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THE CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES

The **Going Global Asia Pacific 2022 Conference** will take place from 28 November-1 December 2022 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 the Asia Pacific region: How to pursue equity in an inequitable world?'. The Conference will be held in person in Singapore with some virtual sessions scheduled. See <https://www.britishcouncil.org/going-global/about> for further information.

The UK-Malaysia University Consortium will be represented at the upcoming Malaysia-UK Higher Education Collaboration Enrichment Programme, due to be held at **Kings College, London** on 22 September 2022. During this event there will be a roundtable / networking workshop which will be attended by several public Malaysian Universities and UK

representatives from the Consortium. Further details on the programme and the schedule of this event will follow shortly.

The British Council, and the **University of Surrey**, with support from the **Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia**, held a Roundtable Event at Senate House, **University of Surrey** on Wednesday 25 May 2022. YB Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad, Minister of Higher Education Malaysia, met with senior leadership representatives from the UK-Malaysia University Consortium to present the Ministry's strategy for internationalisation and aspirations, and to discuss respective institutional priorities and ideas to strengthen UK-Malaysia higher education collaboration through the Consortium. A networking reception was held after the event, hosted by Professor Max Lu, President and Vice-Chancellor of the **University of Surrey**. This was an excellent opportunity for networking amongst senior higher education leaders from Malaysian Universities, who accompanied the Ministry of Higher Education delegation, and UK University representatives.

COLLABORATIVE MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

On Friday 27 May 2022 the first UK-MUC virtual workshop took place on the theme of Mobility Collaboration, led by Dr. Julia Wang, Deputy Director of International Relations at **Liverpool John Moores University**. The workshop included presentations from Guro Buchanan, Study Abroad Officer at **LJMU** and Prof. Dr Mohammad Kassim, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International) at **Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia**. Guro Buchanan introduced the Turing Scheme and provided recent examples of Turing initiatives and activities at **LJMU**, Prof. Kassim provided a comprehensive overview of international summer school programmes and outward mobility programmes at **UKM** along with highlighting potential opportunities for collaboration.

The workshop included several breakout sessions and provided an opportunity for UK and Malaysian Consortium members to network with the aim to develop new partnerships for long term collaborations. Further workshops on Mobility will be arranged along with working groups to establish new initiatives. Feedback Forms have been emailed to all participants, please can these be completed and sent to Lucy Lamb, L.Lamb@ljmu.ac.uk. The information on the Feedback Forms will be used to form Mobility Working Groups and to assist in developing future workshops. The presentations and workshop recommendation documents can be viewed here <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/uk-malaysia-university-consortium/events>.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Prof. Emeritus David Harvey from **Liverpool John Moores University** will be delivering the keynote presentation at the 'Green materials and electronic packaging interconnect

technology' Symposium to be held on 13-14 September 2022, at Langkawi, Malaysia. Prof. Harvey will present the results from the COP26 'Trilateral Research Initiative Go-GRREN,

Next Generation Solder Materials for Power Electronics and Green Electric Transport' funded by the British Council in Japan. This tripartite project includes partners from **UniMAP** (Malaysia), Gunma University (Japan) and **Liverpool John Moores University** (UK). For more information please visit: <https://epits.unimap.edu.my/index.php>.

An online Research Collaboration Workshop, led by Prof. Jin Wang from **Liverpool John Moores University** was held on Thursday 30th June 2022, with 40 participants from 23 institutions attending. This was an opportunity for UK and

Malaysian Consortium members to highlight their own areas of research expertise and provided networking opportunities for future research collaborations. Presentations were given by Prof. Jin Wang from **Liverpool John Moores University**, Prof. Dato Gs. Dr. Narimah Samat, **Universiti Sains Malaysia** and Prof. Phil Stephens from **Cardiff University**. The presentations and workshop documents can be found on the **UK-MUC** website, <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/uk-malaysia-university-consortium/events>.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, EDI AND INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY

Dr. Maria Garraffa, **The University of East Anglia**, is holding a workshop in Malaysia entitled 'Embedding Experimental Learning in module curriculum' on Tuesday 4 October 2022. Participants of the workshop include representatives from the **Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia** and the **UK-Malaysia University Consortium**, the venue and workshop schedule will be confirmed shortly. 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. For further information about this workshop please contact Dr. Maria Garraffa, M.Garraffa@uae.ac.uk.

FORTHCOMING UK-MUC ACTIVITIES

Prof. Gurpreet Jagpal from **The University of Suffolk** is leading a virtual workshop on Tuesday 23 August, on the subject of Employability, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. There will be speakers from both UK and Malaysian

Universities and an opportunity for networking during the breakout room discussions. All Consortium members are invited to attend, for more information please contact Megan Lloyd-Allard, MLloyd.Allard@UOS.AC.UK.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

British Council Malaysia opened a restricted grant call in July 2022 for members of the UK-Malaysia University Consortium to submit joint proposals for a Partnership Catalyst Grant. A total of £220,000 has been allocated to fund four higher education collaborative projects which will be awarded up to £55,000 each. The funding must be 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. Applications which were cross-thematic and interdisciplinary proposals were strongly encouraged. The application deadline was 02/08/2022, with the British Council Malaysia due to confirm the successful projects imminently. For more information, please visit: [UK-Malaysia University Partnerships Catalyst Grant 2022 | British Council](#).

COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Six delegates from UTeM (University of Technology, Malaysia), led by their VC, Prof. Ts. Dr. Massila Kamaruddin visited LJMU on the 19th July 2022. The focus of UTeM's visit centered around Engineering and Technology with detailed discussions on joint research collaborations, joint postgraduate supervision, staff and student mobility, postgraduate students

enrolment at LJMU and collaborative teaching. The MoU between the two institutions will be renewed and in 2022-2023 staff and student visits will start in the subject areas of Computer Science, Engineering and Technology. Areas for collaboration for dual and joint PhD programmes will be prioritized based on mutual interests, particularly in the subject

areas of computer gaming, manufacturing, green energy generation and engineering management. Dr. Russell English, Prof. Mike Riley, Prof. Xun Chen, Prof. Jin Wang, Dr. Silvester

Czanner and Diane Fitch from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, LJMU attended the event.

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