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THE CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES

“The UK is a testament to the strong relationship between Malaysia and the UK in the field of Higher Education.”


Education MALAYSIA
GLOBAL SERVICES
UK-MUC and Education Malaysia London:
Annual Convention and EXCEL Workshop

Date: 27 March 2023

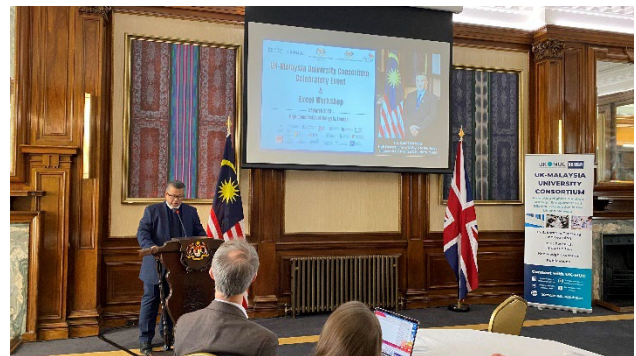
Time: 10am to 5pm

Venue: The High Commission of Malaysia, 45 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QT



UK-MUC and Education Malaysia London (EML) jointly hosted delegates from UK-MUC member institutions at a Celebratory Event and EXCEL Workshop in 27 March 2023 to mark the one-year anniversary of the Consortium. The event was kindly hosted at the High Commission of Malaysia in London and attended by Delegates from the majority of UK-MUC Member institutions.

The Opening Remarks were given by His Excellency (H.E.) Dato' Zakri Jaafar, High Commissioner of Malaysia, who emphasized the importance of international collaborations and partnerships in the higher education sector and highlighted the long-standing relationship between the UK and Malaysia.



H.E. noted positive trends in the tourism sector post-COVID and highlighted that in terms of bilateral trade, Malaysia is the UK's second highest trading partner in the Southeast Asian region and emphasized that the education sector continues to be one of the main pillars of the relationship between Malaysia and the United Kingdom.

Currently, Malaysia is the seventh country with the highest number of foreign students in the UK, whilst at the same time, there are more than fifty schools and five UK universities operating in Malaysia, and ***“I'm pleased to say here that this is your one and only Consortium of UK universities operating outside of the UK in Southeast Asia”***.

He went on to say that during its first year, UK-MUC has achieved significant milestones including collaboration with Education Malaysia London, developing a fresh, intense and sustainable programme of international collaboration excellence, extending higher education capacity, quality, mobility and employability and strengthening partnership in research. Furthermore, this achievement is a testimony to the dedication and hard work of all those involved in the project.

As we move forward, H.E. reiterated the importance of continuing to develop a clear vision for the UK and asked Delegates to note, that ***“the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia and the British Council are committed to supporting and advising the development of this vision”***,

which will ensure that the UK remains a leading platform for international collaboration and partnership in the field of higher education.

Professor Dhiya Al-Jumeily OBE, Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) presented on behalf of the Consortium Secretariat, providing an overview of UK-MUC activities in the first twelve months. He also gave an update on the **UK – Malaysia – ASEAN +3 Partnership Initiative: Catalyst Grants for Enhancing Graduate Employability**.

Mr. Lukman Zulkifly, Education Malaysia London (EML) outlined the role of EML as a point of reference for Information on Malaysia Higher Education Data for Market Intelligence, as a matchmaker to connect Malaysia and EU institutions for Higher Education collaborations, and as a facilitator to provide platforms for networking and marketing opportunities between the UK and Malaysia.



He also highlighted the Malaysian vision for the way forward to boost mobility programmes by increasing the number of joint awards/dual programmes, an in-country familiarisation programme for study abroad coordinators and repackaging existing mobility programmes to be more comprehensive and transformational.

The morning session concluded with a round table inspired by the earlier presentations, which stimulated much discussion on a range of issues with an emphasis on the sustainability of UK-MUC beyond March 2024. Another key area of focus was the benefits of UK-MUC to Members and how best to disseminate current activities and stimulate

future collaborations. It was recognized that there is a considerable amount of collaborative activity taking place and it may be advantageous to have a central depository where members can share knowledge, best practice, research findings and mutually beneficial opportunities.



The event was an excellent opportunity to clarify mutual areas of interest, the most prevalent being **Collaboration in Transnational Education (TNE)**. Other areas of interest have been collated as follows:

- Curriculum development
- Development of dual PhD, or UG/PGT degree programmes
- Early Childhood Education
- Experiential learning in veterinary education
- Experimental Learning & Competency-Based Education
- Global engagement, healthcare/engineering research
- International Education, Teacher Education and collaboration
- Marketing
- Open Data, Digital Literacy, Technology Enhanced Learning
- Outdoor education
- Pedagogies in Higher Education
- Regenerative Medicine
- Research partnerships, student/staff exchange around health, sustainability, sociology
- Skill training
- STEM, Computer Science, Engineering and Technology, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), IoT, FinTech
- Student/staff mobility exchange; study abroad; summer schools; internships.
- Sustainability
- Wellbeing



Experiential Learning and Competency-Based Education Landscape (EXCEL) Workshop

In the afternoon, Prof. Madya Dr. Wan Zuhainis Binti Saad, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Dr Maria Garraffa, University of East Anglia (UEA) led a workshop, which is designed for educators, trainers, and anyone interested in exploring and implementing innovative teaching and learning approaches that focus on creating the transferable skills and competencies that are essential to success in higher education.

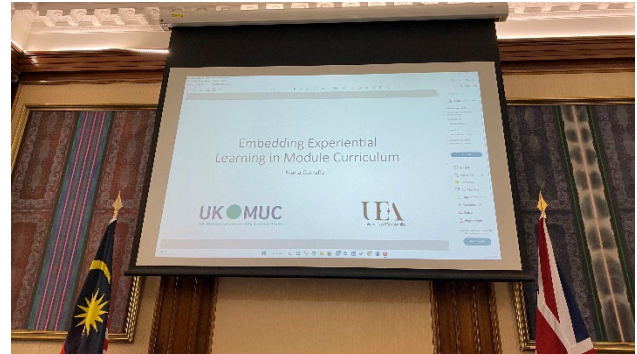
Experiential Learning and Competency-Based Education Landscape (EXCEL) is a framework developed by the Academic Excellence Division, Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) Malaysia. It is aimed at transforming academic programs to produce lifelong learners, innovative adept entrepreneurs, creative practitioners and change-makers. EXCEL aims to address the imminent issues of graduates' skill mismatch and skill gaps and focuses on providing learning experiences that are nested in the community and immersions in the industry. Through the implementation of this framework, students of higher education institutions are given the opportunity to indulge in meaningful research and pave their own learning pathways.

Dr Garraffa shared her experiences of **'Embedding Experiential Learning in Module Curriculum'** by explaining how recent developments in experiential learning at UEA came to the fore as an innovative teaching emergency response due to COVID-19. There was an identified need to update the curriculum to new skills/opportunities based on students' perspectives and the key question was *How to develop sustainable / authentic experiences for students*.

Following an overview of Experiential Learning (EL) pedagogical principles, Dr Garraffa presented an overview of the present UEA process on embedding EL in the curriculum (EEL) and proposed UK-MUC collaborations to develop innovative solutions for EEL. In conclusion, potential future directions for the EEL initiative were highlighted:

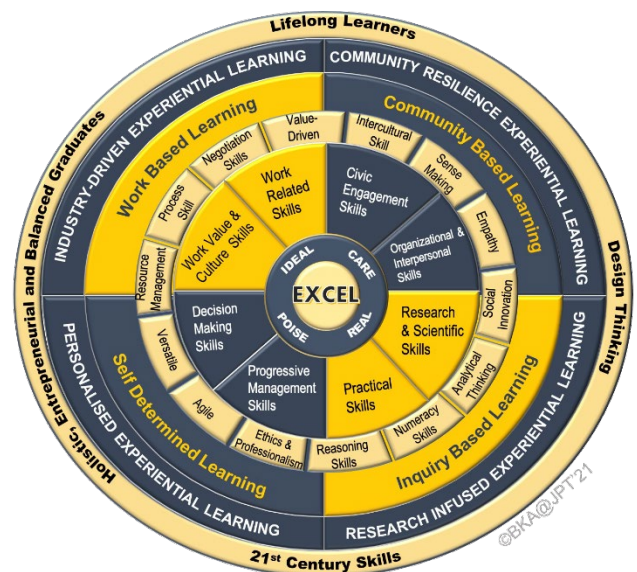
- Develop a model of EL fellowships in the Consortium.

- Multi-weeks experiences in two universities around projects/professions.
- Plan for this to be a reciprocal EL for UK students.
- Specific skills across fields (data analyses/communication reports).
- Create a community of MUC Alumni for long-term collaborations.
- Track benefits of the EL fellowship program.



In the second half of the afternoon, Dr Zuhainis outlined the competing forces currently shaping the workforce of the future towards 2030. She emphasized the importance of Gen Z investing, Web3 literacy, metaverse-based education and gave an overview of trends from relevant literature.

This was followed by an in-depth introduction to the framework **'Experiential Learning and Competency-Based Education Landscape (EXCEL): An Educational Transformation'**, which she developed in her role as Director in the Academic Excellence Division at the Department of Higher Education, Malaysia.



A full transcript of His Excellency's speech and speakers' presentation slides will shortly be available on the UK-MUC website.

Successful EU Collaborative Funding Applications



LJMU has recently coordinated a European Union (EU) application for project **HEARTEN - Offshore Energy generation for Net Zero Ambitions**, requesting 1m euro from EU with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and

University of Technology Malaysia (UTM) each receiving 96.6k euro.

LJMU and UTM have also been two key members for a submitted EU grant application, **CYAN - Risk management of hydrogen-based decarbonization technologies for offshore safety and sustainability**, requesting 1m euro from EU with LJMU and UTM each receiving 92k euro.

COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) - Developing talents, advancing research



The Virtual MSCA Matchmaking Platform

The MSCA matchmaking platform brings together fellows, companies, supervisors, NGOs and Academic Institutions from a large number of European countries and beyond. This is a unique opportunity to generate new contacts and future successful projects in the upcoming MSCA calls.

Using this platform, you will be able to publish your researcher profile, your company profile and offer your hosting arrangements to attract talent or participate in Doctoral Networks, Staff Exchanges and COFUND proposals.

Topics and modalities addressed:

- Any scientific field
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Doctoral Networks
- Staff Exchanges
- Secondments and Placements

<https://msca.b2match.io/home> (link opens in new window)



**UK Research
and Innovation**

UK Research and Innovation Fellowship Opportunity: Future Leaders Fellowships Round Eight

Apply for funding to support ambitious research or innovation across UK Research and Innovation's (UKRI)



Belmont Forum Call For Collaboration: Climate, Environment, And Health II

To make progress against the Belmont Challenge and help deliver international collaboration, the Belmont Forum has developed Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs):

- Address the Belmont Challenge priorities
- Lever Belmont Forum members existing investments
- Bring together new partnerships

Call themes:

Theme 1 – Decision-science of environmental behaviour and implementation

Theme 2 – Food, Environment, and Biological Security

Theme 3 – Climate Risks to Ecosystems & Populations

Deadline: 15 July 2023 at 20:00:00 UTC

The Forum supports multi-national and transdisciplinary collaborative research, bringing together natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities as well as stakeholders in co-creating the knowledge and solutions for sustainable development that benefit society. Funding agencies and international scientific associations from five continents are members or partners.

<https://belmontforum.org/cras#ceh22023> (link opens in new window)

remit. You must be an early career researcher or innovator looking to establish or transition to independence developing your own original and ambitious plans within a commercial setting. Cross sector and organisational links, and research and innovation collaborations in both the UK and internationally are encouraged.

<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/future-leaders-fellowships-round-8/> (link opens in new window)

COLLABORATIVE MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

Eureka Robotics Centre and Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia by Jinyu Liu, PhD researcher at Cardiff Metropolitan University

On April 17th, 2023, the Cardiff Metropolitan University, Eureka Robotics Centre, led by Dr Eysin Chew, visited the Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) to discuss plans to establish a satellite lab and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA). The Vice Chancellor of USIM and his team warmly welcomed the Eureka Robotics Centre team, and they engaged in productive discussions.

The Eureka Robotics Centre team presented an array of robots, featuring their flagship model, 'Eureka', during the visit. Attendees were thoroughly impressed with the team's demonstration of the robot's advanced programming skills, generating significant interest from both students and faculty at USIM. The demonstration effectively showcased the robots' impressive capabilities and its potential to advance the field of robotics technology.



The collaboration between the Eureka Robotics Centre and USIM is expected to facilitate the development of cutting-edge technologies in robotics, creating new opportunities for growth and prosperity. Both sides are enthusiastic about working closely together to achieve their shared goals.

This partnership demonstrates the importance of collaboration and building strong relationships between institutions. The visit laid the groundwork for a fruitful and productive collaboration between the Eureka Robotics Centre and USIM, with the establishment of a satellite lab bringing cutting-edge technologies to USIM.

Overall, the visit was a success and has further strengthened the relationship between the two esteemed institutions. Both sides expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to collaborate and their enthusiasm for future joint initiatives. We look forward to seeing the fruits of this partnership in the years to come.

Eureka Robotics Centre and Universiti Malaya, 3MT and Knowledge Exchange by 1. Rafia Alif Bindu - Msc Student and Research Assistant, Eureka Robotics Centre at Cardiff Metropolitan University

During the month of April, the EUREKA Mobility event which was funded by the British Council and Taith Programme, provided the opportunity and selected 10 students from PhD, MSc and BSc who belong to diverse cultures and backgrounds of knowledge including Computer Science, AI, Machine Learning, Electrical Engineering and MBA. Most of them come from different parts of Asia, such as Iraq, Lebanon, Bangladesh, China, India. Adding to that, some of them were from England and Scotland as well. On 19th April, 2023, students from Cardiff Metropolitan University, Working as a part of Eureka Robotics Centre along with their Director, Dr.Eysin Chew, visited Universiti Malaya to attend the 3MT competition, arranged by Dr. Zati Hakim Azizul Hasan and to collaborate with the UM staff and students on training on the robots Eureka and Almeida.

We are happy to share the most recent information from the last 3MT tournament, which took place last week. We recognise the value of such competitions in exhibiting our work and gaining knowledge from our peers because we are researchers ourselves. Here are the specifics of the contest as seen through the eyes of a researcher. The UM Robotics Lab students, who are mostly undergraduate and graduate students working in robotics, hardware, and machine learning, as well as EUREKA Interns, who specialise in robotics and machine learning, presented in the competition. We were struck by the presentations' excellent calibre because, as researchers, we are aware of how difficult it can be to summarise and make interesting use of complex findings.

AI experts Dr Shahreeza Kassim and Dr Saw Shier Nee, as well as Dr Karen Su Moon Ting, an expert in SE but not robotics, served as the competition's judges. As researchers, we are aware that having judges from a variety of backgrounds and areas of expertise aids in ensuring an objective and impartial assessment of the presentations.



We are pleased to announce that a Cardiff Metropolitan University student named Hussain Daher, who just completed their second year of the bachelor's programme won the competition's top prize. We congratulate the recipient on their exceptional success since, as researchers, we are aware of the commitment and labour that go into receiving such distinction. An MSc student from the UM took second place in the 3MT competition after presenting an outstanding research project. We are proud of the second-place winner's accomplishment and value the chance to learn from our other scholars.

We scholars understand how crucial it is for students to share their culture and expertise. The 3MT competition gave students a great chance to share their findings, benefit from one another's efforts, and widen their perspectives on research and development. Furthermore, the Eureka Robotics Centre team displayed a wide range of robots, including their iconic "Eureka" and "Almeida" models, whose complex programming abilities impressed the audience. The demonstration at UM attracted a lot of interest from students and educators, successfully highlighting the robots' incredible abilities and potential to advance robotics technology and CMU students successfully established the satellite lab in the University of Malaya.

In closing, we would like to extend our congratulations to all of the 3MT competitors for their diligence and commitment to their research projects. Future conferences that will provide us the chance to present our work, gain knowledge from our colleagues, and advance our disciplines are anticipated by us as researchers. A close partnership between the University of Malaya and the Eureka Robotics Centre can promote the creation of advanced robotics technology, which will contribute to development and prosperity. Both sides are dedicated to cooperating closely in order to accomplish their shared goals.

Student Interns Visit to ALTY Hospital, Kuala Lumpur and User Feedback



On 20th April, students also visited ALTY hospital for a tour of the facility and to gain insight on the Robots EUREKA and TEMI that were installed there on previous visits by Cardiff Metropolitan University researchers. The medical personnel gave our robotics interns information about the drawbacks and advantages of employing these robots in practical situations, as well as practical issues that may be addressed as our collaboration continues. We are

enthusiastic about the potential for the integration of robots and healthcare in the future and are eager to keep working with ALTY Hospital. We appreciate their ongoing interest in and support of the Eureka Robotics Centre. As interns we are happy to be a part of this creative programme and gain real-world experience.

ALTY Hospital website: <https://www.altortho.com/>

Eureka Robotics Lab 2023 Malaysia Trip by Hussein Daher- BSc Student and Research Assistant, Eureka Robotics Centre at Cardiff Metropolitan University

Malaysia is a country that has a lot to offer, from its diverse culture and cuisine to its stunning natural landscapes. However, it also has a lot to offer academically and professionally, and this trip was brilliant for my career and academic progression.



One of the highlights of my time in Malaysia was winning the 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) competition at the University of Malaya. This competition challenges students to present their research in a clear and concise manner, in just three minutes. I presented my research on investigating the use of socially assistive robots and chatbots to encourage and enhance youth exercise. I personally enjoyed presenting my research, as it gave me a platform to better understand how to communicate my work to those who may not be related to my field.



The competition was an incredible experience that allowed me to showcase my research and connect with other graduate students from various fields of study. It was also a great opportunity to learn about the research being conducted at the University of Malaya and to network with researchers and faculty members. I was greatly impressed by the level of knowledge and experience that the students possessed, which made it very rewarding to help set up a satellite lab at their university, as this meant these talented students now had access to powerful robots which they can program themselves.

During our time in Malaysia, we also had the chance to visit the University Sains Islam Malaysia. This university is known for its focus on Islamic studies and its commitment to promoting social justice and human values. It was fascinating to learn about the university's research and initiatives, and to see how they are working to make a positive impact on society. We met the Vice-Chancellor, presented some projects of ours, and trained students to use different robots. We also set up a satellite lab at this university too, which I hope will give the students and Faculty more chances to get involved with robotics and AI.

Another highlight of my trip was visiting the ALTY hospital, which is known for its state-of-the-art medical facilities and top-notch healthcare professionals. It was incredible to see our robots functioning at the hospital and to hear feedback from the nurses and patients.

Lastly, we also visited the British Council, which is a cultural and educational organization that promotes cultural exchange and language learning. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the organization's initiatives in Malaysia and to meet with their staff.

Overall, my experience in Malaysia was an unforgettable one. From the academic opportunities to the cultural experiences, I gained a new perspective on the world and made lifelong connections. I would highly recommend anyone interested in exploring this vibrant and dynamic country to do so! I very much am looking forward to returning.

Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) Welcomes New Visiting Professor



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Last year, Professor Nicholas J. White from the School of Humanities and Social Science, LJMU History presented an online seminar to staff and students at UPSI (Sultan Idris Education University), Malaysia and from 5-17 June 2023 he will be Visiting Professor at UPSI - delivering a daily online

lecture/seminar from 5-9 June and in person lectures, workshops, and seminars from 13-17 June. He also continues to collaborate on a book project, contracted to Routledge, with Professor Shakila Jacob, recently retired and formerly of Universiti Malaya (UM).



Dr Ana Bras, LJMU recently met the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Professor Zaliman Sauli in Kuala Lumpur to discuss strategic joint research collaborations as well as dual PhD programmes between Liverpool John Moores University and Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), in line with our UK-Malaysia University Consortium partnership: **Network4Training&Research 'Sustainable Innovation and skills development across the rail & seaports infrastructure industry' agenda aligned with the UN SDGs**".



The first industrial focus group meeting with some of the stakeholders of this consortium was held to discuss expanding our research and skills development partnerships into the realm of sustainable and resilient rail and seaports infrastructure.

Additionally, a set of workshops was held at Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) - **Green materials with autonomous behaviour for the carbon neutral seaport and rail infrastructures**, with useful discussions on skills and innovation gaps in the sector.

Network4training&Research also has just created the **UK-Malaysia Inclusive Leadership for Sustainable Infrastructure Network (ILSIN)** to help with guidelines on **'How does gender impact the design, planning, and operation of seaports and rail infrastructures - approaches and stakeholders'**. This new Network will be extended to UK-Malaysia University Consortium partners in the near future.

A group of students from nutrition related courses at Bournemouth University will attend a summer programme at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in Penang in July 2023. They will be attending lectures, shadowing nutritionists and

dieticians at the local hospital, and undertaking placements with the National Sports Centre (supervised by a sports nutritionist) and with the USM Sustainability/Food Research Group.

For more information, contact Dr. Alastair Morrison: amorrison@bournemouth.ac.uk

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, EDI AND INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY

AI UK 2023: The UK's national showcase of data science and artificial intelligence (AI)



Hosted by The Alan Turing Institute, AI UK 2023 held 21-22 March 2023 was an in-depth exploration of how data science and AI can be used to solve real-world challenges. Dr Eysin Chew, Dr Chow Siing Sia and Dr Barry Bentley from EUREKA Robotics Centre, Cardiff Metropolitan University presented their paper on PIE for Women in STEAM-H, which highlighted the innovative roadshows they have been delivering to encourage women and girls to participate in AI.

i-Digitics: An International Partnership for Graduate Digital Future Work Skills in Data Analytics



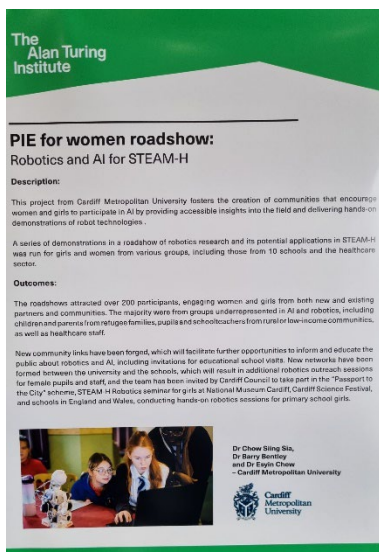
Led by Dr Frances Tracy at the School of Education, LJMU and Dr Shukor at the School of Education, UTM have been awarded £53,500 following their successful bid for a UK-Malaysia University Partnership Catalyst Grant 2023-24. This is a new partnership to create an international, authentic online learning environment for ongoing development of digital capabilities in **Data Analytics** and critical reflection on their implementation.

The teams have shared goals and challenges for meeting the needs of students at UTM and LJMU to develop future employability skills for a workplace driven by technological change. The partnership will support alignment with the Experiential Learning and Competency-Based Education Landscape (EXCEL) in Malaysia and the JISC Building Digital Capability Framework (2019) in the UK. The aim is for long-term sustainable impact through establishing an international curriculum for developing future work skills within an online community of practice.

Empowering Women Academic Researchers with Innovation Process Strategies



The University of Suffolk (UoS), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and their associated partner, ChangeSchool Limited have also received a UK-Malaysia University Partnership Catalyst Grant 2023-24 in the thematic area of **Women Leadership in Research and Innovation** projects. The project will deliver an Ideation bootcamp for 50 UiTM women researchers to build creativity, confidence and capability by inculcating an entrepreneurial mindset, toolset and pitching skill. As a result, they will develop more successful value propositions and grant applications with their teams of research assistants and industrial collaborators. The focus will then be on building the capacity of women researchers as future trainers to cascade these skills to more researchers, both men and women. Finally, staff grant applications with mobility to visit the UK to share best practices and mentoring will be



supported. The output of the program will be grant applications led by women researchers that are strengthened for submission to a higher technology readiness level or larger amount compared to before.

- Through an entrepreneurial mindset and innovation skillset, researchers will increase the technical readiness level (TRL) of their technologies and thereby win more and more valuable grants and increase research commercialization

University of East Anglia - Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Scholarships



Six students from Fakulti Sains Kesihatan (FSK), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) are set to visit the University of East Anglia (UEA), UK between Monday 15 and Friday 19th May 2023. Three scholarships are funded under the British Council Catalyst grant awarded to UEA/UKM to promote

- A higher grant applications to conversion ratio for women researchers.
- UiTM having a sustainable capability to deliver the entrepreneurial education to more researchers and students through training cascade.
- UoS and UiTM through mobility develop joint working groups and sharing of best practices, leading to closer UK-Malaysia cooperation in the future.
- Postgraduate assistant employability improved through better funded projects and higher skillset

research and training on language disorders and FSK are supporting the initiative by funding the other three awards.

The successful scholarship students are enrolled in the program of Speech and Language Therapy at UKM and will visit the School of Health Sciences at the UEA to participate in both collaborative seminars and practical activities. The students will also have the opportunity to visit the capital city with the support of Education Malaysia London, who have kindly offered to host the students on a day visit to London during their trip to the UK. For more information, please contact Dr. Maria Garraffa: m.garraffa@uea.ac.uk

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

From Ideation to Implementation: Using Design Thinking to Drive Innovation at Universiti Malaya Centres of Excellence (CoE)



Universiti Malaya (UM) has recently realigned its research focus areas with the Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMK12), Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), 10-10 Malaysia Science, Technology, Innovation and Economy (MYSTIE), and Malaysia MADANI, which move in parallel with current national and global needs and developments. Existing research entities at UM were mapped with the proposed Centres of Excellence (CoE) in the new UM research matrix based on the areas and needs that have been identified.



Following the successful delivery of in-person workshops / 'train the trainer' events in 2022 with our UK partners - University of Suffolk and ChangeSchool Limited we have continued our work together. So far 4 virtual workshops led by ChangeSchool have been held on planning for workshops using the design-thinking approach to identify real problems faced by the wider society in relation to each CoE topic.



The first ideation workshop to align on the vision and approach was held on 10 February 2023, followed by another one on 24 February 2023 - which was attended by the key project leads and facilitators, who were earlier trained in the first cohort over July 2022.

This initiative has subsequently been followed up with more workshops on Food Security held on 13 April 2023, attended by thirty-five participants comprising researchers from various disciplines and faculties. Follow-on activities will

focus on validating the problems through consultation with stakeholders, and the ideation for solution and project proposals. Funding for the proposed projects will be sought from relevant ministries, agencies and corporate bodies, as well as the private sectors. Applying this method for developing the proposals allows for identification of problems that are relevant to the real world which are more likely to be within the scope of governing bodies to justify for funding allocation. Engagement with stakeholders at the outset of the proposal drafting provide better clarity on

future research uptake and the pathway to impact. The same model will be applied with the other CoEs in the coming months.

The exercise is expected to involve potentially a total of 300 workshop participants coming from diverse backgrounds and academic disciplines. The convergence of ideas from a wide range of perspectives gives a more integrated approach in defining a problem and proposing the solutions, which are best placed to solve real societal challenges.

FORTHCOMING UK-MUC ACTIVITIES

UK Malaysia University Consortium: Inaugural Student Conference: Intercultural Perspectives on Sustainable Development and Equality in Higher Education

Dates: Monday 17 to Friday 21 July 2023

Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Over five days, multi-disciplinary students from across the UK and Malaysia will come together at the Universiti Malaya (UM) to discuss issues and identify solutions based around United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Equality in Higher Education.

Delegates will participate in a Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) programme and Buddy Scheme and through a mixture of guest lectures, hands on workshops and cultural activities, develop their knowledge of sustainable development and build friendships and international networks.

Conference Website:

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/uk-malaysia-university-consortium/student-conference>

Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USiM) Delegation Visit to the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

Date: Monday 15 May 2023

Time: 09:00 - 15:00 (GMT)

Venue: Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET), Liverpool John Moores University, LJMU

University of East Anglia (UEA) - Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Scholarship Student Visit to UEA

Date: Monday 15 May 2023 - Friday 19 May 2023.

Venue: University of East Anglia, Norwich UK.

Malaysian Universities UK-MUC Members and EUREKA Robotics Centre, Cardiff Metropolitan University Delegation Visit to the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

Date: Wednesday 22 May (TBC)

Time: 14:00 - 16:00 (GMT)

Date: Thursday 23 May (TBC)

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 (GMT)

Venue: FET, LJMU

UPCOMING ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Energy Forum 2023 Transitioning into Net Zero Carbon

Date: Monday 22 May 2023

Time: 09:30 - 12:30 (MYT) 17:30 - 20:30 (GMT)

Venue: Park Royal Collection, Kuala Lumpur

Event Website: (link opens in new window)

<https://app.glueup.com/event/energy-forum-2023-75712/>

British Malaysia Chamber of Commerce 4th Business

Excellence Awards & 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Date: Saturday 8 June 2023

Venue: St. Regis Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Event Website: (link opens in new window)

<https://businessexcellenceawards.bmcc.org.my/>

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