

UK-Malaysia University Consortium

Consortium Launch and Inaugural Meeting

Overview of the UK-Malaysia University Consortium

As part of the British Council's Going Global Partnerships programme and working in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education, the British Council in Malaysia initiated the inaugural UK-Malaysia University Consortium in January 2022.

The Consortium has been established with the overarching aim to:

- be a flagship initiative that promotes strategic engagement and bilateral cooperation in higher education between its partner universities in the UK and in Malaysia.
- lay a foundation for creating long term collaborations, shared priorities, and complementary expertise in higher education between UK and Malaysia.
- reinforce the global perceptions of both countries as centres of higher education excellence and enable UK and Malaysia HE sectors to contribute shared resources and expertise to overcome some of the world's major issues.

We anticipate that through cooperation between the British Council and the MoHE, the Consortium will be a key platform that facilitates long term collaborations in areas of shared priorities to spur complementary expertise and mutual benefit between UK and Malaysia in higher education. This is aligned with the Malaysian Higher Education Blueprint 2015-2025 and the UK International Education Strategy.

The first cohort of UK-Malaysia University Consortium membership was facilitated via an open call to the UK higher education sector which received positive response. We now have 16 UK universities who have been accepted as members of the UK-Malaysia University Consortium, and through cooperation from the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), we have had the privilege of opening the Consortium membership to all 20 Malaysian higher education institutions from the public sector.

The British Council has provided a funding grant of approximately £100,000 to support the Consortium's administration and activities between January 2022 to March 2024. A Project Board comprising of the Consortium Secretariat, senior management representatives from selected Consortium member institutions (UK and Malaysia), the British Council and the Ministry of Higher Education has been established to provide oversight and guidance on the Consortium's strategic direction and activities.

To kick-off the institutional partnerships under the UK-Malaysia University Consortium, the British Council is supporting 6 Catalyst Grants for higher education collaborative projects under the UK-Malaysia-ASEAN Partnership Grant for Enhancing Graduate Employability. For each project, funding of up to £50,000 has been awarded for a project duration of 2 years until December 2023 for joint projects that demonstrate impacts on enhancing graduate employability through knowledge sharing, training and innovation across the areas of research, teaching and learning and student experience.

We hope that this **Launch and Inaugural Meeting of the UK-Malaysia University Consortium** will kick-start further collaborative activities that can increase commitment and strategic partnerships to address shared priorities between universities in the UK and Malaysia in areas that can create a tangible impact to the sector and to the respective countries.

Event Details

DATE: 30 MARCH 2022

TIME: 4.30 – 6.00 PM

VENUE: SUNWAY RESORT HOTEL

DELIVERY: HYBRID EVENT

Tentative Programme

Time	Agenda
4.00 pm	Registration of guests (in person) and networking refreshments
4.15 pm	Log-in for virtual guests
4.30 pm	Arrival and housekeeping
4.35 pm	Welcome Remarks Director Malaysia British Council
4.50 pm	Officiating Speech from MoHE Secretary General Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia
5.05 pm	Video montage Photo session
5.15 pm	Inaugural UK-Malaysia University Consortium Meeting Presentation of Plans by Consortium Secretariat (UK)
5.55 pm	Closing remarks Head Education, Malaysia British Council
6.00 pm	Refreshments and end of event

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