Welcome to the Autumn 2014 edition of your UCLan student newsletter!

Welcome to International@UCLan – Autumn 2014 edition, designed to keep you updated with what’s happening at UCLan and its overseas partners over the past few months.

Over the summer and autumn, we’ve been celebrating our student successes at graduation ceremonies both in the UK and at our partner institutions. At UCLan we are very proud of all of our graduates both in the UK and overseas, and we are delighted to bring you some of their success stories in this newsletter. If you have a success story of your own, why not share it with all your fellow UCLan students all over the world – email us at InternationalResources@uclan.ac.uk and your story could be included in our next newsletter!

2014 has also seen some exciting developments overseas for UCLan, with our ground-breaking new partnership with Hebei University, and the official opening of our UCLan Cyprus campus by the President of Cyprus. Read on for details.
What’s been happening at UCLan over the summer

New UCLan Group CEO Appointed

In August, the UCLan Group announced the appointment of Richard Hext as its new Group Chief Executive, who took up his post on 01 September 2014 following the retirement of the previous Group Chief Executive, Malcolm McVicar.

Richard joins the UCLan Group having built a career within the international shipping industry where he has held a variety of senior executive positions. As Group Chief Executive, he will assume overall accountability for Group performance and strategic development. Richard will also have a specific focus on the development and growth of international business and overseas campus plans.

Commenting on his appointment, Richard said: “I am delighted to be joining such a forward-thinking University Group whose Board is committed to making further investments at home while seizing opportunities in the large and growing international higher education market. Providing a world-class educational experience for all our students, both at home and abroad, is our shared vision and core priority.”

UCLan Group Vice-President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)

In October, the appointment of Professor Robin Pollard as Vice President of UCLan Group and Deputy Vice Chancellor (International) of the University of Central Lancashire was announced.

Professor Pollard is an experienced and accomplished leader of university developments. His experience extends to the building of overseas campuses, forging and managing international partnerships, large-scale organisational change including campus transfers, and the development of online education.

Commenting on the appointment, Richard Hext, UCLan’s Chief Executive Officer, said: “I am delighted to welcome a man whose experience and track record within the field of higher education international development is second to none. Here at UCLan Robin will work directly with me and the Vice-Chancellor. He will lead the UCLan academic community in support of Group operations, and play a direct role in our international development.”

Professor Pollard added: “Well-conceived and well-implemented partnerships, which bring together the entire University community, can really help cement UCLan’s reputation as a world-class modern university. UCLan’s international developments are bold and potentially transformative so this new role represents an exciting challenge for me.”
Welcome to a new academic year!

Around 6,000 undergraduates, postgraduates, foundation and part-time students arrived at UCLan in time for Welcome Week, which commenced on 15 September, to take part in a plethora of welcome activities. Entertainment during Welcome Week was provided in the form of Titan the Robot, a comedy string quartet, magicians, musicians, balloon modellers and stilt walkers. The fun continued into the evening in the Students’ Union, where the newcomers took part in an array of events including indoor kayaking, ultimate dodgeball, bungee runs, table tennis and a dance-off.

Students from around the world arrive in Preston

Meanwhile, the previous week UCLan also welcomed over 600 international students arriving for Orientation Week.

Students of over 120 nationalities arrived from countries including China, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Germany, USA and Poland, and took part in a series of events designed to welcome them to the city of Preston and introduce them to British culture, including trips to local landmarks, ice-breaking activities and a traditional afternoon tea.

UCLan Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Pete Dunleavy, welcomed the international visitors, saying: “I want to offer a warm welcome to the students who have travelled from all over the world to study right here in Preston. By joining UCLan you are becoming part of a dynamic community of students and staff with access to some of the world’s leading researchers and a fantastic student experience. I hope that alongside your academic studies UCLan is able to provide you with a life-changing experience with opportunities for social, sporting and personal development.”

Yi Mao Zhang, a 21-year-old International Journalism student from China, commented: “I love the afternoon tea, it’s amazing. This is my first visit to the UK and so far I’m really enjoying it. Everyone in Preston and the University has been welcoming and helpful. I’m now looking forward to starting my course.”
A look back at last year...

UCLan Award Ceremonies

In July more than 4,600 students graduated from UCLan. This is a record number for the University, which held its prestigious Degree and Award Ceremonies at Preston’s Guild Hall during week commencing 14 July.

Celebrating our Student Successes

UCLan graduate Jade Smith has beaten off stiff competition from 3,656 students across the globe to win an international design award in the Lotus Prize 2014. Jade, who graduated in summer with a 2:1 in Product Design, received a bronze Innovation Design Award for her ECO Play ball, which she designed to encourage children aged five to eight to play outdoors and connect with their friends in a safe environment.

UCLan Physics student Jasmin Evans has been selected as one of only five women from a national mentoring scheme to attend the world’s largest gathering of women technologists being held in the USA. Jasmin took part in the four-month 2014 Student to Stemette mentoring scheme earlier this year. The scheme brings together girls over the age of 16 with women currently working in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) to receive guidance and build networks for their future careers. Jasmin will attend the Grace Hopper Celebration in Phoenix, Arizona, in October where she will meet and network with industry leaders.

UCLan Fashion Promotion student, Beth Tinker, has seen her creativity displayed on Preston’s high street after winning a competition to develop an advertising campaign for local business, Broadhurst Optometrist. Beth designed a poster, leaflets and developed a social media campaign for the company designed to get more students through their door. This is the first time that Broadhurst Optometrist has worked with UCLan after the company approached the University looking to tap into student talent and decided to set a design brief.

Optical advisor Lesley Hacking said: “Our business places a strong emphasis on fashion so collaborating with UCLan’s fashion department seemed ideal. I was truly amazed at the results of the competition as the quality of every entrant’s work was of industry standard.”

Final year student Beth commented: “It’s a great feeling to walk past the shop and see my own design in the window. I was shocked when my work was selected as the winner and I’ve really enjoyed the project as it’s taught me a lot of how the process works in industry.”
International Institute of Korean Studies launched

In October UCLan officially launched its International Institute of Korean Studies (IKSU). The multidisciplinary hub of research, teaching and public policy in the study of contemporary Korea is the first to be located in the North West of England and is only the UK’s third provider of an undergraduate programme in Korean Studies.

The formal launch event on 17 October was the culmination of a two-day conference examining Korean security and the relationship between the North and the South of the country, the last unresolved conflict of the Cold War. Over 30 of the world’s leading authorities, influencers and commentators on Korea arrived from the United States, China, South Korea, Russia and across Europe to debate a wide range of security issues ranging from nuclear weapons to food, as well as wider security issues related to East Asia.

Former United States Ambassador to South Korea, Donald P Gregg, said: “UCLan is really on to something here. In the last two days of the Institute’s inaugural conference and at this launch I have been hugely impressed by the spirit of the students and the substance of all the good work taking place within this new research institute. I am very proud to have been invited and to play a role in its launch.”

IKSU is based within UCLan’s School of Language, Literature and International Studies, and brings together the University’s wide research expertise on global Korea in the context of East Asian security; maritime law and conflict in East Asia; Korean language; Korean traditional music; sport; and the society, economics and international politics of North Korea. Over the last two years UCLan has also seen a surge in interest from students wanting to study the Korean language or an aspect related to it. Currently nearly 120 students are enrolled on Korean or Korean-related programmes, and next year the Institute will launch Europe’s first Masters Degree in North Korean Studies.

A secondary aim of the Institute is to springboard from UCLan’s longstanding relationship with Samsung via its product design programme to encourage more Korean businesses to explore further the entrepreneurial talent that exists through the North West of England.

Worldwise Learning Centre celebrates 5th anniversary

UCLan’s Worldwise Learning Centre, part of the School of Language, Literature and International Studies, has marked its fifth anniversary and was joined by over forty local high school students to celebrate.

The centre, which aims to champion language and cultural learning across Preston, Lancashire and beyond, has welcomed over a thousand young people through its doors since it opened in May 2009.

Isabel Donnelly, Dean of School of Language, Literature and International Studies, said: “The impact our centre has had on young students has surpassed our original expectations, and we will continue in our efforts to ensure all young people in Lancashire understand the importance, benefit and enjoyment that can be gained from learning a language.”
Schoolchildren from across the north-west of England visited UCLan in September to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the global Confucius Institute, which promotes Chinese language and culture in local communities. The UCLan Confucius Institute celebrated the anniversary in style by inviting pupils from four local schools to take part in Tai Chi and martial arts lessons, watch a lion dance, sing Chinese songs and try their hands at kite flying.

Feixia Yu, Director of UCLan’s Confucius Institute, commented: “The global Confucius Institute has done a brilliant job over the last ten years to raise the profile of Chinese language and culture and UCLan has certainly played an important part in Lancashire. In September last year the UCLan Confucius Institute celebrated its own 5 year anniversary with a Chinese opera concert. Since it was established in 2008 the UCLan Confucius Institute has introduced Mandarin Chinese to primary school children across the north-west and many secondary schools in the area have benefitted from Chinese culture taster days. It has also created many opportunities for schoolchildren and university students to visit and study in China.

13-year-old high school pupil Kayley Williams said: “I’ve really enjoyed the Greek and Italian language taster sessions and would definitely consider studying a foreign language after I’ve finished school.”

Sir Simon Bryant KCB CBE, Vice President (Oman), BAe Systems, commented: “We are delighted to have hosted the Omani students. We were keen to given them an insight into the way we work but, more importantly, relate it back to their learning. BAe Systems’ relationship with Oman goes back many years and with both Hawk and Eurofighter Typhoon coming into service in Oman before the end of the decade, we look forward to strengthening our ties even further, providing both education and training for young Omanis to support that programme.”
Secondees and Visiting Scholars at UCLan

Every semester UCLan plays host to visiting scholars, or secondees: these are teachers on the various UCLan programmes delivered at our overseas partner institutions who spend a few months at UCLan observing classes in their particular subject areas and undertaking their own research projects. The following teachers are all visiting UCLan during semester 1 this year:

**FANG Ling (Lynn)**
Associate Professor  
School of Languages  
Shanghai University of International Business and Economics  
**UCLan host:** School of Language, Literature and International Studies  
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**YUAN Jieling (Janine)**
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School of Languages  
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**ZHANG Lili (Lily)**
Student Tutor  
School of Languages  
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**UCLan host:** School of Health  
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**SU Juan (Carol)**
Lecturer  
School of International Business and Management  
Guangdong University of Foreign Studies  
**UCLan host:** Lancashire Business School  
**Research/study area:** Observation of teaching and research in Marketing

**LIU Xiaojia (Daniel)**
Lecturer  
Department of Languages  
Gengdan Institute of Beijing University of Technology  
**UCLan host:** School of Language, Literature and International Studies  
**Research/study area:** Cross-cultural communication, linguistics (comparative/cognitive), discourse analysis, translation studies

**LIU Xiaojia (Janet)**
Lecturer  
Department of Humanities and Social Science  
Gengdan Institute of Beijing University of Technology  
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National league tables

The Guardian University Guide

UCLan has been ranked as one of the UK’s highest risers in the national league tables. The Guardian University Guide for 2015 has named UCLan as one of the UK’s most improved universities. The Guardian’s table, renowned for focusing on those aspects of the university experience which are deemed to be of greatest importance to students, highlights assessment feedback and satisfaction with teaching as two of the most improved aspects, whilst five UCLan subject areas appear in the UK top twenty, namely: Architecture; Art; Fashion and Textiles; Sports Science, and Hospitality, Event Management and Tourism.

In the Guardian’s write-up on UCLan, the paper says: “UCLan is one of the country’s largest universities, with 35,000 students, and it aims to provide an excellent experience for every single one of them. It seems to be working as it is consistently rated in the top 10 modern universities in the country. UCLan ranks in the top three nationally for the number of graduate start-up businesses and is number one in the region.”

UCLan is also rated one of the North West of England’s highest national league table risers in the Sunday Times Good University Guide published in September. A key factor in UCLan’s success is the amount it spends on facilities in relation to the number of students, making it the second highest in the region in this category. The University also scored well in the student to staff ratio category.

The Sunday Times Good University Guide said: “Central Lancashire has always been one of the most enterprising post-1992 universities. The University fosters in its students the same entrepreneurial spirit that characterises its management.”

Student satisfaction at UCLan

The National Student Survey 2014 has confirmed that UCLan maintains a high level of student satisfaction for the second successive year, with 84 per cent of students saying they are happy with the quality of their overall educational experience.

A range of academic areas have seen an increase in satisfaction over the last year, with learning resources up 2% from 2013 to 90%; academic support up 20% to 82%; and personal development up by 1% to 85%. UCLan has also seen three subject areas ranked in the top 10 for overall satisfaction: general engineering is second in the country out of 17; marketing is fifth out of 61; and imaginative writing is eighth out of 35. A wide range of other subject areas, including business studies, forensic and archaeological science and sports science also achieved high levels of satisfaction, with 11 ranking in the top 20 nationally.

UCLan’s Pro Vice Chancellor, Lynne Livesey, said: “UCLan has a long-standing reputation for providing students with an excellent university experience and the improvements we have made in key academic areas have helped us to maintain our position in the National Student Survey. These results are very important to us and although we have made some notable improvements this year we are certainly not complacent. We have a track record of listening to what students think and then acting upon their feedback, and will continue to do so.”

UCLan shortlisted for prestigious educational award

The University of Central Lancashire has beaten off stiff competition from an array of UK universities to make the shortlist for Entrepreneurial University of the Year in the tenth annual Times Higher Education (THE) Awards.

John Lansdale, Head of UCLan Innovation and Enterprise, said: “We’re delighted to have made the Times Higher Education’s shortlist. It’s great recognition for us as we’ve worked very hard to make UCLan a truly entrepreneurial, enterprising and innovative university.”

UCLan’s application highlighted the success of its Distinguished Visitor programme; commercial training for staff and students; the development of a Chinese subsidiary company to provide opportunities for staff and students in China; the University’s strong reputation for student and business start-ups; and entrepreneurial initiatives such as the development of UCLan’s Civic Drone Centre.

The winners will be announced on 27 November at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London, which once again promises to be a spectacular event with over 1000 guests expected to attend, including politicians, senior sector figures, and academic and university staff from all corners of the UK.
Overseas developments

New partnership with Hebei University, PR China

In April UCLan announced exciting plans to create a ground-breaking partnership with Hebei University (HBU) in Baoding, PR China. The new partnership will create the Hebei/UCLan School of Media, Communication and Creative Industries, the first British partnership of this type in Hebei province.

The first cohort of students is currently in the process of enrolling for the 2014-15 academic year, in a building specifically allocated for the new School on HBU’s campus. Initially, the School will have 800 students, recruiting 200 per year for the four-year duration of the programmes. The intention is to grow to 1600 students and then to expand further by developing a broader curriculum with a focus on science-related subjects.

Academic programmes are initially being offered in conjunction with UCLan’s School of Art, Design and Performance and the School of Journalism and Media, and students can complete the full degree in China or split it between China and UCLan’s Preston campus.

Once the programmes are running at full capacity, UCLan will be one of the largest providers of British higher education in China.

UCLan Deputy Vice-Chancellor Graham Baldwin said: “This is the most significant development for UCLan in China for over a decade and we are privileged to be one of the first UK universities to gain approval for a project of this nature under China’s new Ministry of Education policies. This new international partnership model builds on our existing international programme which has seen the launch of our award-winning campus in Cyprus alongside plans to develop new markets in Mauritius. The increasing internationalisation of higher education will bring wonderful opportunities for UK students and international students alike and we are delighted to be playing our part in its continued growth.”

Awards for Deputy Vice-Chancellor

In June UCLan’s Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dr Graham Baldwin, was rewarded for his international efforts with both an Honorary Professorship from Hebei University (HBU), presented by Professor Fu Guangsheng, President of HBU, and the Yan Zhao Friendship Award conferred by Hebei Province. The awards were granted to him in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the new joint collaboration between UCLan and HBU.

UCLan renews collaborations in Far East

A successful visit was undertaken in March by UCLan Deputy Vice-Chancellor Graham Baldwin of all UCLan’s strategic partners in China and Hong Kong, which included a formal signing ceremony to renew the collaboration between UCLan and Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (GDUFS), and a visit to Shenzhen University to conclude discussions around the establishment of a number of articulation agreements.
| Anna: How long have you been in China? |
| Joe: I’ve been in China for 5 years. |
| Anna: And what impression do you have of China? |
| Joe: I love China very much. Obviously, it’s very different from the UK so there are lots of cultural differences, but I love China. I think the people are very friendly and very welcoming. I think China has a lot of tradition and lots of culture. I really enjoy my time here, I enjoy the people, the places and the culture very much. |
| Anna: Can you give an example of the most impressive thing for you in China during the 5 years? |
| Joe: The most impressive thing over the 5 years I would probably say was in my first year when I travelled around China and visited many different places. Because I think China is such a big country and there are so many different places. When I first arrived in China I went to Beijing, which was wonderful with the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, so I think the history and the culture in Beijing was what most impressed me. I also went to a place called Qu Fu where Confucius comes from and it is similar to Beijing, full of history with lots of culture, so I think those two places, the travelling and the visits are what impressed me most. |
| Anna: When you are communicating with Chinese people, what are you most satisfied with? |
| Joe: OK, obviously I am English. When I first came to China, I didn’t know any Chinese but I tried to learn a little bit from books and I tried to talk to people. So I think if you ask me what I’m most satisfied with, I would say it’s when I try to communicate in Chinese and people understand and they appreciate the fact that you try. My Chinese is not perfect, it never will be perfect because the difference between English and Chinese is very difficult. So we have to find a middle ground to communicate. Maybe if I use the wrong words or my grammar is incorrect a lot of people will be very helpful and understanding which I think is very good. Also, I live in Shanghai now, and I feel that using English is quite acceptable to communicate with especially in the bigger cities like Shanghai. So I think with communication in China the difficulties will depend on where you are and which city you are in. |
| Anna: And when you are communicating with Chinese, what are you most dissatisfied with? |
| Joe: Obviously you can’t stereotype everybody. So we have to be careful, you can’t say Chinese people are … because we’re all different. But I do find that sometimes when I try to speak in Chinese I say maybe one or two words, and the Chinese person I’m communicating with will think I’m fluent in Chinese. So they will speak very fast, they will not slow down even if I say in Chinese I do not understand. I find it’s difficult because Chinese people rarely slow down and they don’t really use their facial expressions or body language. Whereas if I was in England communicating with a Chinese person and I identified that their English was perhaps not very good I would maybe slow down, simplify my vocabulary, use some hand gestures and facial expressions, etc. So I think that can be quite difficult. I’m not sure how we can improve this but maybe Chinese people could try and simplify and slow down their communication. |
| Anna: Yes. I understand and I have some suggestions. I think it is helpful when you tell a Chinese person that you are British and you have some difficulty in Chinese, then they can understand what’s your difficulty and they can slow down. This is the first step and is the most useful advice. And the second one is that when you try to slow down your speaking speed they will down down their speaking speed too and this is the response. |
| Joe: That’s good advice, thank you very much, very good. |
Anna: After you came to China, what were the differences in food?
Joe: After I came to China, I think there were many differences in food. I think the biggest difference for me coming from England is the way Chinese people prepare their food. So I’m not sure if you know but in England if we have chicken for dinner, we cut off the meat and we eat the meat but we throw away the rest of the chicken so usually we don’t like any bones, we do not eat any feet or the head, so I think in China the way you prepare your food is very different for me. So if you have a chicken you will take a knife, chop, chop, chop, and cut it all up. And obviously, how do you eat your food? You use chopsticks. So when we first come to China it’s very difficult for foreign people to use chopsticks so we have to be very careful. I think the food in China has more variety than the UK. You have many vegetables that we don’t have in the UK and they’re very delicious! Food as well is very difficult to order for foreign people. For example, you have some dishes … I don’t know … “na po dofu”, or “chou do fu”, but they’re not really describing the dish, they’re names of the dishes. So I think in order to truly be able to order the food in China you need to have a large knowledge of the names of dishes. One time in my first year in China I went to a restaurant and I said “Can I please have chicken, no bones, not spicy, no fat”, and that’s what I asked for in Chinese, I said “Do you understand?”, they said “Yes”, and they gave me chopped liver. So it can be difficult, but now I have experience and I can use chopsticks, I love Chinese food very much.

Anna: After you came to China, what were the differences in transportation?
Joe: OK, some big differences in transportation, obviously who do you think has more people, China or England? Obviously China, OK, good, so really you need more public transport. In the UK if I take the bus I may have to wait 20 or 30 minutes for the next bus but in China buses arrive every minute. So that’s really good. In most big Chinese cities now you have the subway which is great! In the UK we don’t have the subway, well in London there is the very old underground. But Liverpool has no subway and Manchester has no subway. In China the subway is great but the problem is that public transport is so busy. If we had to compare I think the transportation in China is much better, your trains as well, for example the ‘gao tie’ is very very fast and very good. So generally I think the transportation in China is more frequent, more efficient, but is too busy, but I’m not sure how we can solve that problem as China has a lot of people.

Anna: Do you have good health in China?
Joe: I hope so! I’ve never had any serious problems or serious illnesses. I have had some small problems like stomach aches or the ‘flu. When I first came to China, I had many stomach aches because of the difference in food, but nothing too serious. But I do worry about the air quality in China. Yesterday I went to the pharmacy to buy a face mask and they said they had all sold out. Once a year when I go back to England I have a check-up. And my health seems OK. So fingers crossed, hopefully my health is OK.

Anna: What’s the aim and expectation for you to come to China?
Joe: There were two aims. One aim was to try to learn about language and culture and my job are the reasons why I’m stay here for many years. But I’m very happy here in China and I hope I can stay here for many years. Another is for work of course. I work for a UK university, UCLan, the University of Central Lancashire. We have programmes all over the world as we’re a very international university. So really, personal development, language, culture and my job are the reasons why I’m here. But I’m very happy here in China and I hope I can stay here for many years.

Anna says: From this interview, I became more familiar with my foreign teacher, Joe, and felt honoured to talk with him about his own life in China and at SUIBE. During the last three months, I have attended his Marketing class and learned a lot from him and really feel happy to meet him once a week. I hope there will be more opportunities to chat with him and that we become genuine friends from now on.”

NEW E-RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

- **LYNDA**
  - a vast online library of over 2600 instructional videos to help students learn software, creative and business skills. Freely available to all students at UCLan and its partner institutions throughout the world.
  
  www.lynda.com

- **Office 365** – free for all UCLan Students from September:
  - Office 365 ProPlus – install the latest Microsoft Office software at home on up to five devices, including PCs, Macs, tablets (including iPad) and smartphones, absolutely free (for as long as you remain a UCLan student)
  - OneDrive for Business – every UCLan student will get a huge 1 Terabyte of personal storage space in the cloud (in addition to the 50GB email space they already have)
  - Office Online – this will enable students to create and edit Word, OneNote, PowerPoint, and Excel documents from any device’s web browser and save to their OneDrive for Business space.

www.uclan.ac.uk/office365
And on our Cyprus Campus...

July saw the official opening of UCLan Cyprus by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nicos Anastasiades.

The President welcomed the University’s operation in Cyprus and hoped for further growth and development. “I am certain UCLan Cyprus will realise the vision it has set for the holistic development of its students. By placing an emphasis on the development of workplace skills, UCLan Cyprus graduates will be in a position to thrive in a competitive environment.”

The University’s strategic plan for UCLan Cyprus includes the expansion of course provision and facilities such as the establishment of an exercise physiology lab for the new Sport Science programmes being delivered from September 2014. UCLan Cyprus will continue to grow its student numbers over the coming years, providing students from Cyprus and the region with a sought-after opportunity to access a high quality British university experience.
The University of Central Lancashire’s (UCLan) Cyprus Campus has been highly praised by a senior Cypriot Minister. During a recent visit to the Campus, the Cyprus Minister of Education and Culture, Costas Kadis, hailed it as ‘excellent’. The Minister, who visited as part of his tour of Larnaka city and district, was given a tour of the University by officials, including Dr Melinda Tan, Rector of the University. He saw state-of-the-art facilities including the computing labs, moot court room and auditoriums.

During a speech the Minister said: “My impressions are excellent, it has a very innovative infrastructure, which supports students during their studies. UCLan Cyprus is a vivid example of an institution which contributes to the development of Cyprus becoming a centre of higher education in the wider region. We have agreed to work together to achieve mutually beneficial goals such as the attraction of international students and the continuous development of quality in higher education in our country.”

Another recent visit to the Campus has been Ric Todd, British High Commissioner to Cyprus, who attended a presentation highlighting the UCLan Cyprus vision to deliver a world-class reputation for academic excellence and innovative thinking.

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- BA Hons Accounting and Finance
- BA Hons Business Administration
- BA Hons English Language Studies
- BA Hons Hospitality and Tourism Management
- MA TESOL (with Applied Linguistics)
- MBA
- MSc Business Management
- MSc Marketing Management
- MA Educational Leadership

School of Law
- Law LLB
- Master of Law (LLM)

School of Sciences
- BSc Computing
- BSc Hons Mathematics
- BSc Hons Psychology
- BSc Hons Sport and Exercise Science
- MSc Computing

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