

UK-Malaysia University Consortium

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UK-MUC NEWSLETTER

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THE CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES

The UK–Malaysia University Consortium (UK-MUC)’s Launch Meeting took place on the 30th March 2022. As part of the British Council’s Going Global Partnerships programme, the Consortium is designed to be a flagship initiative that promotes strategic engagement and bilateral cooperation in higher education between its partner universities. The project will lay a foundation for creating long term collaborations, shared priorities, and complementary expertise in higher

education between the UK and Malaysia. It will also reinforce the global perceptions of both countries as centres of higher education excellence. The Consortium is managed LJMU as the Consortium Secretariat Prof. Jin Wang, Dr. Russell English, Dr. Julia Wang (International Relations) and Lucy Lamb. The project will last for two years. Further information about UK-MUC can be found [here](#).

COLLABORATIVE MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

The Director of Nursing at ALTY Hospital Malaysia, Ms Lee Pei Lee and Dr Esyin Chew, Director of EUREKA Robotics Centre, **Cardiff Metropolitan University**, visited **LJMU** on the 28th April 2022 to meet with Prof. Jin Wang, Dr. Russell English and Dr. Julia Wang to explore the UK-MUC consortium interests, upcoming workshops and the PIE for Women project mobility activities.



UKM is planning to send 3 researchers to **LJMU** to carry out collaborative research in maritime and offshore engineering research funded by European Union under [RESET](#) .

The Department of International Affairs, **UiTM** has launched its Summer Student Exchange and Work Shadowing Programme. For more information please contact Dr Hih Zainab Modh Noor, director_dia@uitm.edu.my / isd.oia@uitm.edu.my

In July 2022, five academics from the Faculty of Business & Economics at UM will attend the training programme for MBA-MSc Euro-Asian programme dissertation supervision at the University of Glasgow under the Erasmus+ ICM funding Scheme.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

[Prof Mike Riley](#), Director of School of Civil Engineering and Build Environment, **LJMU** is planning to visit **UM** for one month in September 2022. Apart from conducting collaborative research in the use of emerging Technologies for Building Evaluation and Inspection, he will also renew the dual PhD programme in engineering between the two universities.

LJMU, **UNIMAP** and Gunma University – Japan have jointly held a workshop on Go-GREEN: Next Generation Solder Materials for Power Electronics and Green Electric Transport

on the 11 April 2022, funded by the British Council’s Climate Connection and led by [Dr. Ming Zhang](#).

An Agreement will shortly be signed between **USIM** and **UiTM** to collaborate on two research projects in Medical Science, these collaborative research projects will take place over a two-year period.

USIM have several collaborative research activities in the pipeline with Consortium Members, additional details to follow.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY / FUTURE WORK SKILLS

LJMU, UiTM and Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS)-Indonesia have formulated a UK-Malaysia-Indonesia partnership focusing on ensuring non-Computer Science students with digital skillset for the contemporary workplace. The project of two years will produce a digital competency assessment tool, piloted with 100 students/graduates in each partner institution and a suite of training modules co-developed and piloted with students in each partner institution.

UM and the **University of Suffolk** successfully received the UK-Malaysia Catalyst Grant for Enhancing Graduate Employability. This project will deliver activities that inspire and stimulate the interest of next-generation graduates with entrepreneurial mindsets, create innovative curriculum,

develop entrepreneurial ecosystem in the respective countries and open up international mobility opportunities.

University of Glasgow, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia and University of Riau (Indonesia) have set up a UK-Malaysia-Indonesia partnership focusing on development of graduate attributes in pre-service teachers of STEM subjects. The British Council catalyst funded two-year project includes training courses co-developed with partner institutes as well as development of a graduate skills assessment tool to measure confidence, communication, and critical thinking skills. Currently, the institutions involved are evaluating the merits of a self-reported online assessment system versus teacher-informed assessment system.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, EDI AND INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY

LJMU and **UTM** with another seven members are jointly organizing a workshop on waste management challenges and strategies for decommissioned offshore structures in ASEAN on the 12 May 2022. This is part of a joint project “Safe and Sustainable Decommissioning of Offshore Structures” funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering.

The University of East Anglia together with partners in the Speech Science Program, Faculty of Health Science, **Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)** is developing a suite of online courses with the financial support of UEA School of Health Sciences. The courses hosted by the Future Learn platform are intended to develop new area in Health such as Multilingualism in the Clinic and Multilingual children at risk of language disorders. Launch is planned for the end of 2022

FORTHCOMING UK-MUC ACTIVITIES

Three workshops on mobility, research and teaching & learning will be hosted on-line by **LJMU**. The initial Mobility Collaboration Workshop will take place on Friday 27th May 2022, this is an opportunity for UK and Malaysian Consortium members to network with the aim to develop new partnerships for long term collaborations, more details to follow.

UM and the **University of Glasgow** are in the final stages of developing the MBA-MSc Programme Double Degree with the Faculty of Business and Economics. This collaboration will prepare graduates to work in a global job market by providing extensive international experiences thus enhancing their employability. To strengthen this relationship, both institutions plan to explore new pathways for collaboration through the creation of attractive and innovative programmes with other faculties.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

British Council Malaysia is opening a restricted grant call for lead institutions from the UK-Malaysia University Consortium to submit joint proposals in response to the UK-Malaysia Partnerships Catalyst Grant 2022. The application is scheduled to open on 23 May 2022 and close on 8 July 2022.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.britishcouncil.my/programmes/education>.

If you have any questions about the grant call, please email:

mykul1education@britishcouncil.org

COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Prof. Dato’ IR. Dr. Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor, VC of **UM** visited **LJMU** on the 27th April 2022. Discussion and planning on collaboration between **LJMU** and **UM** took place with

mutual prioritized areas for collaboration identified. Joint research projects, dual PhD programmes and staff/student

exchanges in STEM subjects will be targeted in strategic collaboration.

Prof. Dr Shahrman Zainal Abidin, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Internationalization, UiTM Global), Prof. Dr Mohad Anizu Mohd Nor, Dean of Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation, Rahmat Adnan and Mohammad Syazwan Mohd, Special Officer to the V-C (Special Tasks), **UiTM** visited **LJMU** on the 12th April 2022. MoU renewal, new postgraduate students enrolment, research collaborations and other potential projects in sports sciences were the focus of the visit. Further activities will follow to enhance collaboration in sport sciences and to develop new collaboration in other areas in terms of research networks, dual PhD programmes, student mobility and sharing teaching and research resources.

Prof. Dr, Yusniza Kamarulzaman, Professor of Marketing from the Faculty of Business and Economics, **UM**, is currently undertaking her sabbatical at the **University of Glasgow**.



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