Flashing Memories – The Faculty of Economics and Administration (FEA)

- **1959** The establishment of the Department of Economics within the Faculty of Arts, University of Malaya.

- **1962** The Malaysian Economic Association (MEA) or Persatuan Ekonomi Malaysia (PEM) was founded by professional economists from the University of Malaya, the public sector and industry. MEA is affiliated to the Federation of ASEAN Economic Association and the International Economic Association.

- **May 1966** FEA was founded and headed by Royal Professor Ungku Aziz with just 14 students and 3 academic personnel. FEA was divided into 7 divisions that are Analytical Economics, Applied Economics, Rural Development, Public Administration, Statistics, Business Administration and Accountancy.

- **June 1975** The main student body for the undergraduate students of FEA, known as Persatuan Ekonomi Universiti Malaya (PEKUMA) was established for the furtherance of knowledge and research in the field of economics.

- **February 1977** The divisions were upgraded to 5 departments: Analytical Economics, Applied Economics, Development Studies, Administration Studies and Politics, and Applied Statistics. Divisions of Business Administration and Accountancy formed a new faculty.

- **1979** Set up of the Population Studies Unit (PSU) as part of the Population and Family Health Project funded by the World Bank and the United Nations Fund.
• August 2000 The Tun Ismail Ali Chair was established in enhancing academic excellence in the Field of monetary and financial economics.

• July 2005 The departments of Analytical Economics and Applied Economics were merged to form the Department of Economics.

• November 2006 The Royal Professor Ungku Aziz Chair was established to honor the contributions of Royal Professor Ungku Aziz in the fields of education and economic development. In conjunction, the Centre for Poverty and Development Studies was set up to serve as a focal point for academic work, research, consultancy and technical assistance in areas related to poverty and development.

• March 2011 The Social Security Research Centre was set up in conjunction with the establishment of the Old Age Financial Protection Chair. The activities of the centre include policy and academic research, consultation and information dissemination in areas related to old-age protection and social security.