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THE CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES

King's College London Roundtable

On Thursday 22 September the UK-Malaysia University Consortium held their first face to face event at the Science Gallery, hosted by **King's College London**. This networking event was part of a weeklong programme, 'the Malaysia-United Kingdom Higher Education Collaboration Enrichment Programme (MY-UK HECEP) 2022' organised by **Education Malaysia London**. In total 49 delegates attended from 10 Malaysian Universities and 11 UK Universities, along with representatives from **Education Malaysia London** and the **Department for International Trade, UK**.



The theme of the event was 'opportunities and challenges in international higher education' with particular focus on partnerships in research collaboration and international mobility for staff and students. Dr Suzanna Tomassi, a Higher Education specialist from the DECS Directorate at the **Department for International Trade**, gave an insightful presentation on 'the benefits of Transnational Education and International Partnerships' whilst Guro Buchanan from **Liverpool John Moores University** presented on the areas of mobility prioritisation for UK and Malaysian Universities, providing a summary of feedback following a virtual workshop on International Mobility held by the Consortium in May 2022. In addition, Guro also presented an outline of the proposed Student Conference initiative which has been provisionally scheduled to be held in Malaysia in June 2023.

During the session on research collaboration presentations were provided by Prof. Richard Trembath, Senior Vice President (Health & Life Sciences) and Executive Director of King's Health Partners, **King's College London**, focusing on 'Research Collaboration through King's Health Partners: A perspective from King's College London' and Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Zamri bin Ibrahim, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International), **Universiti Malaysia Terengganu**, who presented on 'Marine renewable energy in Southeast Asia: the potential, Government Policies and Challenges'. Prof. Jin Wang from **Liverpool John Moores University**, outlined the prioritised areas of collaborative research for UK and Malaysia Universities, providing details of the feedback received after the Research Collaboration Workshop held in June 2022. The event provided an opportunity for best practice sharing in mobility and research collaboration between UK and Malaysian Universities and the presentations widened the vision of the attendees in terms of how international collaboration can be best conducted and impact generated. The plenary discussions identified opportunities and challenges in collaborative areas of mobility and research that are of interest to both the UK and Malaysia. This first face to face event has assisted institutions in starting to discuss working together to harness opportunities in partnership programmes in mobility and research. An informal networking session rounded off the event, providing a fantastic opportunity for existing connections to be renewed and new relationships established.



Going Global Asia Pacific 2022 Conference

The British Councils Going Global Asia Pacific 2022 Conference will take place from 28 November to 1 December in Singapore. The **Going Global Conference** provides a strategic forum for leaders in international education to connect, share knowledge and build a global network of senior leaders and policy influencers to shape the future of further and higher education. Going Global

Asia Pacific 2022 will explore 'International education in the UK and Asia Pacific region: How to pursue equity in an inequitable world' The Conference will be held in Singapore with a livestream event. To register please go to <https://www.britishcouncil.org/going-global/get-involved> and for more information about the Conference please email going.global@britishcouncil.org

COLLABORATIVE MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

Animal Neighbours Project hosts University of Surrey students in Kuala Lumpur.

Over the summer 12 **University of Surrey** students joined a four week summer programme hosted by the [Animal Neighbours Project](#). This is a community project that uses research and education to mitigate human wildlife conflict in urban areas in Malaysia. Founded in 2016 by Dr Sharmini Parmasivam, from the **University of Surrey** School of Veterinary Medicine, the project aims to reduce negative interactions and improve the welfare of wildlife and communities in urban spaces.



During the programme, students had the opportunity to equip themselves with subject specific skills and learn from international experts in their field about urban ecosystem

management. Students also engaged with communities and took part in public awareness activities at schools and universities gaining transferrable skills and developing confidence, resilience and intercultural competencies.

Improving Employability and Global Mobility for Health Science Students in Malaysia and Thailand

On 9th September 2022, Prof Jeevaratnam and Dr Chadda from the **University of Surrey**, hosted a scoping meeting with academic leads from **University of Malaysia, Sarawak, International Medical University, Malaysia, Chiang Mai University, Thailand**, to discuss improving employability and global mobility for health science students from the respective countries. This work is generously supported by the British Council Catalyst Grant. During the meeting, several project plans were discussed. Firstly, the project plans to carry 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 by institutions. It will also examine how important students and staff view employability training and how it can be incorporated within curriculums. Secondly, the project plans to implement a pilot trial of an employability award scheme, which has been run successfully at the **University at Surrey** for several years, for students at the other institutions that will include in person workshops. Thirdly, the project will deliver collaborative online international learning events between the four universities. Finally, there will be workshops for academic staff looking at curriculum design and how employability and global mobility training can be further embedded.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, EDI AND INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY

Embedding Experimental Learning in Module Curriculum Workshop

Dr Maria Garraffa, **The University of East Anglia**, held a workshop in Malaysia entitled 'Embedding Experimental Learning in module curriculum' on Tuesday 4 October 2022. Participants of the workshop included representatives from the **Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia** and the **UK-Malaysia University Consortium**. Embedded Experimental Learning (EEL) is the application of theory and academic content to real-world experiences within module curriculum,

pedagogy, and assessment contributing to the preparation of students for the workplace and society overall. **The University of East Anglia** has launched a university level audit on EEL, this workshop will present the development of the audit and the reporting processes along with sharing evidence-based practices for the development of EEL strategy and curriculum review. Further details of the workshop will be featured in the November Newsletter.

The Employability, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Workshop

On Tuesday 23 August 2022 the Employability, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (3E's) Workshop took place, led by Prof. Gupreet Jagpal from the **University of Suffolk**. The workshop was very well attended with 37 attendees from 19 institutions, and included presentations from Amy Carpenter, Head of Careers, Employability and Enterprise at the **University of Suffolk**, and Prof. Dr Nik Maheran Nik Muhammad, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Internationalization, **Universiti Malaysia Kelantan**. Amy Carpenter focused on embedding employability, enterprise and entrepreneurship whilst Prof. Nik provided a very insightful presentation on establishing the Women Entrepreneurship Institute.

The workshop included several breakout sessions and provided an opportunity for UK and Malaysian Consortium members to discuss opportunities around programmes for international internships and exchanges, the identification of gaps to enable programmes to be developed by the Consortium and the gender divide in entrepreneurship. Feedback Forms have been emailed to all participants, please can these be completed and returned to Lucy Lamb, L.E.Lamb@ljmu.ac.uk. The information on the Feedback Forms will be used to assist in developing future workshops. The presentations and workshop recommendation documents will be uploaded to the website shortly.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



Collaborative research activities between Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Universitas Riau, Indonesia on higher order thinking skills with MYGAMBOT™

Dr Corrienna Abdul Talib from the School of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, **Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (University Technology Malaysia (UTM))**, and Mr Abdul Halim Abu Bakar from **Teroka Global Enterprise** visited the Faculty of Education, **Universitas Riau (University of Riau (UNRI))**, Indonesia on 21-26 June 2022. This was a special invitation from Dr Neni Hermita and

the Dean, Prof. Dr. Mahdum, M.Pd, for a collaboration titled 'higher order thinking skills through MYGAMBOT™'. The project is funded by the **Ministry of Higher Education** under the Prototype Research Grant Scheme and UK Malaysia University Consortium Catalyst Grant. MYGAMBOT™ is a game-based mobile robot developed to train its users to use critical thinking skills. A series of workshops were undertaken with various participants including UNRI lecturers, undergraduate students, and high school students, along with 40 students from the Teacher Training and Education School at UNRI. On 21 June 2022, there was the opportunity for further discussions on future collaborations including joint publications, co-supervision of MSc and PhD students, and the development of joint proposals. Dr Corrienna is confident that the collaborative work between UTM and UNRI will positively impact on students graduates.

University of Glasgow Dissertation Supervision Program

Five academics from **Universiti Sains Malaysia** and six academics from **Universiti Malaya** attended a weeklong training programme conducted by the Adam Smith Business School, **University of Glasgow**. The programme aims to train adjunct dissertation supervisors who will be supervising on the MBA-MSc Euro-Asian dual degree programme between Universiti Sains Malaysia, and the University of Glasgow, and Universiti Malaya and the University of Glasgow.

FORTHCOMING UK-MUC ACTIVITIES

Consortium Workshop Schedule

A number of workshops have been scheduled to take place from January 2023 onwards, topics include strategies for resource sharing', 'teaching methods, delivery and digitalization'

and 'Employability training'. Details of the proposed workshop schedule, along with the lead institution will be circulated shortly. If you would like to propose an idea for a workshop please get in touch with Lucy Lamb, L.E.Lamb@ljmu.ac.uk

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

UK-Malaysia University Partnership Catalyst Grant 2022

The British Council Malaysia have announced the successful Partnership Catalyst Grants from the restricted grant call which opened in July 2022. A total of £220,000 has been allocated to fund four higher education collaborative projects jointly applied for by a UK University and Malaysian University with the overarching aim to facilitate partnership and collaboration between the institutions in four thematic areas; Student employability and future work skills; Innovative pedagogy including curriculum and digitalization; Entrepreneurship; Women Leadership and Empowerment. A total of 27 applications were received with 22 of the applications eligible for assessment. The four successful applications listed below, demonstrated cross-thematic and interdisciplinary elements as encouraged by the British Council Malaysia.

Successful Grant List:

'Network4training&research - A collaborative capacity building network for training and research for rails and seaports Infrastructure industry development aligned with SDGs' UK lead Institution - **Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)**

/ Malaysia Lead Institution - **Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP)**

'KECEKAPAN: Key Entrepreneurial Cognitive Education & Knowledge Advancement Project: A Network' UK lead Institution - **University of Glasgow (UofG)** / Malaysia lead Institution - **Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)**

'PIE II Programme for Women in STEAM-H (Partnership in Employability for Women II in Science, Technology, Aquaculture, Engineering, Mathematics and Healthcare)' UK lead Institution - **Cardiff Metropolitan University** / Malaysia lead Institution - **Universiti Teknologi MARA**

'Embedding Entrepreneurship & Accelerating Innovation through Partnership' UK lead Institution - **King's College London** / Malaysia lead Institution - **Universiti Malaya**

For more information, please visit: [UK-Malaysia University Partnerships Catalyst Grant 2022 | British Council](#)

COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The University of Surrey strengthens partnerships in Malaysia

Senior delegates from the **University of Surrey** consolidated and developed relationships with new and existing partners in Kuala Lumpur over a two-day visit in September. Professor Max Lu, President and Vice-Chancellor of Surrey, who led the delegation, said "Surrey has a strong track-record of collaboration in Malaysia and enjoyed a very warm welcome from our prospective and valued partners in the region. Surrey's vision to be a leading global university relies on international partnerships and the fruitful collaborations that benefit all parties." Highlights included a visit to **Universiti Putra Malaysia**, where delegates engaged in detailed conversations around mutual research and education interests with staff from UPM's Teaching Hospital and Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, and to **International Medical University Malaysia**, where collaborative education models were discussed. Delegates also met with Dato' Prof Dr Husaini bin Omar, Director General of Higher Education from the **Ministry of Education**, and HE Charles Hay, British High Commissioner.

