



## **UKEC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022**

Date: 8th & 9th of October 2022

Time: 8:30AM - 5:00PM

Venue: Malaysia Hall, London

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Members of the Supreme Council:**

**Sharifah Iffah Binti Syed Omar** Aberystwyth Malaysian Society  
**Danielle Leong** Aberystwyth Malaysian Society (AberMsoc)  
**Mohamad Daniyal Taff bin Mohamed Reza** Bristol Malaysian Cultural Society (MCS)  
**Fadzrul Kamarudzman** Edinburgh Malaysian Students' Association (EMSA)  
**Aisyah Zaitun** Edinburgh Malaysian Students' Association (EMSA)  
**Joel Na Zi Ming** Exeter Malaysian Society  
**Cheng Xin Yi** Exeter Malaysian Society  
**Ahmad Abraham bin Andri Aidham** Heriot-Watt Malaysian Society  
**Lim Xue Er Sheryll** Hertfordshire Malaysian Society (UHMSoc)  
**Jerome Bun** Kings College London Malaysian Society (KCLMSoc)  
**Nur Anisha Zarif** Keele Malaysian Society (KMaS)  
**Nikita Chan Wen Wei** Kent Malaysian Society  
**Emily Shim** Lancaster University Malaysian Student Society  
**Yamini Saaran** Lancaster University Malaysian Student Society ( LUMSS)  
**Benjamin Fong Ruan Wei** Leeds University Malaysian Society (LUMSOC)  
**Grace Anak Dagang** Leeds University Malaysian Society (LUMSoc)  
**Tsun Kiat Ang** Liverpool Malaysian Society (LMS)  
**Muhammad Haziq Haikal bin Muhammad** Malay Language & Culture Society (MALECS)  
**Mardhiah Binti Azhar** Malay Language and Culture Society (MALECS)  
**Cheng Yang** Sheffield University Malaysia and Singaporean Society (MASSOC)  
**Christopher Jing Yi Moloyos** Malaysian Association of Swansea University  
**Adam Aiman bin Armanudin** Malaysian Society Essex  
**Nur Mohammad Syazwan** Malaysian Society Surrey  
**Ng Jie Wei** Malaysian Society University of South Wales  
**Yew Hei Ka** Malaysian Student Society Northern Ireland (MSSNI)  
**Khong Chu Suen** Malaysian Student Society University of South Wales (MSSUSW)  
**Cassandra Lee Ying Yi** Malaysian Students' Society of Cardiff University (MSSCF)  
**Lew Jie Hao** Malaysian Students' Society of Manchester  
**Rooshillen Jayakumar** Malaysian Students' Society of Northern Ireland  
**Pang Su Yin** Malaysian Students' Society of Cardiff University (MSSCF)  
**Alicia Wong Chuei Yi** Malaysian Surrey Society  
**Ong Min Shiuan** Manchester Malaysian Society (MSSM)  
**Farah Izyan Binti Mohd Khairi** MSA SOUTHAMPTON  
**Sheera Nur Attika binti Sahizen** Newcastle University Malaysian Society (MalSoc)  
**Crystal Chia Ee Shuen** Northumbria University Malaysian Society  
**Jessie Foo Mei Yee** Northumbria University Malaysian Society (NUMS)  
**Muhammad Haziq Bin Mohamed** Nottingham Malaysian Society  
**Aidan Ip** Nottingham Malaysian Society  
**Lee Json** Plymouth Malaysian Society (Plymsoc)



## United Kingdom and Eire Council for Malaysian Students

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**Wong Jade** Plymouth Malaysian Society (Plymsoc)

**Anisah Mardhiyyah Binti Mohamad Zaki** Queen's Malay Club

**Natasha Jurdith Anak Jurit** Queen's Malay Club

**Siong Zhi Yi** Reading University Malaysian Society (RUMSOC)

**Nur Fatimah Quzandrea Johari Kamil** Reading University Malaysian Society (RUMSoc)

**Iyad Harris bin Iqmal Nizham** Southampton Malaysian Students Association

**Muhammad Qaedi Bin Nasir** Strathclyde University Malaysian Society

**Nathan Ting Xu Han** Strathclyde University Malaysian Society

**Shoraya Safri** University of East Anglia Malaysian Society (UEAMSoc)

**Emy Adriana Jaba** University of East Anglia Malaysian Society (UEAMSoc)

**Salendren Manuneethi** University of Essex Malaysian Society

**Eugene Leong** University of Hertfordshire Malaysian Society

**Hew Jun Wei** University of Sussex Malaysian Singaporean and Bruneian Society (USMBSS)

**Kintton Jaunatan** University of Sussex Malaysian Singaporean Bruneian Society (USMBSS)

**Kan Sook Teng, Sarah** University of York Malaysian Society (York Massoc)

**Audrey Tan Yi Xin** University of York Malaysian Society (York Massoc)

**Cheung Yi Lin** Warwick Malaysian Society

### Public Observers:

**Emilia Lye**

**Xuyin Tan**

## **Day 1**

### **1.0 Opening Address (HE Dato' Zakri Jaafar)**

HE Dato' Zakri Jaafar thanked UKEC for the invitation and gave his regards to VIPs, UKEC members, and SCs. He expressed his concern about the impact of the pandemic on MSocs around the UK and highlighted the government's initiative to increase the allowance of students in the UK. He emphasized that the most crucial aspect of studying in the UK is contributing to the country and encouraged students to keep updated with local issues. HE Dato' Zakri Jaafar also urged celebrating successes and constructive criticism at the AGM.

### **2.0 UKECatalyst Office Report**

Jing Qi presented the UKECatalyst Office Report. Projek Amanat Negara had 80 participants, and the new structure was designed to encourage students to share their opinions. CEKU had six short posts and three external submissions, and Coffee and Conversation had two events in Dublin and London, respectively. The events were proven to be more effective, with more input from students.

### **3.0 UKEConnect Office Report**

Shasha reported on the UKEConnect Office Report. The office managed the social media and branding, which resulted in a 22.7% annual growth in followers. The office increased audience engagement by reposting mentions in stories, and increased reels content and event posts, resulting in 188.7% growth in LinkedIn. The UKEC Wikipedia page was also created to improve organizational branding.

### **4.0 Careers Office Report**

Yan Ru presented the UKECareers Office Report. The Malaysian Career Fair had 2600 Malaysian talents, about 9 webinars from 13 companies, and around 3000 interviews. The Corporate Luncheon invited 100 students with the most impressive CV to network with companies, and 25 students were successful. The office also created UKECollab to increase synergy between student organizations, conducted CV clinics, and held regional career events in southeast, southwest, Oxford, and Yorkshire.

### **5.0 Treasury Office Report**

Sia presented the Treasury Office Report. The office had 300 signups for the Employability Checklist (virtual) and held a financial literacy event, where the CEO of Berjaya Group talked about stocks, trends, index funds, and personal experience. The UKEC fund approved an average of £100-£200 per event, totalling £28k for 12 MSocs, with a net profit of £44.8k. The office also secured lots of sponsorships for flagship events.

### **6.0 UKECares Office**

Melati presented the UKECares Office Report. The office organized Impact Stories, a physical event focused on individual experiences, like a TED Talk. They also held regional events on mental health and healthy coping mechanisms, and sign language classes, and collaborated with the Malaysian Deaf Association. The office organized fundraising for

Malaysian students and created the Green Table group discussion to talk about mental health struggles among Malaysian students.

### **7.0 Secretary and Strategy Office Report**

Meor presented the Secretary and Strategy Office Report, highlighting some of the key events that can be considered the backbone of UKEC. These events included the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2021, which was the first physical event held by UKEC since the pandemic started. The AGM served as a platform for members to connect and discuss important issues. Additionally, the office organized an Annual Recruitment Drive in September and October 2021, which saw the highest number of applicants this year. Another significant event was the Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) held at Imperial, which was attended by a large number of members. The office also organized language classes, with volunteers from Malaysia and the UK teaching Jawi. They also worked on a layout for LENSEA, inspired by Humans of New York.

During the Q&A session, no questions were asked.

### **8.0 Regional Chairpersons Office Report**

Faz presented the Regional Chairpersons Office Report, explaining why he chose to stay for another year. He emphasized the importance of retaining a sense of belonging and empowering Student Committees (SCs) to rebuild and engage with UKEC. The office decentralized their presence and coordinated discussions to support SCs. They also organized the most physical regional events in a year and made 5 CFAs (Community Fundraising Activities) with UKECares. She flew to Ireland for the Coffee and Conversation regional event and held personalized career talks in the Careers Office. In order to diversify their regional events, they hosted a financial literacy event. Although they did not organize any events in Scotland, they engaged in discussions and shared their plan with the SCs. They introduced two initiatives: Freshers Handbook and Freshers 101, with the latter seeing the highest turnout of a non-flagship event. Additionally, they introduced monthly postings to promote events in the month.

During the Q&A session, a member asked how they would manage a regional event in Scotland alone. Faz explained that after several discussions, it was not feasible to hold an event, especially during that time. They briefed the EC and RC on how the event would go, and the RCs decided with the SCs on the execution plan.

### **9.0 UKEChairs Office Report**

Nicole presented the UKEChairs Office Report, which focused on promoting student activism, handling external stakeholder engagement, and organizing events to gather Malaysian students to discuss pertinent issues in Malaysia. The 16th edition of the Malaysian Students Leaders Summit (MSLS) was more inclusive and cost-effective, with 500 participants. The event was streamed live on Awani, and funding was secured for students to travel to KL. They also reached a surplus, which would be given to MSocs. The office organized the Jom Undi campaign, where they held three workshops on politics in Malaysia

and helped students to register to vote. They invited five speakers for the Townhall sessions to increase intellectual discourse. Together with KPUM, they protected students' free speech and improved SC participation in media statements to show support for public statements. The office released four statements this year and increased the number of public service announcements. They also worked to improve their ASEAN network by connecting with the Brunei Students Union, Thai, and Singapore.

During the Q&A session, a member asked Nicole about her most memorable learning experience. Nicole shared that when you are in advocacy, you get involved politically, and one lesson that she learned that is applicable to everyone is to believe in yourself. She added that you have to get your team on your side and make decisions based on who will be impacted.

### **10.0 Executive Council 21/22 Dissolution**

In the dissolution speech, Nicole highlighted that the council was elected during the pandemic, which made it challenging for MSocs to stay connected due to virtual events. However, the main priority was to get MSocs back on track and achieve a quick recovery. The council focused on creating a more representative council once they recovered and decentralizing events, ensuring events were held in every region. They moved away from professional events to a more casual approach. Nicole expressed her pride in her work for UKEC and emphasized the need for a stronger Malaysian connection within the UK community. She concluded by officially announcing the dissolution of the UKEC Executive Council 2021/22.

### **11.0 Executive Council 22/23**

Wef officiated and introduced the newly elected E10s and RCs. He wishes the best for the new council

### **12.0 Shadow Council Report**

UKEC Chairperson 2022, Syed Rifqi, outlined the Shadow Council's work during the shadowing period, which included a summer regional meeting, a summer strategic meeting at University Malaya, and online sessions on Zoom. They gathered feedback and ideas from the Shadow Council and worked towards transparency and good governance, including UKEC's registration under ROS and making information accessible on the website. They also aimed to enhance the student experience by bringing back physical career fairs, decentralizing Impact stories, creating a Malaysian yearbook, and improving study methods. The Shadow Council also planned to drive GE15 voter participation and establish a special committee to address the cost of living. They aimed to engage all Malaysian societies and regions to ensure everyone could participate in these initiatives.

#### **12.1 Shadow Council Report: Q&A**

During the Q&A session, the topics discussed included the clashing of events and how to prevent them from happening in the future. It was suggested that SCs should approach RCs and inform UKEC first before booking venues to avoid clashes. The issue of Manchester

Mnight, which clashed with one of UKEC's flagship events, was also raised, and the possibility of UKEC funding postal voting was discussed. Syed Rifqi clarified that UKEC did not run the postal voting, and if UKEC needed to raise funds for it, it would depend on the number of students and regions involved, but it was unlikely to cost students any money.

### **13.0 Motion Debate: Public Motion 1 (Support for Vote Malaysia)**

During the motion debate, Syed Rifqi presented the argument in support of the "Vote Malaysia" initiative, which comprises 14 organizations aimed to encourage all Malaysian students around the world to vote, especially after the implementation of the Undi 18 act. With 21.7 million voters, it is essential to exercise the right to vote and know how to vote. Furthermore, the initiative aims to facilitate postal voting for those who need it, and registration as a postal voter is required.

Akif raised some questions about the impact of voting for Malaysians who are living far away and the importance of one's vote. He pointed out that it is almost impossible to force everyone to vote and suggested working with the Malaysian Society and organizing workshops to raise awareness about postal voting. The Student Chapters (SCs) could also help by asking their members to register.

#### **13.1: Public Motion 1: Q&A**

In response to questions about the voting process, Syed Rifqi stated that UKEC would fly back with the votes to ensure each vote returns to Malaysia. He also noted that the process is long, and they plan to document every part of it to make it transparent. KPUM would handle compliance, ensuring the integrity of the vote.

#### **13.2 Public Motion 1: Results**

96% - In favour

2%- Against

2%- Abstain

Public motion passed.

### **14.0 Private Motion 1 (Special Committee on the UKEC Constitution)**

The motion proposed that UKEC register under the ROS, but the proposal was rejected because UKEC needed to follow the ROS template. The name "UKEC" did not comply with the law, and the constitution needed to be in Malay.

Khairul emphasized the importance of the manifesto as UKEC runs as the shadow council. He stated that UKEC must study the law to draft the constitution and need cooperation from others. The engagement session was to gather feedback to serve Malaysian students better. The draft of the constitution would follow the previous one, and they would try to be

transparent in the regional meetings or directly with the director of strategies. The final draft would be presented for everyone to vote on.

Qi En stressed the importance of the council's duty to serve Malaysian Society. She questioned whether the SCs knew that they would be part of UKEC when they were elected as president or vice president. Not all of the Supreme councillors knew, which was why UKEC needed to draft the constitution again.

#### **14.1 Private Motion 1: Q&A**

During the Q&A session, Khairul clarified that registering under the ROS would give UKEC protection under the body of law and fulfil the manifesto in their mandate. They would try to balance this with potential interference from the government.

#### **14.2 Private Motion 1: Result**

60% - In favour

33%- Against

6%- Abstain

Motion is rejected.

***End***



## **Day 2**

### **Topic: UKEC role in facilitating Malaysian student life in the UK and Ireland**

#### **Talkpoints:**

- Scotland housing issue:
  - Glasgow SC noted that finding accommodations for their students is a serious issue in the region
  - UKEC can create awareness about the problem and provide resources and contacts for struggling students
  - UKEC can also help advertise available flats/rooms
- London rent property issue:
  - Students need to pay 6 months upfront and require a collective guarantor
  - UKEC can provide guidelines and resources for students to navigate this process
- Exchange students:
  - They only have 1 semester but may not get university accommodation or find other accommodations too expensive
  - UKEC can advertise on social media to connect students with extra rooms or spaces
- Long-term solution:
  - UKEC can create a room listing for every available house/flat for students to easily find accommodations

### **Topic: Concerns/issues with VoteMalaysia initiative**

#### **Talkpoints:**

- Proper guidelines for voting:
  - UKEC should come up with guidelines for voting to ensure transparency in the process
- Logistical issues:
  - The process of collecting votes does not seem viable logistically
  - UKEC plans to divide the voting by region and subsidize travel expenses for collecting ballots
  - UKEC will collect data on interested voters to assess the most efficient way to transport the ballots



**Topic: Key concerns of the Malaysian student community and addressing them**

**Talkpoints:**

- Housing crisis:
  - Glasgow and London SCs noted the housing crisis as a serious issue in their regions
  - UKEC can create awareness about the problem and provide resources and contacts for struggling students
  - UKEC can also help advertise available flats/rooms
- Monthly meeting with the RC:
  - RC office should improve communication with the SCs
  - One-on-one calls with SCs and monthly meetings with RC can improve communication and engagement
- UKEC-GRADUAN The Malaysian Career Fair:
  - Should be hybrid to accommodate students from Scotland and Ireland
  - Regional engagement sessions should be done
- Motion debate:
  - Include an opposition to bring out controversial opinions and ensure transparency
  - Infopack should include motion debate topics and explanations

**Topic: Encouraging student voting and workshops**

**Talkpoints:**

- UKEC plans to hold workshops to teach students the proper method of voting overseas
- Many students in the UK are not aware of the importance of voting
- UKEC can create awareness about voting and encourage students to participate

**Topic: Improving regional events**

**Talkpoints:**

- Regional events are important for sponsorship bargaining power
- The pictures of regional events are strong to show the community's society to potential sponsors
- More funds can be given to great regional events
- Malaysian companies love outreach and want people to know about their company
- UKEC can create a calendar for SCs to include activities in the regional events.

***END***

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