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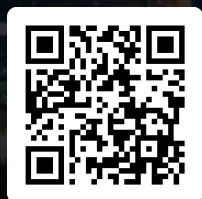
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PREFACE



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“Navigating the Intelligent Age for Global University Excellence”

It is our great honour to welcome all delegates to the 14th UTM University Presidents Forum (UTM-UPF) 2025, hosted by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) in Johor Bahru, the capital of the Malaysian state of Johor, at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula.

UTM-UPF 2025 aspires to establish a distinguished platform for the exchange of exemplary practices and the dissemination of advanced strategies aimed at catalysing the transformation of the global higher education landscape. The initiative is dedicated to fostering innovative solutions that proactively anticipate emerging trends and adeptly address the critical challenges confronting the higher education sector.

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Assalamualaikum wrbt.

Salam Malaysia Madani, Salam UTM Sanjungan Bangsa
A warm welcome from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

It is an honour and a privilege to welcome you to the **14th UTM University Presidents Forum (UTM-UPF) 2025**, one of the flagship programme under UTM Global Connect 2025. This gathering is more than a meeting of minds, it is a chance to extend kindness, share wisdom, and shape impact that reaches far beyond our own circles.

Every connection sparks change, inspiring innovation, while each collaboration carries the power to transform communities. Together, we must face the world's urgent needs with compassion, creativity, and courage.

At UTM, true engagement is not only about advancing knowledge but uplifting humanity. May this event inspire us to build better, inclusive futures.

Thank you!



PROF. DR. MOHD SHAFRY MOHD RAHIM

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OVERVIEW

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The 14th UTM University Presidents Forum 2025 convenes **global university leaders** to **scrutinise and introspectively examine higher education’s diverse roles and obligations in developing nations**. This is viewed through various lenses showcased through Panel Sessions, encompassing the sub-themes. This year’s iteration of UTM-UPF2025 will present a unique platform, the Presidents’ Round Table, comprising the participation of all attending university leaders.

UTM-UPF 2025 Sub-Themes:

- ***Elevating University Visibility: Amplifying Impact, Inspiring Excellence***
- ***Forging Innovative Research: Empowering Discovery, Shaping Future***

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM



Keynote Address



Panel Session



Collaborative Research Excellence Programme



Quickfire Connect



UPF 2025 Presidents’ Round Table

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1 : 7 October 2025 (Tuesday)

Venue: Persada Johor International Convention Centre, Johor Bahru

Time		Agenda
8:00 AM	:	Arrival of Guests and Registration
9:00 AM	:	Opening Ceremony of UTM Global Connect
10:30 AM	:	Break & Refreshments
SESSION 1: Elevating University Visibility - Amplifying Impact, Inspiring Excellence		
11:00 AM	:	Keynote Address I
11:30 AM	:	Panel Session I
12:30 PM	:	Group Photo
12:35 PM	:	Exhibition (UTM NALI & INATEX)
13:00 PM	:	Lunch Break
SESSION 2: Moving Forward Action Plan - Unlocking University Potential		
14:00 PM	:	Keynote Address II
14:30 PM	:	Panel Session II
15:30 PM	:	Collaboration Exchange Session
15:45 PM	:	Break
16:00 PM	:	Quickfire Connect
17:45 PM	:	Welcome Reception (Dress Code: Business Casual)
19:30 PM	:	End of Day 1

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

SESSION 3: Forging Innovative Research-Empowering Discovery, Shaping Future

DAY 2 : 8 October 2025 (Wednesday)

Venue: Persada Johor International Convention Centre, Johor Bahru

Time		Agenda
8:30 AM	:	Registration
9:00 AM	:	Collaborative Research Excellence Programme
10:00 AM	:	Break & Refreshments
10:30 AM	:	(Continue) Collaborative Research Excellence Programme
	:	UPF2025 Presidents' Roundtable/ Summit
12:30 PM	:	Closing Session of the 14th UTM University Presidents Forum 2025
13:00 PM	:	Lunch
14:00 PM	:	Excursion to Johor Bahru City
19:00 PM	:	End of Programme

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS I



Professor Venky Shankararaman

President of The Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)

DAY 1 (7 October 2025)

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Professor Venky Shankararaman is the Vice Provost for Education and Professor of Information Systems at Singapore Management University. He has over 30 years of experience in digital transformation, enterprise architecture, business process management, and higher education leadership. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering from the University of Strathclyde in the United Kingdom. He has received the Public Administration Medals (Silver and Bronze), the SAP Outstanding Academic Award, and the Association for Information Systems Award for contributions to education. He is currently President of the Asia Pacific Association for International Education.

MODERATOR



PROF. DR. SHAMSUL BIN SAHIBUDDIN

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS II

*"Artificial Intelligence Integration for the Future University:
A Malaysian Perspective"*



Mr. Shamsul Izhan Abdul Majid

Head of The National Artificial Intelligence Office (NAIO)

DAY 1 (7 October 2025)

14:00 PM – 14:30 PM

With over two decades of global experience in AI, digital transformation and business innovation, Mr. Shamsul Izhan Abdul Majid is a seasoned Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology and Innovation Officer (CTIO) with proven impact in technology, innovation and business growth. He is recognised for his track record in driving innovative culture and outcome across diverse landscapes of private and public sectors.

Mr. Shamsul Izhan Abdul Majid has bootstrapped start-ups, driven corporate and public sector innovation having earned national and regional awards from GovInsider (SG), IDC (USA), APICTA (Malaysia) and iAwards (Australia). He is a regular keynote speaker, advisory member for various Industry Panels and a Research Masters holder in Geospatial. Mr. Shamsul Izhan Abdul Majid is passionate about creating value and impact through technology and innovation for the advancement of society and the environment.

MODERATOR



PROF. TS. DR. INTAN ZAURAH BINTI MAT DARUS

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PANEL SESSION I

*"Elevating University Visibility- Amplifying Impact,
Inspiring Excellence"*

DAY 1 (7 October 2025)
11.30 AM - 12.30 PM

SPEAKER



Prof. Dr. Koichi Node
President of Saga University, Japan

SPEAKER



Prof. Dr. Ehsan Mesbahi
Academic Provost, Associate Vice
President (International),
University of Southampton Malaysia

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PANEL SESSION II

"Moving Forward Action Plan Unlocking University Potential"

DAY 1 (7 October 2025)

14:30 PM - 15:30 PM

SPEAKER



Prof. Dr. Nikita Anisimov

Rector of HSE University, Russia

SPEAKER



Prof. Dr. Irwan Meilano

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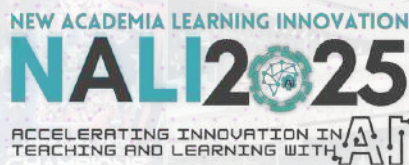
Website: <https://international.utm.my/upf/>



**INATEX 2025: 27TH INDUSTRIAL ART AND
TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION & COMPETITION 2025**

***"Harnessing AI for a Resilient and Sustainable
Future"***

Website: <https://inatex.utm.my/>



**NALI 2025: NEW ACADEMIA LEARNING
INNOVATION 2025**

***"Accelerating Innovation in Teaching and
Learning with AI"***

Website: <https://utmcdex.utm.my/nali2025/>



**D-8 NPRI: 4th D-8 Network of Pioneers for
Research, Innovation and Commercialisation
(D-8 NPRI) Summit 2025**

***"Driving Regional Innovation, Shaping
Sustainable Global Solutions"***

Website: <https://international.utm.my/4th-d-8-npri-summit/>

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