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# POSTGRAD THESIS MONITORING and CONTROLLING SYSTEM (PGTMCS)

**USER MANUAL for Supervisor/Co-Supervisor & Reviewer** 

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

Postgraduate Thesis Monitoring and Controlling System (PGTMCS) version 1.0.0 is a system for the Student, Supervisor, Faculty and Senate to monitor the status of thesis proposal from its initial stage toward to the end. It is not only use by the respective personnel to control and manage the quality of the thesis to meet the university standard but it also can be used to keep track all the communication between the student and university. If required the history can be retrieved to view the completed work or its progress.

The system contains the main modules which are Thesis Proposal Submission and Approval, Monthly Progress Report Review, Thesis Proposal Defense, Thesis Work Completion, Thesis Evaluation/Viva and Senate Endorsement.

The Thesis Proposal Submission and Approval module will be the first release made available for use by the student and staffs. The rest of the module will be released by stages.

#### 1.1 Scope

As the scope of this manual will cover the first release of the module, it will guide the student how to use the system and what would they need to do in the case of proposal get approved, changes needed or disapproved by the faculty or senate.

The student also will know the status of the proposal for each of the proposal stage either in draft mode, pending decision or it has been confirmed / approved by the Faculty or Senate.

The remaining guideline for other modules will be updated in the next user manual release.

#### 1.2 System Requirement

#### 1.2.1 URL

The system is available over the internet via the URL <a href="http://postgrad.msu.edu.my">http://postgrad.msu.edu.my</a> and accessible only by the registered and authorized postgraduate student and respective MSU's staff.

#### 1.2.2 Internet Browser

It is recommended to run the system on the following internet browser

- Mozilla Firefox version 35 and above
- Microsoft Internet Explorer version 8 and above

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#### 1.2.3 User Access

The postgraduate student who has been successfully registered in Campus Management System (CMS) will be automatically become postgraduate user or otherwise the student needs to check with the CMS admin on his/her status. By default Student Matrix Number will be the user id to access the PGTMCS system.

The MSU's staff that has been identified as reviewer, supervisor or co-supervisor can access the PGTMCS system once the PGTMCS admin registered him/her into the system. By default Staff ID will be the user id to access the PGTMCS system.

#### 1.3 Screen Design

The PGTMCS system screen has been design into the 5 sections namely section A, B, C, D and E.

Section A to cater the PGTMCS **Header** in which it contains the name of the system, the user name and Logout button

Section B to cater the PGTMCS **Top Panel** in which it contains the list of functions for the system.

Section C to cater the PGTMCS **Left Panel** in which it contains the list of sub-functions resulting from the selection in Section B.

Section D to cater the PGTMCS **Working Area** in which it shows the page for user respond resulting from the selection in Section C.

Section E to cater the PGTMCS Footer in which it contains the university name and its copyright.

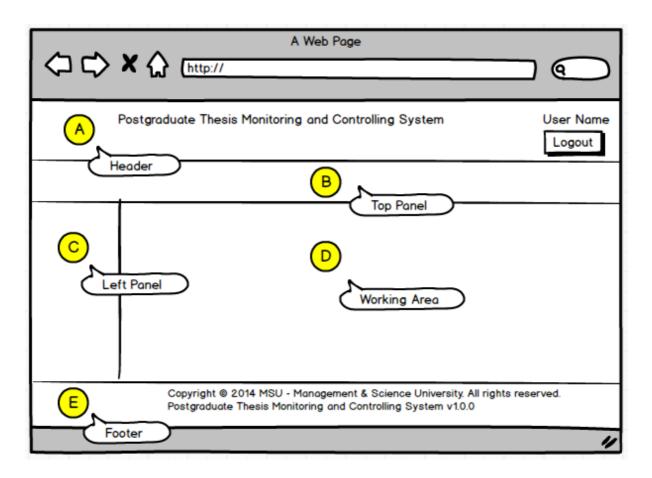


Figure 1: PGTMCS Screen Structure Design

#### 2 HIGHLEVEL FLOW

#### 2.1 Thesis Proposal Submission Process Flow

The figure below depicts the highlevel process flow for the thesis proposal submission which cover from the submission until its get approved by the Senate.

The dotted line as shown below is the focus covered in this manual.

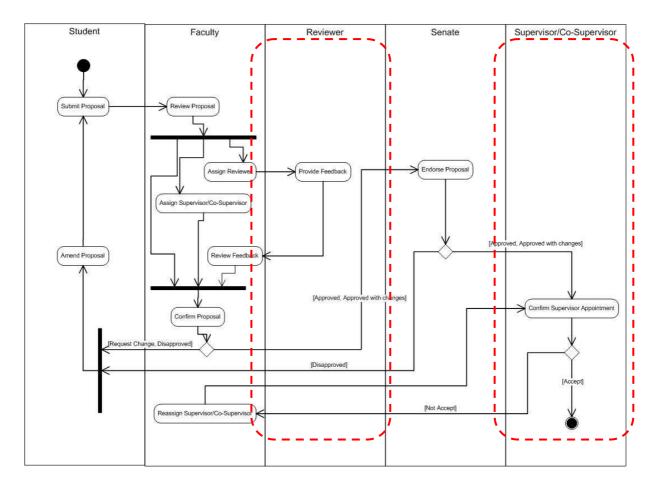


Figure 2: Thesis Proposal Submission Process Flow

#### 3 USER LOGIN and LOGOUT

#### 3.1 Login

This is the first page sight by the student to enter the PGTMC system.

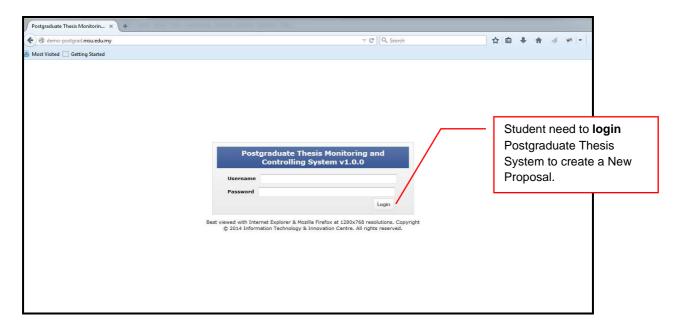


Figure 3: Login Page

#### Steps:-

- 1. Open any Internet Browser of your choice either Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Internet Explorer
- 2. Enter the URL to access the system as follows <a href="http://postgrad.msu.edu.my/">http://postgrad.msu.edu.my/</a>
- 3. Login page will be displayed in which the valid user credential needs to be provided i.e. **Username** and **Password**.

#### 3.2 Logout

Once the necessary or required activities has been done or completed, the student can quit from the system by clicking on the **Logout** button.

If the system is keep idle for about 1 minute, the system will logged out the user automatically.



Figure 4: Logout Page

#### Steps:-

- 1. Find the **Logout** button located on the right top corner of the system **Header** section.
- 2. Click on it and you will be logout from the system successfully.

#### 4 CHANGE PASSWORD

#### 4.1 Change Password

For the security reason, the user is strongly recommended to change the password at first successful login to the system.

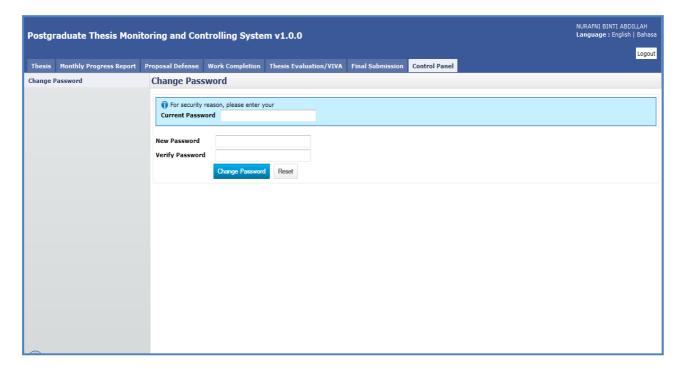


Figure 5: Change Password Page

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#### Steps:-

- 1. Click on the **Control Panel** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The Change Password menu will be displayed and click on it.
- As to ensure the right user able to change the password, the system will ask Current Password used before able to change it to the new password.
- 4. Once the **Current Password** has been provided, the **New Password** and **Verify Password** can be provided afterward.
- 5. Click **Change Password** button to ensure the new password can be saved into the system successfully.
- 6. If the **Current Password** is incorrect, the system will prompt an error message and the user needs to redo the same steps above.
- 7. User can use **Reset** button if wanted to clear the entry on each fields.

#### 5 THESIS PROFILE

Thesis Profile listed all the supervisee under supervisor. Plus, the Supervisor can also view all the detail regarding supervisee. Search supervisee by Thesis ID/Title.



Figure 6: Student Programme Tab

- 1. Click on the **Thesis** tab on the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The Thesis Profile menu will be displayed on the system Left panel and click on it.
- Enter Thesis ID or Title, then click Search button to view the searching result.
- 4. Then click View button to proceed. Refer 6.1: Student Profile

#### 5.1 Student Profile

Student Profile tab contains the basic student and thesis information including its thesis progress status.

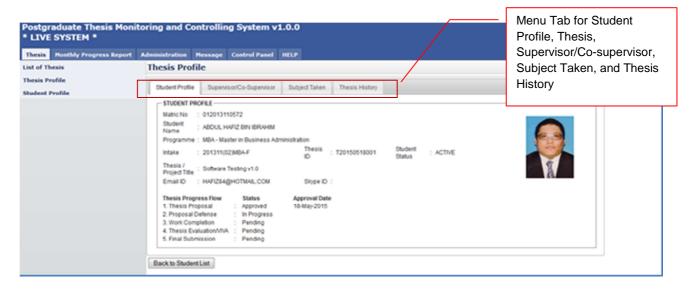


Figure 7: Student Programme Tab

#### Steps:-

- 1. It is only for view information.
- 2. Click Back to Student List button to return back to Student List search page

#### 5.2 Supervisor/Co-Supervisor List

Supervisor or Co-Supervisor is the academic staff who has been assigned by Faculty to supervise the student in delivering the thesis and approved by the Senate.

There are conditions for the student to see the list of his/her supervisors. The conditions are:-

- 1. Supervisor/Co-Supervisor has been assigned by Faculty and approved by the Senate
- 2. Supervisor/Co-Supervisor has accepted the appointment to supervise the student.



Figure 8: List of Supervisor / Co-Supervisor

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#### Steps:-

- 1. It is only for view information.
- Click Back to Student List button to return back to Student List search page

#### 5.3 Subject Taken

Subject Taken tab will list the entire subject registered by the students for all semester during his study.

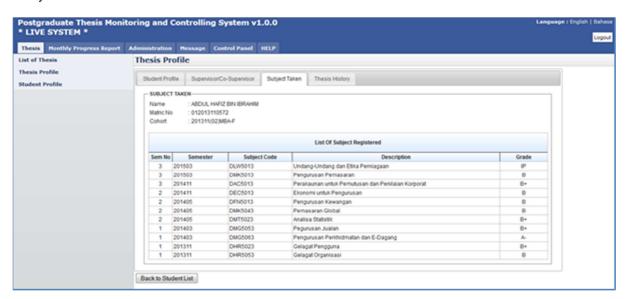


Figure 9: Subject Taken

- 1. It is only for view information.
- 2. Click Back to Student List button to return back to Student List search page

#### 5.4 Thesis History

Thesis History tab contains the proposal progress history starting from its submission by the student tills its approval by the Senate. It captures the alphabet, date when it was send and the running number at behind.

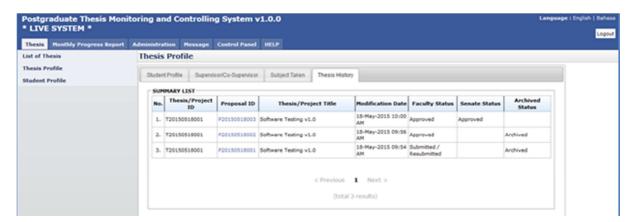


Figure 10: Thesis History

- 1. It is only for view information.
- 2. Click Back to Student List button to return back to Student List search page

#### **6 STUDENT PROFILE**

Student Profile listed all the supervisee under supervisor. Plus, the Supervisor can also view all the detail regarding supervisee. Search supervisee by Student Name.

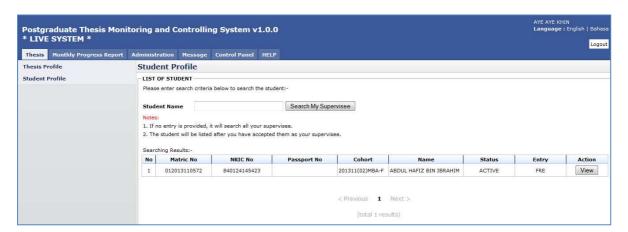


Figure 11: List of Student

- 1. Click on the **Thesis** tab on the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The Student Profile menu will be displayed on the system Left panel and click on it.
- 3. Enter Student Name, then click Search button to view the searching result.
- 4. Then click View button to proceed. Refer 6.1: Student Profile

#### 6.1 Student Profile

Student Profile tab contains the basic student and thesis information including its thesis progress status.

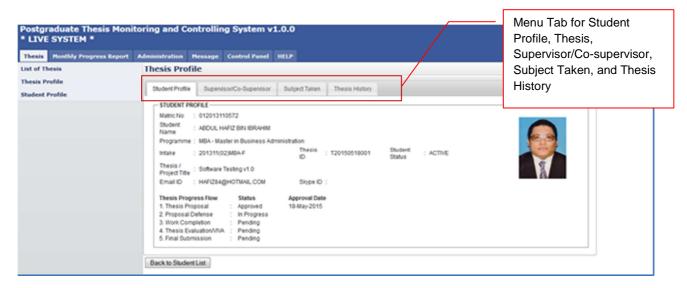


Figure 12: Student Programme Tab

#### Steps:-

- 1. It is only for view information.
- Click Back to Student List button to return back to Student List search page

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There are conditions for the student to see the list of his/her supervisors. The conditions are:-

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- Supervisor/Co-Supervisor has accepted the appointment to supervise the student.



Figure 13: List of Supervisor / Co-Supervisor

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#### Steps:-

- 1. It is only for view information.
- Click Back to Student List button to return back to Student List search page

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Subject Taken tab will list the entire subject registered by the students for all semester during his study.

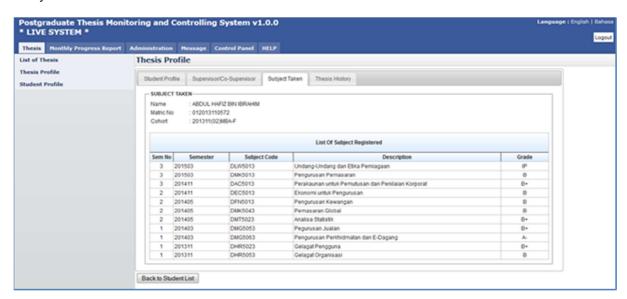


Figure 14: Subject Taken

- 1. It is only for view information.
- 2. Click Back to Student List button to return back to Student List search page

#### 6.4 Thesis History

Thesis History tab contains the proposal progress history starting from its submission by the student tills its approval by the Senate. It captures the alphabet, date when it was send and the running number at behind.

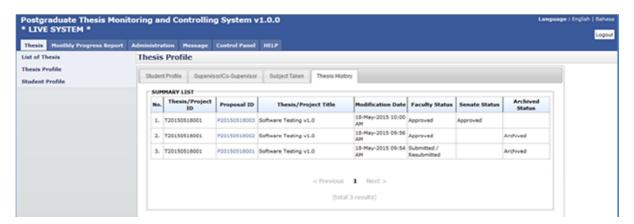


Figure 15: Thesis History

- 1. It is only for view information.
- 2. Click Back to Student List button to return back to Student List search page

#### 7 SUPERVISOR BIODATA

This page is the place where each Supervisor / Co-Supervisor update their biodata related to education qualification, working experience, consultations, teaching experiences and etc. This information would help the Faculty to understand their background to guide and assist the student in their study and research.

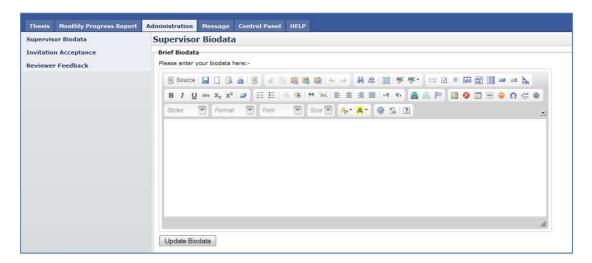


Figure 16: Supervisor Biodata

#### Steps:-

- 1. Click on the **Administration** tab on the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The Supervisor Biodata menu will be displayed on the system Left panel and click on it.
- 3. Insert necessary detail and click Update button

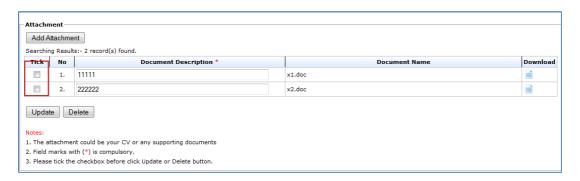


Figure 17: Attachment to Supervisor Biodata

#### Steps:-

- 1. Add Attachment button to add attachment regarding supervisor biodata
- 2. Tick any attachment to delete and click **Delete** button.
- Click to download the file that has been upload.

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4. To update the document description, edit the document description column, tick the checkbox and click **Update** button.

#### 8 INVITATION ACCEPTANCE

Invitation acceptance contain list of thesis that been assign by senate to the supervisor.



Figure 18: Invitation Acceptance

- 1. Click on the **Administration** tab on the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The Administration menu will be displayed on the system Left panel and click on it.
- 3. Click the **Invitation Acceptance** and the searching page will be displayed which the user can search for a particular thesis to accept or reject the invitation assign by senate.
- 4. Enter the Thesis's ID or Matrix No. into the field and click on Search button to search invitation
- 5. The record will be displayed under the search result.
- 6. **Or** Invitation can be search via **Student Name** by enter the student name and click **Search by Student Name Only.**
- 7. The record will be displayed under the search result
- 8. To give the remarks or read the feedback, click on the link or Read Remarks (Refer 7.1: Enter Remarks)
- 9. To View Thesis Detail, Click on Thesis ID. (Refer 7.2: Outline of Case Study)

#### 8.1 Enter Remarks

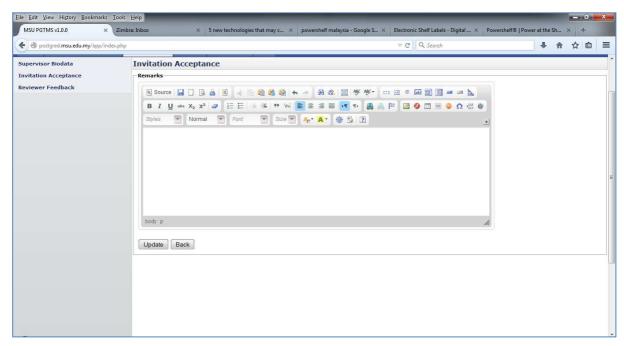
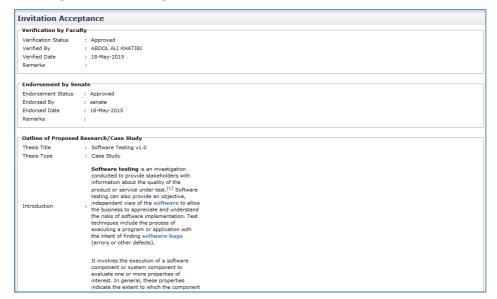


Figure 19: Invitation Acceptance - Remark

#### Steps:-

- 1. Enter necessary remark and click **Update** button.
- 2. To go back to the previous page, click Back button

#### 8.2 Outline of Cased Study



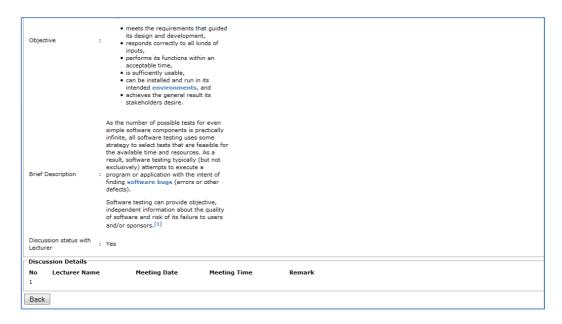


Figure 20: Outline of Resarch/Case Study

- 1. This page only display the thesis detail
- 2. Click **Back** button to go to previous page.

#### 8.3 Accept/Reject Invitation

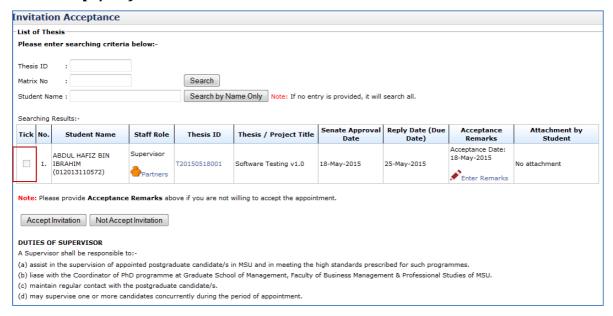


Figure 21: Accept/Reject Invitation

- 1. Tick on the checkbox, and click **Accept Invitation** button to accept or click **Not Accept Invitation** to reject invitation.
- 2. When **Accept Invitation** or **Not Accept Invitation** button is clicked, the email notification will be sent to the faculty by the system (Refer Appendix)

#### 9 REVIEWER FEEDBACK

Reviewer Feedback contain list of thesis that been assign by faculty to review.



Figure 22: Reviewer Feedback

#### Steps:-

- 1. Click on the **Administration** tab on the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The Administration menu will be displayed on the system Left panel and click on it.
- Click the Reviewer Feedback and the list of thesis proposal for reviewer feedback will be display.
- 5. To View Thesis Detail, Click on Thesis ID. (Refer 8.2: Thesis Detail)

#### 9.1 Enter Feedback

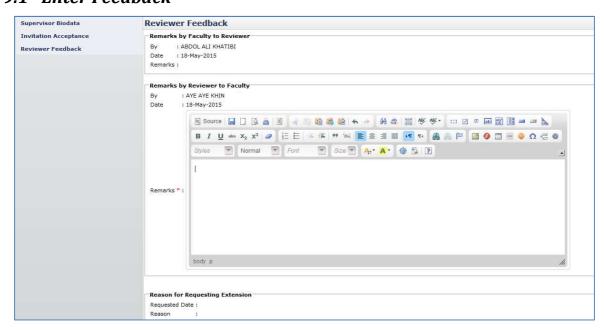
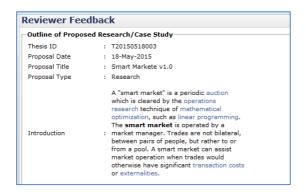


Figure 23: Enter Feedback

#### Steps:-

- 1. Enter necessary feedback and click **Update** button.
- 2. To go back to the previous page, click Back button

#### 9.2 Thesis Detail



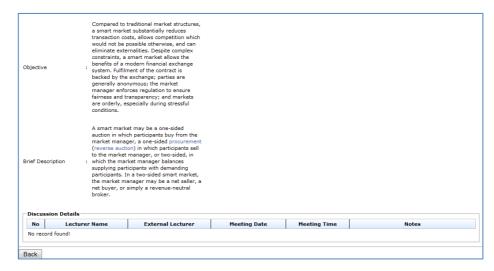


Figure 24: Thesis Detail

- 1. This page only display the thesis detail
- 2. Click Back button to go to previous page.

#### 9.3 Submit Feedback



Figure 25: Feedback Submission

#### Steps:-

1. Tick the checkbox and click **Submit Feedback** button to proceed.

#### 10 Message

#### 10.1 Inbox



Figure 26: Message

- 1. Click on the Message tab on the Top panel
- 2. Click on the Inbox menu on the Left panel
- 3. System will display the list of message that has been received by the user.
- 4. On the far right side, it will display the status of the message whether is New or Read
- 5. To read the message, click on the link on the right side which is in **Status** column. (Refer 12.1.1: View Message)
- 6. To delete message, tick on the checkbox in **Tick** column, and click **Delete** button

#### 10.1.1 View Message

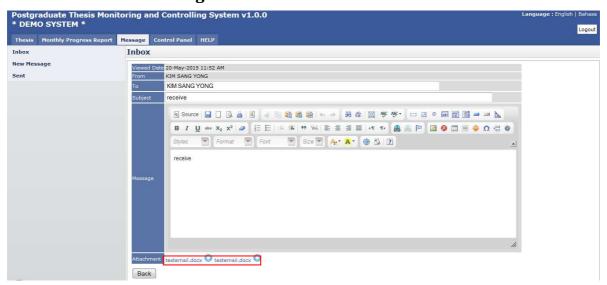


Figure 27: Read Message

- 1. This page only displays the message that has been opened by the user.
- 2. To view or download the attachment, click or link shown on figure 32.
- 3. To go back to the previous page, click **Back** button.

#### 10.2 New Message

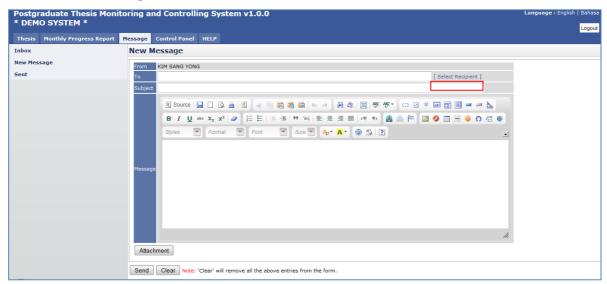


Figure 28: New Message

- 1. Click on the **Message** tab on the **Top** panel
- 2. Click on the **New Message** menu on the **Left** panel
- 3. To select recipient, click [Select Recipient]. Next step refer 12.2.1 : Select Recipient
- 4. Insert or enter necessary detail in Subject and Message.
- 5. To upload or include attachment for message, click **Attachment** button. Next step refer 12.2.2: Upload Attachment.
- 6. To erase or clear the entire entries, click **Clear** button.
- 7. To send the message, click **Send** button.

#### 10.2.1 Select Recipient

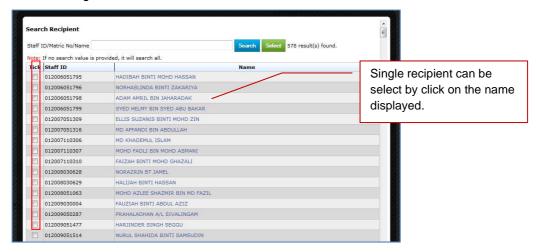


Figure 29: Select Recipient

#### Steps:-

- 1. Enter or insert Name or Staff ID or Matric No and click Search button.
- 2. The system will display the result based on searching criteria.
- 3. To select one recipient only, click on the Name displayed.
- 4. To select multiple or single recipient, tick on the checkbox on the left.
- 5. Then click **Select** button to proceed.
- 6. To go back to the previous page, click on the Black field surrounding the page. Refer Figure 35

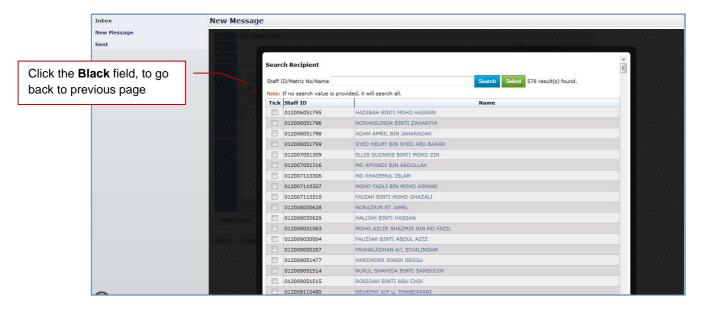


Figure 30: Select Recipient- Next Section

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#### 10.2.2 Upload Attachment



Figure 31: Upload Attachment

#### Steps:-

1. To add attachment, click **Add Attachment** button. (Refer Figure 37)

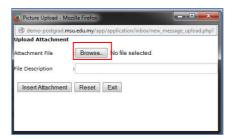


Figure 32: Upload Attachment- Next Section

- 2. To choose attachment, click **Browse..** button and choose the file to upload.
- 3. To file description can be insert in the field provided.
- 4. Click **Insert Attachment** button to proceed.
- 5. To clear all the entries, click **Reset** button.
- 6. To exit or close the popup, click **Exit** button.
- 7. To upload more file, repeat step 1 until step 4.
- To edit file description, change necessary detail, then tick the checkbox and click **Update** button to proceed.
- 9. To delete file, tick the checkbox and click **Delete** button.
- 10. To download or open the file that has been uploaded, click on the **Download** column.
- 11. To go back to previous page, click Back button

#### 10.3 Sent

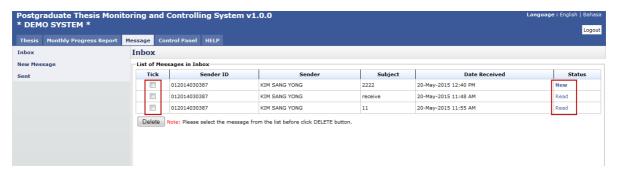


Figure 33: Sent

- After message has been sent, it will be displayed in Sent page.
- 2. Click **Message** tab on **Top** panel
- 3. Click on the Sent on the Left panel
- 4. The system will show the list of message that has been sent by the user.
- 5. The status of the message also had been show on the far right side which is in **Status** column. If the message has been read by recipient, it will display **Read**. If not, it will display **New**.
- 6. Click the link on the **Status** column to read the message. (Refer 12.3.1 Read Message)
- 7. To delete message, tick the checkbox and click **Delete** button.

#### 10.3.1 Read Message

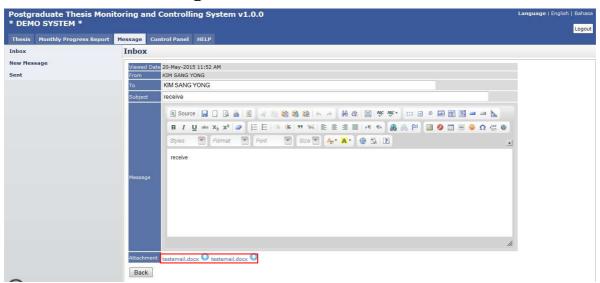


Figure 34: Read Message

- 1. This page only displays the message that has been opened by the user.
- 2. To view or download the attachment, click or link shown on figure 32.
- 3. To go back to the previous page, click **Back** button.

#### 11 Help

#### 11.1 Online help - Student

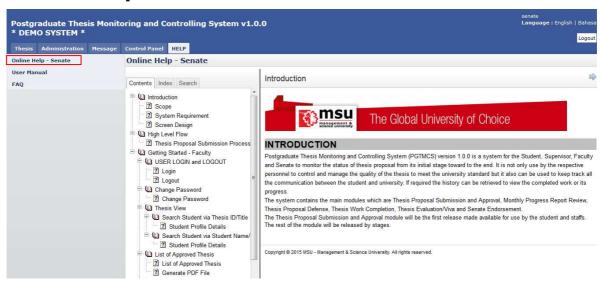


Figure 35: Online Help

- 1. Click on the Help tab on the Top panel
- 2. Click on the Online Help Student menu on the Left panel
- 3. System will display an online help which is functioning as guided.

#### 11.2 User Manual



Figure 36: User Manual

- 1. Click on the Help tab on the Top panel
- 2. Click on the User Manual menu on the Left panel
- 3. System will display the links to download the available user manuals.

#### 11.3 FAQ

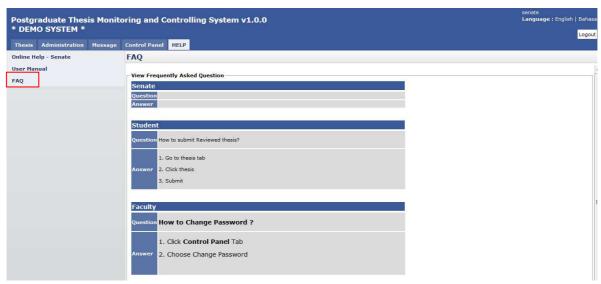


Figure 37: FAQ

- 1. Click on the **Help** tab on the **Top** panel
- 2. Click on the FAQ menu on the Left panel
- 3. System will display a list of frequently asked question as shown above.

# **APPENDIX**

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#### **Accept Invitation**

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Subject: Supervisor/Co-Supervisor Invitation for KIM SANG YONG



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Dear Sir,

Please be informed, I accepted the offer of appointment to serve as a Supervisor for the Phd Candidate, KIM SANG YONG(Matric No: 012014030387) as mentioned in the invitation email dated 19-May-2015 .

Student Name	KIM SANG YONG
Matric No	012014030387
Thesis ID	T20150519001
Submit Date	19-May-2015
Thesis/Project Title	Testing Postgrad System v1.0 (PLEASE IGNORE THIS EMAIL)

Thank you,

Best Regards,

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Please be informed, I am sorry to rejected the offer of appointment to serve as a Supervisor for the Phd Candidate, Kim Sang Yong (Matric No: 012014030387) as mentioned in the invitation email dated 19-May-2015.

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