# UK-Malaysia University Consortium International Mobility Workshop
## Workshop Summary

## 1. Breakout Session Summaries – Common Themes & Areas of Interest

### 1.1 – Funding
Discussions around the Turing Scheme and similar funding opportunities in Malaysia, possible timing of visits and limitations

**UK funding – Turing Scheme**
- Discussions regarding the best time for students to visit Malaysia from both a UK and Malaysian perspective and how to develop the scheme to ensure the interests of the students are met.
- Main objectives; global Britain, wider impact, levelling up, value for taxpayer.
- Minimum 4-week duration, no country / regional priorities
- Limitations – the Turing Scheme will only provide funding for outbound UK participants; Turing is not a reciprocal funding programme like Erasmus+
- No funding for staff – conversations on how to create sustainable funding for staff mobility. Suggested that approach Turing to cover staff mobility costs using the administration element of funding, need to show outputs from the visit.

**Malaysia funding**
- Funding is available but only for ASEAN countries
- Issues around accessing funding for Malaysian students.

### 1.2 - Student Mobility
Discussions around restoring mobility, supporting mobility, and evaluating mobility.

**Summer Schools**
- Interest in existing summer schools run by different institutions, examples are the Summer School in Sustainable Tropical Heritage run by UKM, the Clinical Linguistics Summer School by UEA and the Robotics & AI Mobility Summer School in June 2023 run by Cardiff Met. https://pie4stemwomen.wixsite.com/pie4stem.
- Promote new topics and innovation – there is a desire to explore new topics and formats for Summer Schools and to receive greater feedback from students to understand their interests and what they want to gain from the experience.

**Student Summer Conference**
- Start to plan, need feedback on best time to take place – June / July 2023 has been suggested, Malaysian students are on campus and UK students have finished classroom learning.
- 3 weeks at an institution of choice, final week will take place in a host institution.
- Suggested online meetings prior to summer school so students can get to know each other – buddy system

**Student Engagement**
- Pilot project suggested to increase levels of engagement, bring students together for discussions.

- Look at activities which could increase student engagement and increase confidence, institutions have been struggling with engagement with external opportunities since Covid and there is a interest amongst the Consortium to look at ways in which this issue could be addressed.

## Cultural Exchanges
- Interest in developing cultural exchanges with some of the new, smaller Universities in Malaysia who can offer different cultural experiences.

## Volunteering
- UiTM & LJMU – prior to Covid arranged a global volunteering programme focusing on conservation & sustainable communities for two weeks

## PhD Mobility
- Interest in developing PhD mobility programmes between institutions to learn new skills and insights

## 1.3 – Entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship

- Entrepreneurship is very important to all Malaysian institutions; a small working committee is suggested to move this forward.

## Social entrepreneurships
- Cardiff Metropolitan University has strong Social Robotics team and would like to connect with other institutions for STEM and social entrepreneurship for AI initiatives. Email: echew@cardiffmet.ac.uk
- University of Suffolk have run several social entrepreneurship programmes with Malaysian Institutions including setting up a business and incubator hub.

## 1.4 – Mobility & new initiatives
Discussions around how mobility can be linked to new innovative programmes

- Suggested mobility should be linked with research initiatives to propose innovative projects, research retreats, conferences, community tours etc
- Collaborations suggested application of computer animation, medical initiatives, linking humanities and tech, heritage digital preservation
- A Digital Research Ambassador proposed – this is to combine at least 2 different fields to be more interdisciplinary and recruit students to work together on various schemes. This would provide voluntary research experience in active projects.

## Work Shadowing
- Reciprocal arrangement between the UK and Malaysia for proposed academic and professional support work shadowing.
- Best practice case studies could be very useful in developing a work shadowing programme between Consortium members.

## 1.5 – Micro credentials / online learning

- Suggestion to use mobility as an initiative to mobilise students and offer micro credentials
- University of Glasgow – provides upskilling courses, coding, climate change and lowering waste – these could be developed and used as online support in a collaboration for a team of students working together.

### 1.6 – Contacts / Networks

- The need for visibility over who to contact to discuss mobility, whether this is done centrally or at an institutional School or Faculty level.
- Proposal for working groups to be formed to take the discussions around mobility further, centred around areas / topics of interest.

## 2. Summary / Recommendations

### 2.1 - Joint mobility framework agreement *(Long Term)*

- Create a joint mobility framework agreement for students from the consortium institutions to move freely.
- Aims to allocate exchanges and recognise credits for students who participate
- This would be a long-term plan considering the number of institutions involved.

### 2.2 – Create and implement pilot projects to increase student engagement *(Medium term)*

- Pilot project suggested to increase levels of engagement amongst students, look at ways to tackle the issues around confidence after covid lockdowns.

### 2.3 – Student conference *(Medium term)*

- Planned for Summer 2023. One week duration to take place in one or more Malaysian institutions
- Combine this with other UK outbound activities to allow Turing funding to be used
- Possibility to combine with pre-conference sessions and cultural buddy scheme

### 2.4 – Create sub committees to develop mobility initiatives in specific activity areas *(Short term)*

- Institutions with similar interest areas to group together to create sub committees.

### 2.5 – Create platforms to share ideas *(Short term)*

- Use WhatsApp / Teams to share ideas and suggestions amongst working groups

### 2.6 – Create social media identity (short term)