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Dear _____,

22ND GACC INTERNATIONAL INTER-VARSITY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP – 20TH – 28TH JAN 2018 (22ND GACC)
TUANKU BAHYAH, 2ND RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA, KL, MALAYSIA
GRAND ASIAN CHESS CHALLENGE - From: 1996 - ---- - A Journey in Continuity

The Grand Asian Chess Challenge (GACC) is an International Chess Event that has been organized by the Second Residential College (Tuanku Bahiyah Residential College) continuously for the last 21 years. Within the University of Malaya, and over the years, the GACC event has been selected as the Best International Inter Varsity event!

The First GACC, way back in 1996, was started as a student project by Mr. James Fah, when the current Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof was the House Master in Second College, then!

The Malaysian Chess Federation has actively supported this Varsity event all this while and GACC has contributed to the growth of Comradeship, a sort of Esprit De Corps spirit in University of Malaya and actively promoted the progress of Chess in Malaysia.

Due to lackadaisical and sluggish response in the early years, the event was changed to an Individual event (+ Team Event) as follows:

Players from Universities all over the World are invited to play. If a University managed to form a Team (3 Open players + 1 Female, or vice versa), then they were entitled to also participate as a Team. This format is also used in the Chess Events in SEA Games. When the University could not raise the necessary 4 players, they were entitled to play as Individuals.

This has enhanced participation and over the years has received response from countries all over the world. Among the notable countries that have participated is as follows:

Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Palestine, Bangladesh, China, Mongolia, Korea, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Sri Lanka, UAE, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran, Russia, Uzbekistan, New Zealand, Australia, Bahrain, Qatar, South Africa and some other countries.

For University Chess Players, this is a great event to participate. Welcome to Malaysia!

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