and the Company's operating activities (when revenue or expense is denominated in a foreign currency) and the Group's net investments in foreign subsidiaries.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the Group's and of the Company's profit net of tax to a reasonably possible change of 10% of respective foreign currencies against the functional currency, with all other variables held constant. The sensitivity analysis includes significant outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items with their translation at year end adjusted for a 10% change in foreign exchange rates as at the end of the financial year, as disclosed in Note 27.

		/decrease company et of tax
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Strengthen by 10%		
United State Dollar	[2]	1,857
Weaken by 10%		
United State Dollar	2	(1,857)

#### 36. Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd.)

#### (b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of the Group's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's long term debt obligation with floating interest rates. The Group's policy is to manage interest rate risk by using a mix of fixed and variable rate loan and borrowings.

#### Sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk

The following table details the sensitivity analysis to a reasonably possible change in the interest rates at the end of the reporting period, with all other variables held constant:

	Gr	oup
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Effects on profit net of tax		
Increase of 100 basis points Decrease of 100 basis points	(172) 172	(271) 271

# (c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss that may arise on outstanding financial instruments should a counterparty default on its obligations. The Group's and the Company's exposure to credit risk arises primarily from trade and other receivables. For other financial assets, deposits, cash and bank balances, the Group and the Company minimise credit risk by dealing exclusively with high credit rating counterparties. The impairment provision is determined based on the 12-month ECL.

The Group establishes an allowance for ECL that represents its estimate of incurred losses in respect of the trade and other receivables as appropriate. The main components of this allowance are a specific loss component that relates to individually significant exposures, and a collective loss component established for groups of similar assets in respect of losses that have been incurred but not yet identified. Impairment is estimated by management based on prior experience and the current economic environment.

#### Credit risk concentration profile

The Group determines concentrations of credit risk by monitoring the debtors profile of its trade receivables on an on-going basis. At 31 December 2021, approximately 41% (2020: 48%) of the Group's trade receivables were due from students under the PTPTN loan scheme.

#### Exposure to credit risk

As the Group does not hold any collateral, the maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets at the reporting date.

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#### 36. Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd.)

#### (c) Credit risk (cont'd.)

#### Financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired

Information regarding trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired is disclosed in Note 20. Credit risks from balances with banks and financial institutions is managed by the Group's treasury department in accordance with the Group's policy. Deposits with banks and other financial institutions that are neither past due nor impaired are only placed with or entered into with reputable financial institutions or companies with high credit ratings and no history of default.

#### Financial assets that are either past due or impaired

Information regarding financial assets that are either past due or impaired is disclosed in Note 20.

#### (d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group or the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting financial obligations due to shortage of funds. The Group's and the Company's exposure to liquidity risk arises primarily from mismatches of the maturities of financial assets and liabilities.

#### Excessive risk concentration

Concentrations arise when a number of counter parties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographical region, or have economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentrations indicate the relative sensitivity of the Group's and of the Company's performance to developments affecting a particular industry.

In order to avoid excessive concentrations of risk, the Group's policies and procedures include specific guidelines to focus on the maintenance of a diversified portfolio. Identified concentrations of credit risks are controlled and managed accordingly.

# 36. Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd.)

# (d) Liquidity risk (cont'd.)

### Analysis of financial instruments by remaining contractual maturities

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Group's and of the Company's liabilities at the reporting date based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations:

		-	20	21	
	Note	On demand or within one year RM'000	One to five years RM'000	More than five years RM'000	Total RM'000
Group					
Financial liabilities:					
Lease liabilities		28,096	86,311	33,621	148,028
Trade and other payables	27	57,437	2,007	-	59,444
Hire purchase liabilities	21(b)(i)	341	72	-	413
Loans	26 (a)	16,750	-	-	16,750
Overdraft	26	6,308	-	-	6,308
Total undiscounted financial liabilities		108,932	88,390	33,621	230,943
Company					
Financial liabilities:					
Lease liabilities		18,697	58,575	14,355	91,627
Other payables	27	10,717	1,117	-	11,834
Loans	26 (a)	16,750	-	-	16,750
Overdraft	26	6,308	-	-	6,308
Total undiscounted financial liabilities		52,472	59,692	14,355	126,519

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# 36. Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd.)

# (d) Liquidity risk (cont'd.)

# Analysis of financial instruments by remaining contractual maturities (cont'd.)

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Group's and of the Company's liabilities at the reporting date based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations: (cont'd.)

		◄	20	20	
	Note	On demand or within one year RM'000	One to five years RM'000	More than five years RM'000	Total RM'000
Group					
Financial liabilities:					
Lease liabilities		25,441	83,514	57,697	166,652
Trade and other					
payables	27	45,715	2,034	-	47,749
Hire purchase liabilities	21(b)(i)	918	455	-	1,373
Loans	26 (a)	18,500	7,250	-	25,750
Overdraft	26	5,772	-	-	5,772
Total undiscounted financial liabilities		96,346	93,253	57,697	247,296
Company					
Financial liabilities:					
Lease liabilities	-	15,724	57,420	28,710	101,854
Other payables	27	12,566	1,689	-	14,255
Loans	26 (a)	18,500	7,250	-	25,750
Overdraft	26	5,772	-	-	5,772
Total undiscounted financial liabilities		52,562	66,359	28,710	147,631

#### 37. Capital management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities within the Group will be able to maintain an optimal capital structure so as to support their businesses and maximises shareholders' value. To achieve this objective, the Group may make adjustments to the capital structure in view of changes in economic conditions, such as adjusting the amount of dividend payment, returning of capital to shareholders or issuing new shares.

The Group and the Company manage their capital based on debt-to-equity ratio. The Group's strategies were unchanged from the previous financial year. The debt-to-equity ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Net debt is calculated as borrowings plus payables less fees received in advance and deposits, cash and bank balances.

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The Group and the Company are not subject to any externally imposed capital requirement.

		Group		Company	
	Note	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Borrowings	26	23,058	31,522	23,058	31,522
Lease liabilities	21(b)	127,990	140,565	79,421	85,257
Payables	27	59,444	47,749	11,834	14,255
Less:					
Deposits, cash and bank balances	25	(118,453)	(53,045)	(60,029)	(19,297)
Net debts		92,039	166,791	54,284	111,737
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		160,899	92,298	154,018	107,792
Capital and net debt		252,938	259,089	208,302	219,529
Gearing ratio with lease liabilities		36%	64%	26%	51%
Gearing ratio excluding lease liabilities		-29%	22%	-20%	20%

#### 38. Operating segments

Segmental reporting is not presented as the Group is principally engaged in the provision of educational activities, which is substantially within a single business segment and operates wholly in Malaysia.

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#### 39. Subsequent events

#### (i) Acquisition of a wholly owned subsidiary

On 15 April 2022, the Group acquired one ordinary share representing 100% of the issued and paid-up share capital of E-Frontier Sdn Bhd ("E-Frontier") for a total cash consideration sum of RM1.00. The principal activities of E-Frontier are investment holding, research, educational and training services.

#### (ii) Dividend declared after financial year end

On 3 January 2022, the directors declared an interim single-tier dividend in respect of financial year ending 31 December 2022 of RM0.03 per ordinary share amounting to RM36,774,863 and the dividend was paid on 25 January 2022. The financial statements for the current financial year do not reflect this interim dividend. It will be accounted for in equity as an appropriation of retained earnings in the financial year ending 31 December 2022.

On 18 April 2022, the directors recommended the payment of a first and final single-tier dividend of RM0.01 per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021. This dividend is subject to the approval of the shareholders at the coming Annual General Meeting.

# GROUP PROPERTIES

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No.	Address	Approximate Areas/ Description	Existing Use	Tenure	Approximate Age of Building (years)	NBV as at 31/12/2021 (RM'000)	Date of Revaluation/ Acquisition
Ow	ned by Company						
1	33-35 Jalan Hang Lekiu 50100 Kuala Lumpur	4,515 sq ft land area with a 9-storey commercial building	Education Centre	Freehold	44	16,452	31/12/2021
Ow	ned by Subsidiaries						
2	211, Jalan Bukit Mata Kuching 93100 Kuching, Sarawak	5,970 sq ft land area with 6-storey building	Education Centre	Leasehold Expiry date @ 13/08/2785	45	11,413	31/12/2021
3	South City Plaza Lot 3.09a, 3rd Floor Persiaran Serdang Perdana 43300 Seri Kembangan, Selangor	21,986 sq ft built-up area of shoplot space	Training Centre	Leasehold Expiry date @ 09/11/2093	18	3,959	31/12/2021
4	South City Plaza Lot 3.09b, 3rd Floor Persiaran Serdang Perdana 43300 Seri Kembangan, Selangor	15,482 sq ft built-up area of shoplot space	Training Centre	Leasehold Expiry date @ 09/11/2093	18	2,788	31/12/2021
5	Casa Residenza, Service Apartment - Block B Persiaran Surian, Kota Damansara, PJU 5 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor	110,500 sq ft built-up area of 125 units service apartment	Residential	Leasehold Expiry date @ 25/01/2104	9	47,214	31/12/2021
	125 units from:- • B1-11-10 to B1-11-13A • B1-12-10 to B1-12-13A • B1-13-10 to B1-13-13A • B1-13A-10 to B1-13A-13A • B1-15-10 to B1-15-13A • B1-6-10 to B1-16-13A • B1-17-10 to B1-17-13A • B1-18-10 to B1-18-13A • B1-19-10 to B1-19-13A • B1-20-10 to B1-20-13A • B1-21-10 to B1-21-13A						
No. Address	Approximate Areas/ Description	Existing Use	Tenure	Approximate Age of Building (years)	NBV as at 31/12/2021 (RM'000)	Date of Revaluation/ Acquisition	
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Owned by Subsidiaries (C	ont'd)						
<ul> <li>B1-22-10 to B1-22-13A</li> <li>B1-23-10 to B1-23-13A</li> <li>B1-23A-10 to B1-23A-13</li> <li>B1-25-10 to B1-25-13A</li> <li>B1-26-10 to B1-26-13A</li> <li>B1-27-10 to B1-27-13A</li> <li>B1-28-10 to B1-28-13A</li> <li>B1-29-10 to B1-29-13A</li> <li>B1-30-10 to B1-30-13A</li> <li>B1-31-10 to B1-31-13A</li> <li>B1-32-10 to B1-32-13A</li> <li>B1-33-10 to B1-33-13A</li> <li>B1-33A-10 to B1-33-13A</li> <li>B1-33A-10 to B1-35-13A</li> </ul>							
<ul> <li>6 Unit No. A-PH-08,</li> <li>Pangsapuri Casa Subang</li> <li>Jalan Subang 1, USJ1</li> <li>47600 Subang Jaya,</li> <li>Selangor</li> </ul>	1,555 sq ft built-up area of a service apartment	Residential	Freehold	14	616	31/12/2021	
7 Unit No. A-PH-11, Pangsapuri Casa Subang Jalan Subang 1, USJ1 47600 Subang Jaya, Selangor	1,555 sq ft built-up area of a service apartment	Residential	Freehold	14	616	31/12/2021	
8 Unit No. B-23A-02, Pangsapuri Casa Subang Jalan Subang 1, USJ1 47600 Subang Jaya, Selangor	1,062 sq ft built-up area of a service apartment	Residential	Freehold	14	427	31/12/2021	
9 Unit No. B-23A-11, Pangsapuri Casa Subang Jalan Subang 1, USJ1 47600 Subang Jaya, Selangor	1,062 sq ft built-up area of a service apartment	Residential	Freehold	14	427	31/12/2021	
				83,912			

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Total number of issued shares:1,264,563,142\*Class of shares:Ordinary sharesVoting rights:Every member present in person or by proxy or represented by attorney shall have one vote and upon<br/>a poll, every such member shall have one vote for every share held.

\* inclusive of 38,734,400 treasury shares

## Distribution Schedule of Shareholdings as at 31 March 2022

Size of shareholdings	No. of shareholders	% of shareholders	No. of shares held	% of issued capital
1 - 99	210	15.29	8,910	0.00
100 - 1,000	127	9.25	54,153	0.00
1,001 - 10,000	401	29.21	2,034,552	0.17
10,001 - 100,000	514	37.44	14,580,963	1.19
100,001 – less than 5% of issued shares	119	8.67	674,616,604	55.03
5% and above of issued shares	2	0.14	534,533,560	43.61
TOTAL	1,373	100.00	1,225,828,742	100.00

#### Substantial Shareholders as at 31 March 2022

According to the register required to be kept under Section 144 of the Companies Act 2016, the following are the substantial shareholders (excluding bare trustees) of the Company:-

		No. of st			
	Name of Shareholders	Direct	%	Indirect	%
1.		396,694,479	32.36	**459,565,035	37.49
2.	Pinnacle Heritage Solutions Sdn Bhd ("PHS")	459,565,035	37.49	**396,694,479	32.36
З.	Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
4.	Richard Elletson Foyston	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
5.	Navis Capital Partners Limited	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
б.	SmartUni 1 Ltd	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
7.	Navis Asia Fund VI G.P., Ltd	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
8.	HAL Investments (Asia) Ltd	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
9.	HAL Holding N.V.	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
10.	HAL Trust	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
11	Rodney Chadwick Muse	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
12.	Navis GP Investment HoldCo Ltd	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85

## **Directors' Shareholdings**

				No. of shares he	ld
	Name of Directors	Direct	%	Indirect	%
1.	Tan Sri Clement Hii Chii Kok	396,694,479	32.36	**459,565,035	37.49
2.	Nicholas Rupert Heylett Bloy	-	-	##856,259,514	69.85
З.	Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari Bin Mohamed Kamil	-	-	-	-
4.	Professor Hew Moi Lan	-	-	-	-
5.	Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong	3,771,428	0.31	-	-
б.	Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr Haji Megat Khas	67,991	0.01	-	-
7.	Dato Goh Leng Chua	-	-	-	-
8.	Edwin Fua Chye Jin	-	-	-	-

\*\* TSC is deemed interested in such SEGi shares held by PHS pursuant to the shareholders' agreement dated 25 April 2012 entered between TSC and PHS for regulating their relationship with one another as shareholders of SEGi ("Shareholder Agreement").

++ PHS is deemed interested in such SEGi shares held by TSC pursuant to the Shareholder Agreement.

## Deemed interest by virtue of shares held by PHS, direct and indirectly, in which the Director(s)/Company(ies) is/are deemed to have an interest.

## **Thirty Largest Shareholders**

	Name of shareholders	No. of shares	%
1.	Pinnacle Heritage Solutions Sdn Bhd	459,565,035	37.49
2.	MIDF Amanah Investment Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	74,968,525	6.12
3.	AmSec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd AmBank (M) Berhad (SWAP)	60,737,142	4.95
4.	AllianceGroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	60,068,571	4.90
5.	RHB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	50,428,571	4.11
б.	Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	47,524,285	3.88
7.	Maybank Investment Bank Berhad IVT	40,317,857	3.29
8.	Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Rexter Capital Sdn Bhd	40,107,400	3.27
9.	CGS-CIMB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	39,207,142	3.20
10.	AmSec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	33,962,816	2.77

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## Thirty Largest Shareholders (Cont'd)

	Name of shareholders	No. of shares	%
11.	Cimsec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd CIMB Bank for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	27,285,714	2.23
12.	AmSec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	20,314,285	1.66
13.	AllianceGroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Hii Siew Hee	15,369,600	1.25
14.	Inter-Pacific Equity Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Bonus Tradisi Sdn Bhd	14,225,028	1.16
15.	Inter-Pacific Equity Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Generasi Panduan Sdn Bhd	12,637,385	1.03
16.	AllianceGroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	11,914,285	0.97
17.	Inter-Pacific Equity Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Symphony Diversified Sdn Bhd	11,004,700	0.90
18.	MIDF Amanah Investment Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Rexter Capital Sdn Bhd	10,295,900	0.84
19.	Kenanga Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Basic Index Sdn Bhd	9,991,171	0.82
20.	HSBC Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited	9,600,000	0.78
21.	Amsec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account – AmBank (M) Berhad for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	9,320,285	0.76
22.	Inter-Pacific Equity Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Harmoni Genting Sdn Bhd	9,068,442	0.74
23.	CIMB Group Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Principal Asset Management Berhad for Yayasan Mohd Noah (A/C2)	7,776,000	0.63
24.	Kenanga Capital Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	7,700,000	0.63
25.	Amanahraya Trustees Berhad Public Islamic Treasures Growth Fund	7,693,714	0.63
26.	CGS-CIMB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Tang Lee Hieh	6,881,485	0.56
27.	CGS-CIMB Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd	6,225,000	0.51
28.	Amsec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account – Ambank (M) Berhad for Hii Chii Kok @ Hii Chee Kok	6,000,000	0.49
29.	Inter-Pacific Equity Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd IPM for Maximum Ace Sdn Bhd	5,723,000	0.47
30.	Kenanga Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Perdana Technology Venture Sdn Bhd	5,362,560	0.44

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of SEG International Bhd ("SEGi" or "the Company") will be held virtually through live streaming and online remote voting using Remote Participation and Voting ("RPV") facilities provided by Vote2U via online meeting platform at <a href="https://web.vote2u.my">https://web.vote2u.my</a> (Domain registration number with MYNIC D6A471702) from the broadcast venue at Boardroom, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, SEGi University, No. 9, Jalan Teknologi, Taman Sains Selangor, Kota Damansara, PJU 5, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan on Wednesday, 15 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for the following purposes:-

## **AS ORDINARY BUSINESS**

5.	To re-appoint Messrs. Ernst & Young PLT as Auditors of the Company and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	(Ordinary Resolution 6)
	<ul> <li>(a) Professor Hew Moi Lan</li> <li>(b) Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari Bin Mohamed Kamil</li> <li>(c) Dato Goh Leng Chua</li> </ul>	(Ordinary Resolution 3) (Ordinary Resolution 4) (Ordinary Resolution 5)
4.	To re-elect the following Directors who retire pursuant to Clause 87 of the Constitution of the Company:-	
3.	To approve the payment of Directors' fees for the year ended 31 December 2021.	(Ordinary Resolution 2)
2.	To declare a first and final single tier dividend of 1.0 sen per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2021.	(Ordinary Resolution 1)
1.	To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 together with the Reports of Directors and Auditors thereon.	(Please refer to Note 1)

## **AS SPECIAL BUSINESS**

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions:-

## 6. Authority to issue shares pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act 2016

**"THAT** subject always to the Companies Act 2016 ("the Act"), the Constitution of the Company, the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") and all other applicable laws, regulations and guidelines, the Directors be and are hereby empowered, pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Act, to issue shares in the Company, at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such person or persons whomsoever, whether or not a shareholder of the Company, as the Directors may determine in their absolute discretion, is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders, and subject further to such terms and conditions as the Directors in their absolute discretion may deem fit, provided that the aggregate number of shares to be issued pursuant to this resolution does not exceed 10% of the total number of issued capital of the Company for the time being and that the Directors be and are also empowered to obtain approval for the listing of and quotation for the additional shares so issued on Bursa Securities and that such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company."

(Ordinary Resolution 7)

## 7. Proposed Renewal of Authority for the Purchase by SEG International Bhd ("SEGi") of its Own Shares ("Proposed Share Buy-Back")

"**THAT**, subject to the Act (as may be amended, modified or re-enacted from time to time), the Constitution of the Company, the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities and any other relevant authorities, the Company be and is hereby authorised to purchase on the market of the Bursa Securities and/or hold such number of ordinary shares in SEGi ("SEGi Shares") as may be determined by the Directors from time to time through Bursa Securities upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may deem fit, necessary and expedient in the interest of the Company provided that:

- i. the total aggregate number of shares purchased or to be purchased pursuant to this resolution does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total issued share capital of the Company for the time being;
- the maximum funds to be allocated by the Company for the purpose of purchasing the shares shall not exceed the total retained profits of the Company at the time of the purchase(s). As at 31 December 2021, the Company's retained profit based on the latest audited financial statements was recorded at RM39,995,000; and
- iii. upon the purchase by the Company of its own shares, the Directors shall have the absolute discretion to decide whether such shares purchased are to be cancelled and/or retained as treasury shares and subsequently distributed as dividends or resold on the market of the Bursa Securities or be cancelled or any combination thereof;

**AND THAT** the authority conferred by this resolution shall commence immediately upon the passing of this resolution and shall continue to be in force until:-

- i. the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company, at which time it will lapse, unless renewed by an ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company in a general meeting;
- ii. the expiry of the period within which the next AGM of the Company is required to be held pursuant to Section 340(2) of the Act (but shall not extend to such extension as may be allowed pursuant to Section 340(4) of the Act); or
- iii. revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company in a general meeting;

whichever is the earlier;

**AND THAT** the Directors be and are hereby authorised to act and to take all such steps to give full effect to the Proposed Share Buy-Back and do all such acts and things as they may deem necessary or expedient in the best interests of the Company."

## 8. Continuing in Office as Independent Non-Executive Directors

(a) "THAT approval be and is hereby given to Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas, who has served as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company for a cumulative term of more than nine (9) years, to continue to act as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company." (Ordinary Resolution 8)

(Ordinary Resolution 9)

- (b) "THAT approval be and is hereby given to Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong, who has served as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company for a cumulative term of more than nine (9) years, to continue to act as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company."
- (c) "THAT approval be and is hereby given to Dato Goh Leng Chua, who has served as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company for a cumulative term of more than nine (9) years, to continue to act as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company."
- 9. To consider any other business of which due notice shall have been given.

## NOTICE OF DIVIDEND ENTITLEMENT AND PAYMENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the first and final single tier dividend, if approved, will be paid on 8 July 2022 to shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors at the close of business on 22 June 2022.

A depositor shall qualify for entitlement to the first and final single tier dividend only in respect of:-

- a) shares transferred into the depositor's securities account before 4.00 p.m. on 22 June 2022 in respect of ordinary transfers; and
- b) shares bought on Bursa Securities on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of the Bursa Securities.

By Order of the Board

CHONG POH YEE (MIA 7620) (SSM PC No. 202008003453) HEW LING SZE (MAICSA 7010381) (SSM PC No. 202008000754) Secretaries

Petaling Jaya, Selangor 30 April 2022

## NOTES:

- 1. The Agenda Item No. 1 is meant for discussion only as the provision of Section 340(1)(a) of the Companies Act 2016 does not require formal approval of the shareholders for the Audited Financial Statements. Hence, this Agenda item is not put forward for voting.
- 2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies to attend and vote in his stead. There shall be no restriction as to the qualification of the proxy. A member who is an exempt authorised nominee may appoint at least one proxy in respect of each securities account it holds.
- 3. The Form of Proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at 6th Floor, SEGi University, No. 9, Jalan Teknologi, Taman Sains Selangor, Kota Damansara, PJU 5, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, or emailed to corporate@segi.edu.my, not less than 48 hours before the time and date of the meeting or adjourned meeting, and in the case of a poll, it shall be deposited not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

(Ordinary Resolution 10)

(Ordinary Resolution 11)

4. The details of the Directors' remuneration, including the Directors' fees, are set out in the CG Report 2021. In determining the fees payable to the Non-Executive Directors, the Board considered the areas of responsibilities and risk involved for each Non-Executive Director. Shareholders' approval will be sought prior to the payment.

## 5. Explanatory notes on Special Business

## a. Ordinary Resolution 7 - Authority to issue shares pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act 2016

The proposed Ordinary Resolution 7, if passed, will give authority to the Directors of the Company to issue ordinary shares in the Company up to an aggregate amount of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued share capital of the Company, for such purposes, and to such person or persons whomsoever, whether or not a shareholder of the Company, as the Directors consider would be in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. This authority, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company.

The general mandate, once approved and renewed, will provide flexibility to the Company for any possible fund raising activities, including but not limited to further placing of shares, for the purpose of funding future investment project(s), working capital and/or acquisition(s).

As at the date of this Notice, no new shares in the Company were issued pursuant to the mandate granted to the Directors at the Thirty-Fifth AGM held on 27 September 2021 and hence no proceeds were raised therefrom.

## b. Ordinary Resolution 8 - Proposed Renewal of Authority for the Proposed Share Buy-Back

The proposed Ordinary Resolution 8, if passed, will empower the Directors to purchase SEGi shares through Bursa Securities up to an amount not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the issued share capital of the Company. This authority, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company.

Detailed information on the Proposed Share Buy-Back is set out in the Statement to Shareholders dated 30 April 2022.

## c. Ordinary Resolutions 9, 10 and 11 - Continuing in Office as Independent Directors

The proposed Ordinary Resolutions 9, 10 and 11 relate to the approval by shareholders for Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas, Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong and Dato Goh Leng Chua to continue in office as Independent Directors. Following an assessment and recommendation by the Nominating Committee, the Board recommended that the approval of the shareholders be sought for Tan Sri Megat Najumuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas, Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong and Dato Goh Leng Chua who have served as Independent Directors for a cumulative term of more than nine years, through a two-tier voting process, for their continuing in office as Independent Non-Executive Directors based on the following justifications:

- (a) They have met the independence guidelines as set out in Chapter 1 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities and are therefore deemed able to give independent opinions to the Board;
- (b) Being Directors for more than nine years have given them added advantages to contribute positively during deliberations/discussions at meetings as they are familiar with the operations of the Company and possess in depth knowledge of the Company's operations;
- (c) They have contributed sufficient time and exercised due care during their tenure as Independent Directors;
- (d) They have discharged their professional duties in good faith and also in the best interest of the Company and shareholders;

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- (e) They have vigilantly safeguarded the interests of the minority shareholders of the Company;
- (f) They have the calibre, qualifications, experiences and personal qualities to challenge management in an effective and constructive manner; and
- (g) They actively participated in the Board deliberations and have never compromised on their independent judgement.

## STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

No Individual is standing for election as Director at the forthcoming AGM of the Company.

For Directors retire by rotation under Clause 87 of the Company's Constitution, the Board had through its Nominating Committee assessed each of them in determining their eligibility for re-election, namely, the required mix of skills and experience, knowledge, expertise and time availability. The profiles of the Directors standing for re-election are set out in the Directors' Profile of the Annual Report 2021.

## Personal data privacy

By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the Company's 36<sup>th</sup> AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, a member of the Company:

- (i) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the member's personal data by the Company (or its agents) for the purpose of the processing and administration by the Company (or its agents) of proxies and representatives appointed for the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM (including any adjournment thereof), and in order for the Company (or its agents) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the "Purposes");
- (ii) warrants that where the member discloses the personal data of the member's proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to the Company (or its agents), the member has obtained the prior consent of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the Purposes; and
- (iii) agrees that the member will indemnify the Company in respect of any penalties, liabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the member's breach of warranty.

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being a member/members of SEG International Bhd hereby appoint	
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or failing him/her, the Chairman of the meeting as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held virtually through live streaming and online remote voting using Remote Participation and Voting ("RPV") facilities provided by Vote2U via online meeting platform at https://web.vote2u.my (Domain registration number with MYNIC D6A471702) from the broadcast venue at Boardroom, 6th Floor, SEGi University, No. 9, Jalan Teknologi, Taman Sains Selangor, Kota Damansara, PJU 5, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan on Wednesday, 15 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Please indicate with an "X" in the appropriate space(s) provided below on how you wish your vote to be cast. If no specific direction as to voting is given, the proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his/her discretion.

	ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS	FOR	AGAINST
1.	Approval of the payment of Directors' fees.		
2.	Declaration of First and Final Single Tier Dividend.		
3.	Re-election of Professor Hew Moi Lan in accordance with the Constitution of the Company.		
4.	Re-election of Dato' Seri (Dr) Mohamed Azahari Bin Mohamed Kamil in accordance with the Constitution of the Company.		
5.	Re-election of Dato Goh Leng Chua in accordance with the Constitution of the Company.		
б.	Re-appointment of Messrs. Ernst & Young PLT as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.		
7.	Authority pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act 2016 for Directors to issue shares.		
8.	Proposed Renewal of Authority for the Proposed Share Buy-Back.		
9.	Retention of Tan Sri Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato' Seri Dr. Haji Megat Khas as Independent Non-Executive Director.		
10.	Retention of Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong as Independent Non-Executive Director.		
11.	Retention of Dato Goh Leng Chua as Independent Non-Executive Director.		

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

2022

Number of shares held

Signature of member(s)

CDS Account No.

Email Address

Notes:

- 1. If you wish to appoint other person(s) to be your proxy, delete the words "the Chairman of the meeting" and insert the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) desired in the space so provided.
- 2. If there is no indication as to how you wish your vote(s) to be cast, the proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his/her discretion.
- 3. A proxy may but need not be a member of the Company and there is no restriction as to the qualification of the proxy.
- 4. A member shall not be entitled to appoint more than two proxies to attend and vote at the same meeting. Where two proxies are appointed, the proportions of shareholdings to be represented by each proxy must be specified in order for the appointments to be valid.
- 5. Where a member of the Company is an authorised nominee as defined under the Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act, 1991, it may appoint at least one proxy in respect of each securities account it holds with ordinary shares of the Company standing to the credit of the said securities account.
- 6. If the appointor is a corporation, this form must be executed under its Common Seal or under the hand of its Attorney.
- 7. All Forms of Proxy must be duly executed and deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at 6th Floor, SEGi University, No. 9, Jalan Teknologi, Taman Sains Selangor, Kota Damansara, PJU 5, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, or emailed to corporate@segi.edu.my, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting or adjourned meeting, and in the case of a poll, it shall be deposited not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

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