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8 - 10 August 2023**

"Innovating Solutions: Expanding Horizons"

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ABOUT UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS FORUM

University Presidents Forum (UPF) is a signature programme of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) since 2009. It is a shared platform to address and discuss current issues relating to higher education, and to outline strategy and action plans to improve collaboration and cooperation among participating universities. Responding to the current needs and demands of international higher education, university presidents, vice presidents, and other senior representatives of universities are invited to participate in this prestigious event.

GLIMPSE OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS FORUM

Year 2009 “International Collaboration in Research and Academic Programs”

Year 2010 “Positioning University Focus in Innovation-led Economy”

Year 2011 “Sustainable Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Challenges for Universities”

Year 2012 “Innovative . Entrepreneurial . Global”

Year 2013 “CO2 Reduction, Innovation and Sustainability”

Year 2014 “Global Collaboration Opportunities in Knowledge Creation and Innovation”

Year 2015 “Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Nation Building”

Year 2016 “Innovation and Sustainable Development”

Year 2017 “Institutional Sustainability: Meeting Challenges of the 4th Industrial Revolution”

Year 2020 “Embracing the New Norm: Leadership, Values & Skills” (in collaboration with ATU-Net)

Year 2021 “Brave New World of Higher Education: Realities & Vision” (in collaboration with ATU-Net)

Year 2022 “Reshaping Ideas and Practices in International Higher Education: Towards Sustainable Development for the World and Humanity”



12th UTM University Presidents Forum 2022

1 – 3 November 2022

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



ABOUT UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), is a leading innovation-driven entrepreneurial research university in engineering science, and technology. It is located both in Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia, and Johor Bahru, the southern city in Iskandar Malaysia, which is a vibrant economic corridor in the south of Peninsular Malaysia.

Philosophy

The divine law of Allah is the foundation of knowledge. In line with His Will, UTM strives with total commitment to attain excellence in science, technology and engineering for the well-being and prosperity of mankind

Vision

A Premier University Providing World-Class Education and Research

Mission

To Develop Holistic Talents and Prosper Lives Through Knowledge and Innovative Technologies

Core Values

Integrity | Synergy | Excellence | Sustainability





WELCOMING REMARKS

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 13th UTM University Presidents Forum (UTM-UPF) in Johor Bahru. UTM-UPF 2023 is a meeting platform for university leaders to provide inputs that transcend borders, allowing ideas to flourish and forging new paths.

Happening from 8 to 10 August 2023, our journey through this event will be dynamic and thought-provoking as we deliberate on the theme "Innovating Solutions: Expanding Horizons". This theme harmoniously aligns with UTM's new tagline, Innovating Solutions, introduced earlier this year in line with our enVision UTM 2025 Strategic Plan. As a knowledge institution, UTM remains committed to addressing challenges faced by our staff, students, society, and industries.

UTM also acknowledges the vital role of academic cooperation in fostering mutual understanding, addressing global issues, and promoting cultural exchange. Embracing the rich diversity inherent in these regions nurtures a more inclusive and cooperative higher education environment. Therefore, let the UTM-UPF 2023 forge meaningful connections, establish enduring partnerships, and chart a course toward a brighter and more equitable future.

To put an event of this magnitude together is not a small task. To that end, I would like to congratulate the UTM-UPF 2023 team for organising this event. I also would like to thank all our sponsors for their support. Lastly, thank you to all UTM-UPF participants for your contribution to making this event a success.

Prof. Datuk Ir. Ts. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi bin Ismail
Vice-Chancellor
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia



PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – Tuesday | 8th August 2023

Registration, Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Dinner

15:00	Arrival of Guests and Hotel check-in	Hotel Lobby, Level G
15:00 – 18:00	Registration	Foyer, Ballroom 1, Level 7
19:30 – 22:00	Opening Ceremony and Welcoming Dinner <i>Officiated by Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled bin Nordin</i> <i>Minister of Higher Education Malaysia</i>	Ballroom 1, Level 7
22:00	End of Day 1	

DAY 2 – Wednesday | 9th August 2023

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08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of Guests and Registration	Foyer, Ballroom 1, Level 7
09:00 – 09:10	Welcoming Address by Vice Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Professor Datuk Ir. Ts. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi bin Ismail	Ballroom 1, Level 7
09:10 – 09:40	Keynote Address Her Excellency Mrs. Nineta Bărbulescu Ambassador of Romania to Malaysia	
09:40 – 10:00	Group Photo	
10:00 – 10:30	Refreshment	Foyer, Ballroom 1, Level 7

Session 1

Sub-theme: Innovating Solutions: Expanding ASEAN–Europe Higher Education Horizon

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Rosmini Omar, Dean of Azman Hashim International Business School, UTM

10:30 – 11:30	Panel Discussion 1 Panelist I Dr. Guido Schnieders Director, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Regional Office Jakarta, INDONESIA Panelist II Asst. Prof. Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont Director, SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development, THAILAND Panelist III Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia Secretary, Global Education for European Engineers and Entrepreneurs (Ge4), De La Salle University, PHILIPPINES	Ballroom 1, Level 7
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DAY 2 – Wednesday | 9th August 2023
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11:30 – 12:10	<p>Moving Forward Action Plan</p> <p>Topic: "Expanding Smart Partnership from Regional to Global"</p> <p>Panel I Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho Deputy Vice-Chancellor University of Ilorin, NIGERIA</p> <p>Panel II Prof. Dr. Živilė Sederevičiūtė-Pačiauskienė Vice-Rector for Studies Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, LITHUANIA</p> <p>Panel III Prof. Dr. Jaka Sembiring Vice-Rector (Academic and Student Affairs) Institut Teknologi Bandung, INDONESIA</p> <p>Panel IV Prof. Dr. Akito Takasaki Vice President, Graduate School of Engineering and Science, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science Shibaura Institute of Technology, JAPAN</p>	Ballroom 1, Level 7
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12.10 – 14:00	Networking Lunch	Infusion Cafe, Level G
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Session 2

Sub-theme: Innovating Solutions: Research Fostering Humanities

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Shamsul Sahibuddin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs), UTM

14:00 – 14:10	Opening by Master of Ceremony	Ballroom 1, Level 7
14:10 – 14:30	<p>Keynote Session 1</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Mustafa AYDIN President Istanbul Aydin University, TURKIYE</p>	
14:30 – 14:50	<p>Keynote Session 2</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Kyosuke Nagata President University of Tsukuba, JAPAN</p>	

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14:50 – 15:50	Panel Discussion 2	Ballroom 1, Level 7
	<p>Panelist I Datin Paduka Prof. Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Vice-Chancellor Universiti Teknologi Brunei, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM</p> <p>Panelist II Prof. Dr. Adiwijaya, Rector Telkom University, INDONESIA</p>	
15:50 – 16:10	Collaboration Exchange Session	
16:10 – 17:00	Networking Hi-Tea <i>Meet and Greet with UTM Deans and Directors of Research Alliances</i>	
17:00 – 20:00	Johor Bahru City Tour <i>Sponsored by Johor Tourism</i>	Johor Bahru City
20:00	End of Day 2	

DAY 3 – Thursday | 10th August 2023 Collaborative Research Program, Presidents' Roundtable & Excursion

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of Guest	Foyer, Ballroom 1, Level 7
09:00 – 10:00	Collaborative Research Excellence Program: Workshop on Collaborating for Global Impact <i>Open to all (preferably Head of Research/Research Deans/Directors/Researchers and Directors of International Office)</i>	Ballroom 1, Level 7
10:00 – 10:30	Refreshment	Foyer, Ballroom 1, Level 7
10:30 – 12:00 [Parallel Session]	[Continued] Collaborative Research Excellence Program: Workshop on Collaborating for Global Impact	Batu Pahat Hall, Level 7
	UTM–UPF2023 Presidents' Roundtable <i>Exclusively for University Leaders, Presidents, Vice-Chancellors, Rectors</i>	Kota Tinggi Hall, Level 7
12:00 – 12:30	Closing Ceremony	Ballroom 1, Level 7
12:30 – 14:00	Networking Lunch	Infusion Cafe, Level G
14:00 – 17:00	Excursion to UTM Campus	UTM Johor Bahru
17:00 – 18:00	Hi-Tea at UTM	Rumah Tropika, UTM Johor Bahru
18:00	End of Event / Return to Hotel	



SPEAKERS



Ministerial Remarks

**YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled
bin Nordin**
Minister of Higher Education Malaysia



Keynote Address

**Her Excellency Mrs. Nineta
Bărbulescu**
Ambassador of Romania to Malaysia



Welcoming Address

**Prof. Datuk Ir. Ts. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi
bin Ismail**
UTM Vice Chancellor

SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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President
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Prof. Dr. Kyosuke Nagata
President
University of Tsukuba, Japan

PANELISTS



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