

UK-Malaysia-China Higher Education Forum 2025: A Strategic Alliance for Global Excellence

Programme

Date	Wednesday, 19 February 2025
Time	9.00 am to 6.00 pm
Venue	Sunway University, Malaysia
Registration Link	https://forms.office.com/e/6WHH9i1eTn

Agenda (tentative as of 5 December 2024)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Registration and Welcome Coffee

- Registration desk open for attendees
- Coffee and light refreshments available

9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. | Welcome and Context

- Speaker: Jazreel Goh MBE, Director Malaysia, British Council
- The significance of UK-Malaysia-China collaborations in higher education.

9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Opening Remarks

- Speaker 1: Senior Representative, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia
- Speaker 2: Senior Representative, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Malaysia
- Speaker 3: Senior Representative, British High Commission in Malaysia

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Keynote Address

- Speaker: Sector Expert/UK Uni VC
- Title: *Shaping Global Excellence: Strategic Collaborations in Higher Education for Sustainable Growth*
- Overview of the transformative role of strategic higher education partnerships in advancing global academic mobility, research, and innovation.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Networking Coffee Break

- Informal networking opportunity for delegates
- Light refreshments

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Panel Discussion 1

Topic: *Opportunities and Barriers in Trilateral and Multilateral Partnerships in Higher Education*

- Moderator:
- Panelists:
 - UK Uni
 - CH Uni
 - MY Uni
 - MQA or Regional QA
 - SEAMEO/ASEC or EA Uni
- Discussion points:
 - Navigating the challenges and complexities of forming trilateral and multilateral partnerships
 - Policy and regulatory frameworks across the UK, Malaysia and China
 - How to overcome cultural, administrative, and logistical barriers to successful partnerships

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Panel Discussion 2

Topic: *Innovative Collaborations Between the UK, Malaysia and China for strategic partnerships*

- Moderator:
- Panelists:
- Discussion points:
 - Sharing best practices
 - Creating tailored educational partnerships for mutual benefit
 - Building cross-regional academic programmes and pathways
 - International research initiatives and their role in sustainable development goals

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | Lunch Break and Networking

- Buffet lunch
- Informal networking opportunity

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Breakout Session 1: Student Outcomes

Topic: *Enhancing Student Outcomes through Outward Mobility and Entrepreneurship*

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- Facilitators:
 - Key discussion points:
 - Expanding opportunities for student exchange, joint degrees, and internship programmes
 - Entrepreneurial mindset and skill-building through cross-cultural experiences
 - Enhancing global employability through strategic student mobility programmes
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1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Breakout Session 2: Research Innovation

Topic: *Building Centres of Excellence and Advancing Research Collaboration*

- Facilitators:
 - Key discussion points:
 - Identifying high-impact research areas for collaboration
 - Establishing multi-partner research centres focused on innovation and sustainability
 - Leveraging industry partnerships to accelerate translational research and innovation
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1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Breakout Session 3: TNE and Joint Models of Collaboration for tri and multilateral partnerships

Topic: *Exploring Transnational Education and Joint Academic Models for Global Impact*

- Facilitators:
 - Key discussion points:
 - Best practices for successful delivery of tri/multilateral TNE programmes
 - Joint PhD, dual-degree, and collaborative models of higher education – opportunities and barriers
 - Achieving long-term sustainability and mutual benefit in TNE initiatives
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3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Breakout summaries

(Running coffee/tea)

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | Panel Discussion 3

Topic: *Innovative Models for Funding and Sustainability in Higher Education Collaborations*

- Moderator:
 - Panelists:
 - Discussion points:
 - Diversifying funding sources for international consortia
 - Sustainable financial models for collaborative research projects
 - Best practices for managing and ensuring the longevity of cross-border educational partnerships/collaborations
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4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Closing Remarks and Statement of Intent

- Speaker:
 - Summary of the day's discussions
 - Agreement on a strategic framework for UK-Malaysia-China collaborations in higher education
 - Official signing of the Statement of Intent by representatives from UK-MY University Consortium and UK-Jiangsu World-Class Universities Consortium
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4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Networking Reception

- An informal setting for continued networking and building partnerships
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