

UK-MUC NEWSLETTER

February 2023

THE CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES

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UK-MUC and Education Malaysia London would like to invite members to a full day event in March 2023, which will reflect on the first year of UK-MUC and foster a discussion for an effective vision of the UK-MUC.

In the afternoon a workshop on the EXCEL framework (**Experiential Learning and Competency-Based Education Landscape**) will be led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Zuhainis Saad, Putra University of Malaysia (UPM) and co-hosted by Dr. Maria Garraffa, University of East Anglia (UEA).



The EXCEL Framework was launched in 2021 by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia, focusing on competency-based education and experience learning methods with the aim to produce highly skilled graduates.

The workshop will be held on Monday 27 March 2023. The High Commission of Malaysia, London has very kindly offered to host this event, details are as below:

Workshop: EXCEL Framework Workshop
Date: Monday 27 March 2023
Venue: High Commission of Malaysia, 45 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QT

Organisers: Education Malaysia London (EML) and UK-Malaysia University Consortium (UK-MUC)

Registration: Delegates from UK-MUC member institutions will shortly be invited to register online at the link below. Tickets are available to UK-MUC members and guests who will receive an access code with their invitation.

Please note: Registration will close at 00:00 (GMT) on 17th March. The EXCEL workshop is limited to 30 tickets and registration for the afternoon workshop will close automatically once the maximum number of participants is reached:

[Click here to view the event](#)

If you have any queries, please contact Lucy Lamb or Tracy Branagan, UK-MUC Consortium Secretariat (contact details on page 9).

Innovating Family Medicine Together for A Sustainable Future, UK: 27th WONCA Europe Conference, ExCeLL, London

On 28th June, Prof. Dr. Anis Safura Ramli and colleagues from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) presented two scientific research papers at the 27th World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) Europe Conference at ExCeLL, London



Conference Website: <https://woncaeurope2022.org/>

COLLABORATIVE MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

Collaborative Mobility Activities between Cardiff Metropolitan University and Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM)

In 2022, USIM received the EUREKA Robot from **EUREKA Robotics Centre, Cardiff Metropolitan University**, United Kingdom led by Dr. Esyin Chew, Director and Founder of the EUREKA Robotics Center.



It became the starting point to expand the opportunity for international collaboration between USIM and Cardiff Metropolitan University to build the **EUREKA Robotics Satellite Lab** inside the USIM campus.

Director of **EUREKA Robotics Centre** from Cardiff Metropolitan University visited USIM in October 2022, upon the invitation of the VC, Professor Ts. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani to explore research collaboration. As a result, a collaborative grant proposal was submitted to the UK EPSRC in Jan 2023 to bid for a £200K project with Dr Sia Chow Siing from Cardiff School of Technologies and colleagues from USIM.



PhD students, Jack Jiayi Yang & Haolin Wei provided show & tell researchers & management in USIM for setting up **EUREKA-USIM Robot EUREKA**, ready to receive General Secretary Minister of HE Malaysia at USIM.

On the 27th Oct 2022, USIM was the venue for the **Development Action Council (MTPK) Meeting of the Ministry of Higher Education** chaired by YBhg. Dato' Seri Abdul Razak bin Jaafar, Secretary General (KSU), Ministry of Higher Education at USIM. **Robot EUREKA** from Cardiff Met University was there to welcome the officials.



In June 2022, Cardiff Metropolitan University, UM and UMP academics visited Institute of Graduate Studies at UTM to discuss dual-PhD initiatives.



Academics from EUREKA Robotics Centre visited University of Malaya (UM) on the 4th July to deliver PIE research speeches towards women in STEM empowerment and employability sustainability.

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Cardiff Metropolitan University | Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember
eureka Robotics Centre
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UNIVERSITI MALAYA
UNIVERSITI MALAYA
UM STEM

PIE RESEARCH TALK TOWARDS STEM EMPOWERMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

GUEST SPEAKERS

04 July 2022 | 10.00 AM - 1.00 PM | The Cubes | Lecture Hall 1 (BK1) | Faculty of Science | Computer & Information Technology | Universiti Malaya

Director and Founder of the EUREKA Robotics Centre
DR ESYIN CHEW
Reader in Robotics & Educational Technologies

Co-Head of the EUREKA Robotics Centre & Lead of the STEAM Lab
DR SIA CHOW SIING
Senior Lecturer in Data Science

Deputy Director of the EUREKA Robotics Centre
DR DEVI FITRIANA
Senior Lecturer in Computer Science

RSVP Form: https://bit.ly/Rsvp_EUREKA
Direction: https://bit.ly/Map_EUREKA_UM

Jointly Organised by:

Imperial icons to Malaysian flagships: The fall of British business in Malaysia

Professor Nicholas J. White in the School of Humanities and Social Science, LJMU History department is conducting ongoing research on Malaysia and with Malaysian partners.

In July 2022 he presented an online seminar at UPSI (the Sultan Idris Education University) and he will take up a visiting professorship there in May/June 2023. Meantime, he continues to collaborate closely with the History Department at Universiti Malaya and especially with Prof Shakila Yacob.

The link below provides information on Nick's current research which he was delighted to have publicised via the economic history of Malaysia website. This website is overseen by UM's Chancellor, HRH Nazrin Shah, who is the Sultan of Perak and therefore in line to become the next King of Malaysia.



Sultan Nazrin has a PhD in Economic History from Harvard, and his mother, who was once Queen of Malaysia, held an honorary degree from LJMU because indirectly she was a graduate of LJMU through having attended the Malayan Teachers' College at Kirby in the 1950s/1960s which was absorbed into what is now the School of Education at LJMU.

Nick latest book was on PNB, the National Equity Corporation (see YouTube link below).

He is very proud of and stands by PNB as an example of effective government-led social justice. PNB does support many scholarships and other educational opportunities particularly in the UK for its management recruits.

Nick White has also examined PhDs at Universiti Malaya and has advised on their internal promotions and external recruitment of staff for a number of years now. He also sits on the international advisory board of the UM History Department's journal Sejarah, which publishes PGR work.

<https://www.ehm.my/publications/articles/imperial-icons-to-malaysian-flagships-the-fall-of-british-business-in-malaysia>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1h9DuV6HFk>

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COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, EDI AND INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY



UEA University of East Anglia

University of East Anglia - Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Scholarships

Six scholarships have been awarded to students in the program of Speech and Language Therapy at UKM to visit the School of Health Sciences at the UEA. Three scholarships are funded under the British Council Catalyst grant awarded to UEA/UKM to promote research and training on language disorders. Fakulti Sains Kesihatan, UKM are supporting the initiative by funding the other three awards. Students will visit the UK in May, with a plan to be exposed to both seminars and

practical activities. Education Malaysia will also support the visit with a day hosted in London for students to visit the city.

The value of the scholarship is £1200.

Dates: Monday 15th May 2023 - Friday 19th May 2023.

Venue: University of East Anglia, Norwich UK.

Visit to the Institute of Pathology, Laboratory and Forensic Medicine (I-PPerForM), MARA University of Technology (UiTM), Malaysia

Mr. David Ouchterlony, the Associate Director for Global Engagement, Strategy Support and Ms. Shannon Baverstock, the Senior Global Engagement Manager for The University of Nottingham (UoN) were welcomed by Professor Datin Dr. Hapizah Mohd Nawawi, the Director of I-PPerForM at UiTM, and her team. The visit consisted of a presentation highlighting

the research achievements of the centre since its opening and a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) presentation ceremony at the Chancellery Building, UiTM.

The UoN delegates were particularly impressed by the I-PPerForM 'Hall of Fame', showcasing student and staff research success. It was noted that this method of promoting success stories has provided immeasurable motivation to the researchers at I-PPerForM.



To end the visit, a presentation ceremony was held, at which the UoN was presented with a bound copy of the MoC and a beautiful plaque to commemorate the occasion. This MoC consolidates and further enhances the future academic and research collaboration.



Visit to the University of Nottingham, UK

On the 27th of June 2022, delegates from UiTM consisting of Professor Dr. Anis Safura Ramli and three postgraduate students, Mr. Johanes Dedi Kanchau, Miss Aisyah Kamal and Miss Maryam Hannah Daud visited the UoN.

They were welcomed by Mr. Steven Hardy, Senior Research Development Manager for the School of Medicine UoN, Professor Dr. Nadeem Qureshi, Professor Dr. Jo Leonardi-Bee, Ms. Shannon Baverstock, Dr. Ralph Kwame Akyea and Dr. Hasidah Abdul Hamid.

A meeting was conducted to review the progress of the collaborative research project **'Reducing Premature coronary artery disease in Malaysia by Early Identification of Familial Hypercholesterolaemia'**. The

team also discussed strategies to maximize research output such as joint publications between the two universities.



Global Mobility and Employability Workshop for Undergraduate Health Professional Students

Lead institution:
UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

Collaborating institution:
Chiang Mai University, UNIMAS, IMU

Funded by:
BRITISH COUNCIL

Dates:
17th Feb 2023- Chiang Mai University, Thailand
20th Feb 2023- Universiti Malaysia Sarawak
24th Feb 2023- International Medical University, Malaysia

University of Surrey Global Mobility and Employability Workshops in Malaysia and Thailand

During February 2023, Professor Jeevaratnam and Dr Chadda from the University of Surrey, UK, will be delivering free, in person, whole day workshops on employability and global mobility skills to health science students at three institutions.

These students will be enrolled in an online employability award scheme that has been successfully run by the University of Surrey for a number of years. Alongside this, we are carrying out an international research study, looking at perceptions of important characteristics of employability and global mobility and how they vary between students and academics, and between institutions. The study will also investigate how important students and staff view employability training and how it can be incorporated within curricula. This work is generously supported by the British Council Catalyst Grant.



Going Global 2023: The conference for leaders of international education

Since 2004, Going Global has grown from a biennial event in the UK to an annual event alternating between the UK and major international cities. The conference consists of a series of collaborative sessions that focus on the year's chosen themes, and also provides an opportunity for networking, and so has become a fixture of the global education calendar. The British Council are pleased to announce that Going Global 2023 will take place in Edinburgh this year from Monday 20th November to Wednesday 22nd November. Further details to be announced shortly.

Visit to the Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM), Malaysia

Prof Jin Wang, the UK-MUC chair visited USIM on the 20th December 2022. Discussion and planning on collaboration between Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) and USIM took place with mutual prioritized areas for collaboration identified.

The visit was hosted by Dr. Khairi bin Abdul Rahim, Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Built, Prof. Hafizal Bin Mohamad, Head of Electrical/Electronic Engineering Department. The key areas identified for collaboration include VLSI design, 5G / wireless, IoT/ sensors, power drives and laser/ optic.

A number of LJMU's researchers have started to communicate with researchers at USIM to collaborate in areas of mutual interest. Both internal and external funding opportunities are being explored, along with staffs and student exchange and mobility, joint research supervision and grant applications.



Visit to the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia

Prof Jin Wang visited UKM on the 21st December 2022. The visit was hosted by Prof. Mohammad Kassim, Deputy VC, Academic and International, Dr. Abdul Latiff, Ahmad, Director of International Relations Centre, and Prof. Ahmad Kamal Ariffin, Director, Centre for Teaching and Curriculum Development. Best practice in teaching, research and knowledge exchange were shared in areas of mutual interest. Strategic collaborative plans were reviewed and arranged for collaboration in research programmes. LJMU and UKM share many common interests in research and knowledge exchanges. Apart from continuing to deliver the joint research projects funded externally, the two institutions will continue to seek financial support for research development and impact.



COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Professor Dr. Nadeem Qureshi's Visit to MARA University of Technology (UiTM), Malaysia

On the 12th September 2022, Professor Dr. Nadeem Qureshi and Dr. Luisa Silva from the University of Nottingham and colleagues from UiTM visited Selayang Baru Health Clinic, the site of the research project **'The UK-Malaysia Joint Partnership Call on Non-Communicable Diseases: Reducing Premature Coronary Artery Disease in Malaysia by Early Identification of Familial Hypercholesterolaemia'**.

This was followed by meetings to discuss joint publications, several manuscripts for joint publications are currently being drafted by the UiTM and UoN teams. I-PPerForM and UiTM Global also organised a successful research webinar, attended by more than 200 participants.

Delegates from University of Nottingham were given a warm welcome by Dr. Zainab Mohd Noor, the Director for Department of International Affairs (DIA), UiTM Global on

12th September 2022, with discussions centered around opportunities for staff exchanges and student mobility.

The ICoLA and APSAVD 2022, Seoul, Korea



On 15th September 2022 Professor Datin Dr. Hapizah Mohd Nawawi and her team presented three scientific papers on the outputs from the collaborative research project,

'The UK-Malaysia Joint Partnership Call on Non-Communicable Diseases: Reducing Premature Coronary Artery Disease in Malaysia by Early Identification of Familial Hypercholesterolaemia'. at the 11th International Congress on Lipid and

Atherosclerosis (ICoLA) with Asian-Pacific Society of Atherosclerosis and Vascular Diseases (APSAVD), which was held in Seoul, South Korea.



Being Lean & Seen: Meeting the Challenges of Delivering Projects Successfully in the 21st Century

Recently from 19th August – 20th September 2022, two of researchers from School of Housing, Building and Planning, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) – Dr. Ernawati

Mustafa Kamal and Professor Mastura Jaafar went on a 1-month Secondment at Liverpool John Moores University and Manchester Metropolitan University under the Research

Project - **Being Lean & Seen: Meeting the Challenges of Delivering Projects Successfully in the 21st Century**. This project was funded by **European Union’s Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) programme**. USM is the only academic partner from Asia (developing country) together with a network of 9 other research partners including universities and companies from the UK and Germany with extensive exchange of researchers involving 49 secondments for a period of 73 months with project value of €328,500.

This research aims to put building blocks in place towards enabling Project Managers to respond to the challenges they face in delivering projects successfully in the 21st century. The project was looking into different contexts of project delivery in developed and developing countries, to reflect the global and interconnectedness nature of projects through 7 Work Packages. At the end of this research, a holistic framework to address the challenges of delivering projects successfully in the 21st century is now in place.

The 1-month Secondment by Dr Erna and Professor Mastura was the last 2 secondment under the project to develop and validate the holistic framework. This project has been successfully completed.

For more information about the project, please visit the project website - <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/being-lean-and-seen>

Collaborative Research Secondments

A number of University of Technology Malaysia (UTM) researchers have had or are currently undertaking secondments at LJMU. Dr. Muhammed Amirul Asyraf Bin Hasnan and Dr. Nik Mohd Ridzuan Shaharuddin were hosted by Dr. Milad Armin and Dr. Musa Bashir at LJMU in October 2022. They work in the areas of **“Load estimation on the ship dynamic motion and floating structure in regular waves and irregular waves”** and **“Safety and reliability analysis of offshore structures”**.

In October 2022, Mr. Mohd Rajali Bin Jalal and Prof. AB Saman Bin Abd Kader from UTM commenced their research visits at LJMU with Dr. Eddie Blanco-Davis and Dr Sean Loughney hosting. They are working on the collaborative research projects **“Reliability and Safety Engineering Technology for large maritime engineering systems”** and **“Costs, benefits and sustainability of waterways”**.

In addition, Dr. Mohd Foad bin Abdul Hamid and Prof. Mohd Nasir Bin Tamin from UTM undertook collaborative research visits at LJMU in October 2022, hosted by Dr. Mehdi Seddighi and Dr. Ava Shahrokhi at LJMU. Their research projects are **“Reliability analysis of large maritime engineering systems”** and **“Reliability analysis of large maritime engineering systems with case studies”**.

Network4Training&Research: Developing Sustainable Rail and Seaport Infrastructure with Malaysian Universities

In January 2023, Dr Ana Bras and Professor Mike Riley, welcomed Professor Mohd Mustafa Al Bakri Abdullah from University of Malaysia, Perlis (UniMAP), Malaysia, to the School of Civil Engineering and Built Environment at LJMU.



This is one of four successful UK-Malaysia University Partnership Catalyst Grant 2022 funded by the British

Council Malaysia, with the overarching aim to facilitate partnership and collaboration between the institutions in four thematic areas. The Network4training&research is collaborative capacity building network for training and research for rails and seaports Infrastructure industry development aligned with United Nation's (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

By working with agencies and industries for industry and research driven approaches, with a series of targeted projects co-designed and co-funded by the industry in the UK and Malaysia, Network4Training&Research will attract, develop, and retain excellent talent through specialised pathways for researchers, educators, leaders, and practitioners.

This consortium will provide PhD and MSc students from the UK and Malaysia, with multiple competencies and skills based on partnerships and industry driven research approaches, consolidating activities on:

1. reducing waste, and increasing resource efficiency in rail and seaport infrastructure development;
2. enhancing the functionalities, operation and management in rail and seaport, towards the United Nation's SDGs 9, 11, 13;

3. and supporting the green and digital transformations for leadership in the circular economy that strengthens cross-sectorial cooperation along the value chain.



COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and The University of Nottingham, Memorandum of Collaboration

On Thursday 19th of May 2022, the University of Nottingham (UoN) Global Engagement Strategy Support Unit were invited to visit the Institute of Pathology, Laboratory and Forensic Medicine (I-PPerForM), UiTM to attend a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) presentation ceremony at the Chancellery Building, UiTM. A three-year MoC has been signed from January 2022, this is an extension of a former Academic Collaboration Agreement which was signed from January 2020 until December 2021.

Invitation to Participate in Malaysia's Alumni UK Symposium and Careers Fair

The British Council in Malaysia is delighted to invite all UK Alumni to participate in the **Alumni UK Symposium and Careers Fair 2023** on 25 February 2023 and asks that you kindly disseminate this information to the network of UK Alumni in Malaysia from your institution. The inaugural Alumni UK Symposium will launch British Council Malaysia's 75th anniversary celebrations.



It is an exclusive one-day event designed to create connections amongst UK Alumni in Malaysia and to recognise their aspirations and collective potential. Themed **“Bridging opportunities,”** the symposium aims to provide a platform for UK alumni to interact and make connections, deepen professional relationships and to build a strong network of influencers for public good and long-term engagement with the UK.

Tickets to participate in the inaugural Alumni UK Symposium and Careers Fair may be obtained at www.alumni-uk.my

For more information, please contact:
venessa.usck@britishcouncil.org

Date: 25 February 2023

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

Venue: M Resort Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Applications for the Women's Sport Leadership Academy 2023 residential week are now open



The British Council, Malaysia has asked for the following opportunity to be shared with UK Consortium Members, please can you forward the below to interested parties within your institutions: WSLA 2023 will occur from 10th-15th September 2023 at the University of Chichester, UK, and the programme is designed and delivered in partnership with Leading Edge.

The programme is seeking applications from women who occupy middle-to-senior

management or Board positions across a range of international, national, and regional sport organisations. They will have been identified as future leaders at senior management level by their organisations, who will also commit to support their employee after the week has finished. Organisations to have regularly supported WSLA since 2014 include the International Paralympic Committee, World Rowing, SportScotland, The FA and an array of sport-for-development organisations.

For more information, please visit the website:

<https://www.wsla.co.uk/2023>



FORTHCOMING UK-MUC ACTIVITIES



Dr Esyin Chew and 10 PhDs/MSc students from **EUREKA Robotics Centre**, Cardiff Metropolitan University will visit University of Malaya (UM) and University Science Islam

Malaysia (USIM) in April 2023 for 14 days to setup **EUREKA Robotics Satellite Lab**, fully funded by the Welsh Government's Taith programme.

There will be over 15 academics, industrial partners and students from 4 Malaysia universities (UM, UiTM, UMP, UPM, Robopreneur Sdn Bhd, ALTY hospital and etc.) to visit EUREKA Robotics Centre, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Oxford Robotics Institute, York Robotics Lab for collaborative mobility between end of April and early June 2023, funded by **PIE I for Women in STEM** and **PIE II for Women in STEAM-H** programmes.

UK-MUC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

EXCEL Framework Workshop

Led by University of East Anglia & Universiti Putra Malaysia

Date: Monday 27th March 2023

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

Organisers: Education Malaysia London (EML) and UK-Malaysia University Consortium (UK-MUC)

Sbarc Innovation Campus Initiative Workshop

Led by the University of Cardiff

Date: 5th May 2023

Time: 9.00-11.00am.

Further details of the workshop schedule for 2023, along with the lead institution will be circulated to UK-MUC members shortly. If you would like to propose an idea for a workshop please get in touch with Lucy Lamb, Project Manager UK-MUC Consortium Secretariat: L.E.Lamb@ljmu.ac.uk

UK-MUC COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION



In January 2023, the UK-MUC Consortium Secretariat appointed Tracy D. Branagan to the position of Marketing and Administrative Officer until the end of March 2024. Her main responsibilities are the UK-MUC website and the Consortium's social media networks.

All UK-MUC Members and Associate Members are invited to forward submissions for inclusion in future UK-MUC Newsletters in relation to:

The Consortium Activities, Collaborative Mobility Activities, Collaborative Activities in

Entrepreneurship, EDI & Innovative Pedagogy, Collaborative Research Activities, Forthcoming UK-MUC Activities, Funding Opportunities, Collaborative Agreements and Other Activities.

Members are also invited to Connect, Follow, Share the Consortium on social media and to forward their publications and project outputs for dissemination to a wider audience:

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<https://www.facebook.com/ukmuc>

UK-MUC NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Please forward newsletter submissions in advance of the deadline to Tracy Branagan: T.D.Branagan@ljmu.ac.uk

	PUBLICATION MONTH	SUBMISSION DEADLINE
ISSUE 5:	April 2023	Friday 21st March 2023
ISSUE 6:	June 2023	Friday 16th June 2023
ISSUE 7:	August 2023	Friday 18th August 2023
ISSUE 8:	October 2023	Friday 20th October 2023
ISSUE 9:	December 2023	Friday 15th December 2023
ISSUE 10:	February 2024	Friday 16th February 2024



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