

Going Global Partnerships

UK-Malaysia University Consortium Student Conference 2023

17 to 21 July 2023

Cultural immersion, SDG workshops and panel sessions



Engagement with British Council, FCDO, British Businesses and UK alumni in Malaysia



Reflections from participating students:

From Malaysia –

“I learnt so much about the British culture and mannerisms, as well as gained a new level of understanding of how SDGs can be more inclusive in my daily life”

“I was not that confident speaking English because it is not my first language. When I observed my Malaysian friends speak with no hesitation, I realise it is not difficult to respond to the questions if you understand the context”

“I learned that intercultural understanding requires empathy and kindness which can't be taught in classrooms/lectures. Intercultural difference is not just limited to transnational cultural difference but it can be with anyone (from anywhere)”

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From the UK –

I think I learnt the most about myself. I developed a new confidence I hadn't known about before”

“The similarities between my cultural traditions and the ones in Asia. Learnt more about Malaysia and consider moving there after graduation.”

“I gained a new perspective on how sustainable development is seen from the Malaysian point of view instead of the dominant western view on it”

“I had the opportunity to meet Malaysian students, understand the culture, food and similarities and differences. I made some great friends and connections for the future”