



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Date: 21st October 2017

Time: 8.00AM - 6.00PM

Venue: High Commission of Malaysia, 52 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4LR

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Supreme Council:

Malaysian Society Essex
University Of Birmingham Malaysian Society
Northumbria University Malaysian Society
University of York Malaysian Society (York MASSoc)
Malaysian Students' Society of Manchester (MSSM)
Warwick Malaysian Students Association
Heriot-Watt Malaysian Society
Cambridge University Malaysia Society
Oxford Brookes Malaysian Society
University of Portsmouth Malaysian Society
Young Malaysian Engineers
KPUM: United Kingdom & Eire Malaysian Law Students' Union
Imperial College Union Malaysian Society
SOAS Malaysian Society
Liverpool Malaysian Society
Malaysian Singaporean Student Association (Bristol)
Queen Mary Malaysian Society
City, University of London Malaysian Society
Edinburgh Malaysian Students' Association (EMSA)
Malaysian Student Society of Northern Ireland
Exeter Malaysian Society
Reading University Malaysian Bruneian Singaporean Association
University College London Malaysian Society
Aston University Malaysian Society
Newcastle University Malaysian Society
Nottingham Malaysian Society
Malay Cultural Society University of Bristol
Malaysian Student Society, University Of South Wales

Malay Language & Cultural Society
Southampton Malaysian Students Association
Malaysian Students' Society of Cardiff University
Leeds University Malaysian and Singaporean Society
Sheffield Malaysian Students Association
St Andrews Malaysian International Group
Malaysian Association of Swansea University
London School of Economics Students' Union Malaysia Club

Public Members:

Arveent Kathirtchelvan
Nurul Hannah binti Haslimi
Nawarzir Ahmad Zuri
Yew Hui Chuin
Muhammad Syafiq bin Rozhan
Cia Yee Goh
Jayden Chan
Joshua Yip
Nuraiman Bin Shaiful Annuar
Jurleo Jurit
Hilman Arif
Datin Balkhis Rezeki
Firdaus
Maxine Lim
Karlchan
Michelle Liu
Luqman Sufyan
Tharanitharan GenCorp
Syazwan BPN
Syed Arif
Wai Lun
Jun Hann Lim

OPENING	
PRESENTER	Victoria Yeoh
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.40am: Introduction to AGM and prayer recital by Muhammad Idran Haziq 9.43am: Opening Speech by UKEC Chairperson, Izzat Zalis
OFFICIATING ADDRESS	
PRESENTER	Encik Firdaus
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We should work together, students in the UK and Ireland, for the wellbeing of everyone. - Malaysian societies should aim to develop interpersonal skills and cultural literacy in students. As student leaders, we should be a support system to other peers and students. - We should work together for constructive and impactful programs such as career programs and leadership programs. - The Malaysian High Commission is in full support of activities that develop student's character and skills. - We urge Malaysian students to represent their country well and portray national success to other people, develop students with poor values and participate in the global arena.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT 2016/2017	
PRESENTERS	Faizul bin Zuraimi, Kor Eik Huan, Esmeralda Noor, Grace Wong, Ira Zalis Ismail, Pavitra Kumarasamy, Amirul Hakim, Izzat Zalis Ismail
DISCUSSION	<p>9.54am:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson/ Deputy Chairperson Office by Faizul bin Zuraimi <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship with Supreme Councillors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support and promote their Malaysian society activities. Regional Chairperson Empowerment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More autonomy and responsibility for the Regional Chairperson. - Build momentum through feasible regional events, for example, Coffee and Conversations and the CV Workshop. Further decentralization and relevance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Utilise existing resources and hidden opportunities. - Engage more with Malaysian societies through Strategic Meeting. - Set agendas on developing trends, for example, the 4th Industrial Revolution in MSLS. - Introduced the new Presidential Debate during MSLS.

- **Secretariat Office by Kor Eik Huan**

- First Executive Council meeting: Allow the Executive Council to get to know each other.
- OGM: Update the Supreme Councillors and debate motions,
- AGM: Allow the Executive Council to report on activities, and confirm and elect the new Executive Council.
- Produced 8 editions of newsletters and found a noticeable increase in subscribers.

- **Strategies Office by Esmeralda Noor**

- Post-mortems for events.
- Proposals for ministerial visits.
- Approach MOE for collaborations.
- Contact sponsors for flagship events such as MSLS.
- Oversee the Tourism Malaysia UKEC fund.
- Improve marketing strategy- through FaceBook analytics.

- **UKECareers Office by Grace Wong**

- Tackle brain drain in Malaysia by hosting the Career Fair every year
- Hosted 5 regional career events in UK, reached out to 200 students – for example, PWC in Bristol, career event for medical students in Ireland.
- CV Drive: Collected more than 2800 CVs.
- Career Fair was held on 2nd April 2017. More than 30 companies participated in Career Fair and we had new companies, for example, GE, Danone and TNB. The Career Fair attracted over 6000 students. The following 2 days were interview days.
- Had a career survey, career tab on website and summer visit to ASTRO.
- Thank you for the support from GRADUAN and everyone.

- **UKECatalyst Office by Ira Zalis Ismail**

- The 14th PAN was held and it was more comprehensive; there was pre-PAN, PAN and post-PAN so that the impact is continuous.
- PAN this year was less of a spectator-based event, but it focused more on breakout sessions.
- Pre-PAN: Had a survey on topics interested, UKEConversation on FaceBook, Coffee and Conversations in Manchester talked about Budget.
- PAN: Introduced the TN50 wall and networking wall.
- Post-PAN: Collaborated with KPUM to hold an event about political funding in Malaysia.

What's next for UKECatalyst:

- Strongly encourage two medium-sized events instead of one

big-sized event. This allows us to engage with more SCs and have a wider reach of audience.

- Go to PAN to hear your peers, speak your opinions, debate and get a resolution passed on to MSLS.

- **UKECares Office by Pavitra Kumarasamy**

- UKECares looks after the welfare of Malaysian students.

- Held events such as Sharing The Kindness (STK), Let's Read and Touching Hearts.

- STK: 8/12 regions participated to spread kindness to the local in UK, for example, prepared food for the homeless people.

- UKECares check: A platform that promotes volunteering opportunities, any Malaysian society or organisation can promote their activity there.

- Charity raffle: A platform for KALSOM to fundraise, managed to raise £130.50.

- Inspire Initiative: Recruited Malaysian writers to write about volunteer experience.

- Let's Read!: Recruited volunteers to read together with the children, at Sunway Velocity mall.

- Touching Hearts: Spent the weekend with children at Rumah Titian Kaseh, teaching and helping them and also having other activities.

- **UKEConnect Office by Amirul Hakim**

Aim: Relevance, quality and outreach

1. Relevance

- Get students to understand the function of UKEC and the importance of the event.

2. Quality

- Provided consistency to UKEC's brand promotion.

- Installed internal filter system, so that nothing comes out ugly.

3. Outreach

- Reached out and spread information to many students.

- Efficient data collection, promote in FaceBook and Insta, increased followers and subscribers. There is a 200% increase in average monthly visits on UKEC's FaceBook page.

- Revamped website.

- **Presentation of Financial Statements by Izzat Zalis (on behalf of Gabriel Mak)**

- Platinum sponsors: Pwc, Maxis, CIMB, Gold sponsor: ASTRO, Strategic partner: ICAEW

- Secured funds from Tourism Malaysia, used £1200 for MNight and Cultural initiatives all around UK

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money spread across offices: Cares, Catalyst, Careers, Connect - Managed to cut down cost for PAN and MSLS - Career Fair exceeded budget a bit, but this is due to the Shadow Council Election.
SPECIAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS	
PRESENTERS	Supreme Councillors & Malaysian Organisation Representatives
DISCUSSION	<p>10.55am:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imperial College Union Malaysian Society by Kin Sern Imperial MNight will be held on the 10th and 11th of March 2018. • Presentation on Education Review by Joshua Yip, UKEC Alumni <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People are often uninformed about where they should study, causing them to make poor decisions. - Education Review aims to provide reliable, unbiased and accessible information on educational institutions by students for students. - The national minimum wage in UK is £7.50. If you provide a review, you are provided with £10 for this review. There will be 7 questions per review. If you give a reliable and unbiased review that will help students, you will get a maximum of 10 pounds. Any additional review given by members of a society earns additional £2 per person to the society. - This makes education transparent and also allows you to earn money on the side. - All you have to do is download the form, answer the questions and email back the form. - FaceBook Page: Education Review - The website is being developed and will be launched soon.
DISSOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2016/2017	
PRESENTER	Izzat Zalis Ismail
	<p>11.06am:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Izzat Zalis Ismail announces the dissolution of the UKEC Executive Council 2016/2017.

CONFIRMATORY VOTING	
PRESENTER	Chang Han Jien, Fatin Farhana, Syahmi, Faizul bin Zuraimi, Valerie Law, Qistina Syasya
DISCUSSION	11.10am:

National Treasurer- Chang Han Jien

Accomplished:

- Held a budget screening session, so everyone has a clear financial planning for the year to ensure that everyone is in sync with what we want

to do. Another session will be held after AGM.

- Internal auditing.

- Most of the reimbursements have been completed, in terms of transport and miscellaneous.

- Set up a Google form showing the breakdown of each expense, and paid back everyone exactly the same amount.

Future plans:

- Financial reports will be sent to the Executive Council members after every major event if possible. The financial reports will also be sent to Supreme Councillors.

- Digital expansion in terms of data collection, so that the Treasury Office can easily key in data.

Q&A

Q: Why are you suitable for this role?

A: I am a second year student studying Economics in UCL. My past experiences in UKEC, being in the Strategies Office, have prepared me for this role. Throughout the 6 months shadow period, I have also learnt a lot in terms of how to manage the account and budgeting. I am also passionate about what I do in UKEC. Therefore, I believe that I am capable for this role.

Q: What is your allocation of budget for each region?

A: This year, there will be a different system to allocate funds, known as the UKEC Reward system. This will encourage every Malaysian society to be more involved in Malaysian society activities in the UK. Points will be allocated based on attendance, marketing on social media and so on. Therefore, we are not looking at just regional funds, but also encouraging Malaysian societies to be more active in events. We will be looking at this in a more precise and case-to-case basis. We will also be stricter in terms of regional funds. We acknowledge that some Malaysian societies are self-sustainable, but this allows them to earn more money.

Q: How does the point-based system work since some Malaysian societies are smaller and do not have the capability to come to your events?

A: This system runs on a percentile system, so it is still a healthy and competitive system. For example, participation in events such as AGM will be a fair point.

Q: Where does Tourism Malaysia fund go to?

A: Tourism Malaysia are financially restricted this year, so there will no longer be a Tourism Malaysia funding. All initiatives under Tourism Malaysia will now fall under regional funding.

Result:

Chang Han Jien won with 95% majority.

General Secretary- Fatin Farhana

- Engine of the council, work closely with everyone and every single office
- Conduct meetings for UKEC, for example, Ordinary General Meeting, Shadow Council Election and Annual General Meeting.

Accomplished:

- Preparation for MSLS XI, led the sponsorship department and resolution debate.
- Worked with the Deputy Chairperson to help the Supreme Councillors in promoting their events, for example, in the newsletter.
- Provided resources for Supreme Councillors.
- Headed the UKEC Recruitment Drive 17/18.
- Assisted Syahmi, Deputy Chairperson-elect to do the Supreme Councillor and Regional Chairperson guidelines.

Future plans:

- Change the webhost in February.
- Create the framework of event conduct.
- Improve task delegation and monitoring of the Executive Council with help from UKECares office.
- Revamp the website.

Q&A

Q: Why does AGM always clash with Leeds Malaysian Games (LMG) when LMG is planned first?

A: We have to consider many factors and issues when we plan the date of an event such as AGM but we cannot control the clashing of events. This is the best weekend to hold AGM as it cannot be too early, as students were just settling in but not too late either.

Result:

Fatin Farhana won with 73.8% majority.

Deputy Chairperson- Syahmi Rafsanjani

Three main pillars:

1. Platform
2. Data centric
3. Leadership

Future plans:

- UKEC Rewards: To reward Malaysian societies for the work they do for Malaysians and encourage Malaysian societies to work with UKEC (point system). We will have the Focus Group to consult the Supreme Councillors on this tomorrow.
- UKEC Cultural Initiative.
- Supreme Councillor Guidelines: A guideline on how to organise their societies, how to submit a motion during meetings etc.
- UKEC website revamp: There will be a new UKEC Calendar for easier event submission.
- Regional Chairperson Framework: Regional Chairpersons will be the first line for Malaysian societies to consult.

Q&A

Q: What are your plans to support non-regional societies such as KPUM?

A: I will give societies like these the platform to have discussions and focus groups.

Q: What are UKEC's plans in terms of human rights and to carry out the motion passed in OGM 2017?

A: We have touched on Budget 2018, which is not directly political to play safe. UKEC tries not to dwell too much on the partisan part.

Q: The point metrics are unachievable by small Malaysian societies. Can you reconsider this?

A: We are putting more emphasis on smaller Malaysian societies, not that we are ditching bigger Malaysian societies. We will be working on the full document later.

Q: What will you promise to us if we have events?

A: We can always discuss if you need help in the events. I cannot promise but I can deliver.

Q: MSSNI is not a small society but it's far. There seems to be a lot of focus on small societies. However, it costs too much for our members to fly to the events. Do you acknowledge that it is a disadvantage for students that stay far away? How are you going to make it easier for us?

A: We will talk about this more in the focus groups tomorrow.

Q: Will the point system be put out tomorrow for it to be voted on?

A: No.

Q: Why does it take so long for UKEC to come up with initiatives to protect student rights?

A: UKEC does fight for the rights of student activism. For example, we collaborated with the Malaysian society in Scotland for the Levy act.

Q: The previous Supreme Councillor of St Andrews did not have good communication with UKEC. I had to make my own initiative to contact UKEC. The invitation for this AGM was sent to the wrong Supreme Councillors.

A: I have the database of emails. I'm not sure why you did not receive the email about AGM but there may have been some miscommunication. Thank you for contacting UKEC.

Result:

Syahmi Rafsanjani won with 57% accept, 29% reject and 14% abstain.

Chairperson- Faizul bin Zuraimi

Three key characteristics:

1. Promotes volunteerism
2. Platform for youth empowerment
3. Non-partisan

- Focus on core competence as an umbrella body. For example, the Cultural Initiative gathered Malaysian societies in one place and we brought in the experts in culture to point out some solutions. The Strategic Meeting was held to come up with solutions collectively.
- A platform to support Malaysian societies- UKEC Rewards, Malaysian society guidelines
- A platform for intellectual and community development. For example, we are working with TalentCorp and forming [i]mpact, an ad hoc committee for certain things.

Q&A

Q: In Izzat's presentation, he mentioned developing trends. Another developing trend we will all see is the general election. What are UKEC's plans for political activities given that the motion has been passed last year and it is a current developing trend?

A: The initial plan was to have a discussion on that in the focus group. One of our limitations is that we have a lot of things happening during summer break, but it does not mean that we don't do it. We have been approached to work together on the declaration. We have done what we could by having the round table session and organising the focus group tomorrow. For own initiative for the General Election, it can be a topic during PAN and we can use [i]mpact to explore different policies and manifestos. We are still trying to continue the voter's registration, but we cannot promise anything at the moment. We are trying to set up voting booths at flagship events as well such as Nottingham Malaysian Games. We can also be a platform for people to discuss about GE.

Q: UKEC works closely with non-regional societies. Is there a more systematic manner in which we can work together?

A: Yes. There will be that one person to go to, if you want to work together with UKEC. That is the most systematic way.

Q: Why is it that Malaysian politicians come to London and engage with Malaysian students only? Why not to non-Malaysians as well? Why not UKEC try to engage with the non-Malaysians to internationalise UKEC to make it better?

A: I am not sure about this, as I am not a politician. Trying to see things from their perspective, they care about Malaysians more as they are the voters. Some of them do engage with non-Malaysians but mostly

non-Malaysian professionals and not students. We are thinking of approaching a representative from NUS, but we are still exploring that. With [i]mpact, there will be an ad-hoc committee based in London under the Regional Chairperson, that specialise in engaging with these public figures that come to London.

Result:

Faizul bin Zuraimi won with 94% accept, 3% reject and 3% abstain.

Vice Chairperson of UKECareers- Valerie Law

Key takeaways:

1. Career fair

- It is an event held together with GRADUAN, this year it will be back at Lancaster Gate Hotel.
- Marketing to start in January.
- All questions can be directed to the event page.
- Career interest survey will be carried out to see what kind of companies you want to come.
- Sponsor sessions will be held.

2. Regional career events

- Events held before the career fair to help students prepare for career fair.
- Any Supreme Councillors interested in having a regional career event can approach their Regional Chairperson or the careers team directly.

3. Website

- Internship tab and interview series.
- Information and tips will be given.

Future initiative:

- Collaboration with Inter-CV, which is a company based in the UK, focused on CV building. They will help with any questions regarding your CV.

Q&A

Q: Regarding hosting career events in our region, in terms of companies that would come, is it our own initiative?

A: The best way to approach it is to find out the kind of companies that you want to come. Then, we can discuss together to know your wants.

Q: How early should we plan an event if we want to have an event in mid January?

A: It is best to start as soon as possible, as the company may not be free to come. It is best for you to take initiative and be more proactive.

Q: What do you think of the Career Fair this year?

A: It is the Careers department's baby. We care and value it a lot. In terms of improvement, the venue can be bigger and sponsor sessions can be more engaging. We also plan to bring in companies that you guys are more interested in having.

Q: What careers are you targeting specifically?

A: It depends on whether the company wants to come, what students' want and how many spots there are. We are trying to expand and accommodate as many industries as possible.

Result:

Valerie Law won with 76% accept, 9% reject and 15% abstain.

1.30pm : Lunch break

2.30pm:

Vice Chairperson of UKECares - Qistina Syasya

Lessons learned throughout period in Shadow Council:

- Decision making.
- Importance of discussion and cooperation.
- Maintaining good external relationships.
- UKECares is not just about charity work, but having to involve as many Malaysians for our events.

Plans:

- UKEC-MERCY Malaysia UK Rohingya Project: fundraising for this cause. Get SCs to be involved and support the SCs by giving promotional materials to provide legitimacy of the project. Might involve potential ability to join trips to the countries involved with MERCY Malaysia

	<p>- UKEC Impact - creating a medium to gather people who want to do ad hoc works</p> <p>- Sharing session with youths and change makers - to materialise ideas they have in mind</p> <p>If our programmes do not involve a lot of students, it will defeat the purpose</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Q: Community-based projects are what UKEC focuses on, so what is your view on having collaborations with charity organisation like The Kalsom Movement in order to get more people to support both of our events?</p> <p>A: UKEC will be happy to do so because we want to do events for the people and not for us. There needs to be coordination with other charity organisations to come up with one thing in common and to contribute to a common cause</p> <p>Result:</p> <p>Qistina Syasya won with 69% accept, 7% reject and 19% abstain.</p>
ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF UKECONNECT	
PRESENTER	Iman Sharil, Nur Aishah
DISCUSSION	<p>1. Iman Sharil</p> <p>What to pursue?- A marketing leader for UKEC and to promote the image of UKEC as a whole</p> <p>About himself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4th place for Liga Remaja Kreatif - 1st place for MARA National Poster Making Competition - Best National Humanitarian Aid Documentation under MARA <p>About what he can do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 years experience in using Photoshop - Put up an online event calendar, on a platform called TeamUp <p>2. Aishah Abdullah</p> <p>Main ideas - Collect, Interact, Connect</p> <p>Problems:</p>

- Lack of comprehensive data archive - Compile data to form reference for future committee members of Malaysian Societies (MSocs)
- High volume of emails for liaisons between UKEC and SC - Use one platform
- Social media presence - Appearance is only high during flagship events. Want to use Instagram and Twitter much heavily. To be engaging and make UKEC's presence felt and to subconsciously appear on timelines.

Solutions:

- Have a database, as an archival resource centre for MNight proposals, photos, videos. To be set up in a user friendly design.
- Integration - To connect in a virtual way using a login portal with a status bar feature in order to submit and track status for RSVP of events from SCs and to compile contact details.
- Dual look for UKEC using a digital marketing strategy - Increasing presence on social media with a signature branding. Facebook as a formal and informative platform while Twitter and Instagram would feature more fun elements.

Q&A and comments

1. Faizul - This is not a question but a challenge. Sell the UKEC pin to the audience.
2. Farhana - How are you going to increase our outreach?
Iman: Best way is to promote internally to SCs by making a series of Interesting Malaysians video. Documented and produced by UKEC, it can be used to promote Malaysians and the videos can also be used to apply for careers.
3. Fad, Cardiff - What is the difference between your version of the online calendar and the current calendar on the UKEC website?
Iman: The SCs know about the current calendar but not the general public. UKEC will be the admin of the calendar, but the SCs will have access but must be given permission to post. In order to avoid clashes of events with other MSocs, presidents must negotiate with each other.
4. Faiz - Aishah, are you going to do the database for the archive?

	<p>Aishah: I use wordpress for my own blog and I am familiar to it. I will spearhead this idea together with Syahmi.</p> <p>5. Amirul Hakim - Introduce yourself and give your last point in your manifesto.</p> <p>Aishah: I enjoy marketing, and to give impact towards others, Because the UKEConnect facilitates other departments and can also help with UKEC's and SC's events.</p> <p>Iman - UKEC to do free reviews, because we have followers. Through free reviews, we promote events from other MSocs. Promoting shouldn't only be in the newsletter because the newsletter is not forwarded to all MSocs.</p> <p>6. JingHann - How would you promote and sell the pin (UKEC) to a first year student who does not know anything.</p> <p>Aishah - Add the fun elements of UKEC, to show that we are humans.</p> <p>Iman - Tell them that UKEC is an umbrella body for all Malaysian Societies. Use videos to promote.</p> <p>Result: Nur Aishah won by 83% in the first round of voting.</p>
ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF UKECATALYST	
PRESENTERS	Aiman Shahirah, Aimran Sarhan, Kasyfi, Ariff Aiman, Vikneswaran
DISCUSSION	<p>1. Aiman Shahirah</p> <p>Purpose of UKECatalyst - Projek Amanat Negara (PAN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Want it to be more engaging. Speakers should show rather than tell and come because they want to do so. To have PAN outside of London <p>Wider networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have Pre-PAN and Post-PAN - Continue with the live streaming - To have channels or google form to provide poll for society's opinions <p>Work Tradition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on ideas and work through it together. To encourage better work ethics <p>2. Aimran Sarhan</p>

	<p>Many debate experiences and one week internship shadowing at Penang Institute. A very determined and charismatic person. Believes in teamwork, "teamwork makes the team work". Very engaged with the community</p> <p>R: Reflection - TEDxUKEC - to reflect on how far we've come as a nation and to invite speakers from various fields</p> <p>O: Open mindedness - to increase the international awareness of Malaysian students</p> <p>J: Judgement - to increase the opportunity to make rational decisions by hosting UKEC-MUN conference (use a different type of format)</p> <p>A: Ambition - to enable Malaysian students to believe that they can be world leaders by creating a bridge between UKECareers and UKECatalyst</p> <p>K: Knowledge - create the UKEC University Challenge and to provide an intellectual environment for all</p> <p>3. Kasyfi</p> <p>To gather the youth's voice by having townhall sessions</p> <p>To raise awareness by the introduction of Pre-PAN and Post-PAN</p> <p>Pre-PAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - give the students the freedom to choose the topics they want to talk about - Have Facebook polls for Malaysians to vote and for every section, give topics in fields like social, economics, environment, entrepreneurship <p>Post PAN - UKEConference - have a live video conference via Facebook</p> <p>If elected, wants to align the topics with what students want, to provide an avenue for Malaysians to be heard and to give commitment to UKEConversations</p> <p>4. Ariff Aiman</p> <p>Ensuring equal access to all, anti-establishment</p> <p>Problems :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political apathy - It is a trend pertinent among youths. There is a lack of interest in participating in political discourse as reflected in the voter turnout of general elections - Relevance of UKEC - How to differentiate between us and ICMS and other niche societies
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- Ensuring participation from the grassroots level, revitalising UKEC and decentralisation
- PAN as a medium of political awareness - Guided through global trends in Malaysia,. Have an election based programme for PAN. Make surveys and have briefing for voter registration too during PAN
- Enhancing cooperation - External cooperation (complementarity) work with KPUM, BPN and the rest
- Improving means of communication - Lower the barrier to participation as much as possible and allowing grassroots participation

5. Vikneswaran Raj

Three things to do

- Youth empowerment is important - help me to engage because we need to know what students want. Have Pre-PAN with the help of Regional Chairpersons and have PAN as a platform to stimulate students. Have breakout sessions and get other societies like KPUM to have specific events during the breakouts
- Pilot MUN Project - play the role of cabinet ministers and simulate problem solving in real life
- Bring mini PAN Conference to Dublin and also bring in local experts

Q&A and comments

1. Aside from PAN and MUN, what other ideas do you have to stimulate the intellectual side of members?

- Viknes - Design thinking lab like the one in Germany, Tutorial lab and interaction with ambassadors
- Ariff - Publication of videos to make sure everybody has equal chances to information and to hold forums focussed on students, where we call the students to speak instead of public figures as speakers
- Kasyfi - organise competitions on how to solve problems, judging criteria based on videos and usefulness of idea, debate competitions
- Aimran - first TEDxUKEC to diversify intellectual thinking and discourse, there will be no specific field. Host the first UKEC University Challenge
- Aiman - Ask ideas from students

	<p>2. Opening participation to local students for MSLS would make the resolution submission session as not relevant to them because some issues revolve around overseas students. Is it relevant to let the local students attend and how could you improve MSLS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aiman - Filter the questions - Aimran - Good avenue for open mindedness - Kasyfi - Can reach bigger audience, opportunity to exchange thoughts. Local students also have a say in whatever the world looks like - Ariff - Not a problem, MSLS would be better to be a spectator engaging programme - Viknes - For all Malaysian students over summer, the more ideas you can get by exploring and talking to more people. Have Oxbridge debate during MSLS. <p>3. Ira: PAN needs a reformation, incorporate big ideas into PAN. Make it an RC thing to have small PAN events. What is your KPI and how do you measure them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ariff - measure the voter registration and see how many more people has registered after PAN, especially after making PAN an election based programme - Kasyfi - to know whether our ideas are rational, implemented, or aligned with our constitution - Aimran - PAN as a lifestyle to think more constructively and have more qualitative measure - Aiman - contents of PAN and if it delivers to the audience - Viknes - ensure to initiate - UKECares summer placements for students to get them to do real work <p>4. Ewanina - Besides the intellectual part of UKECatalyst, do you have the event managing skills? And what are the top 3 things students want from UKEC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kasyfi - yes, was the Director for Carnival Day and Presidents of English Society - Aimran - micro level supporting to gauge the initial consensus of the debate. Students would not want to debate what they don't like - Ariff - organised the Invictus Camp, developed module on career opportunities for post SPM. Students want important topics, demographics in Malaysia and political analysis
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Viknes - give back to fellow Malaysians, have bigger outreach to students <p>5. How feasible are your ideas? And where did you get your information from?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Aimran - attended many Tedx conferences and have been in contact with organisers. Has experience in chairing MUN conferences- Kasyfi - have voting session during Pre-PAN. Use Facebook poll to vote for the options. Have UKEConference for post pan, schedule video conferences.- Ariff - Admittedly I had to talk to members of organisations- Viknes -For the design thinking lab and MUN, already has a group who can help. In contact with TN50 Ambassador <p>Result: Vikneswaran won by 59% third round of voting</p>
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Date: 22nd October 2017

Time: 9.30AM - 6.00PM

Venue: High Commission of Malaysia, 52 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4LR

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Supreme Council:

Malaysian Society Essex

University Of Birmingham Malaysian Society

Northumbria University Malaysian Society

University of York Malaysian Society (York MASSoc)

Malaysian Students' Society of Manchester (MSSM)

Heriot-Watt Malaysian Society

Cambridge University Malaysia Society

Oxford Brookes Malaysian Society

University of Portsmouth Malaysian Society

Young Malaysian Engineers

KPUM: United Kingdom & Eire Malaysian Law Students' Union

Imperial College Union Malaysian Society

SOAS Malaysian Society

Liverpool Malaysian Society

Malaysian Singaporean Student Association (Bristol)

City, University of London Malaysian Society

Edinburgh Malaysian Students' Association (EMSA)

Malaysian Student Society of Northern Ireland

Reading University Malaysian Bruneian Singaporean Association

University College London Malaysian Society

Aston University Malaysian Society

Newcastle University Malaysian Society

Nottingham Malaysian Society

Malay Cultural Society University of Bristol

Malay Language & Cultural Society

Southampton Malaysian Students Association

Malaysian Students' Society of Cardiff University
Leeds University Malaysian and Singaporean Society
Sheffield Malaysian Students Association
St Andrews Malaysian International Group
Malaysian Association of Swansea University

Public Members:

Arveent Kathirtchelvan
Foo Xiang Yen
Puah Yi Xin
Nawarzir Ahmad Zuri
Avan Tam Jing Kai
Cia Yee Goh
Nur Izzat Aiman
Jayden Chan
Rossana Roslan
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Eric Lai
Mohd Iskandar Shah Bin Amran
Fayra Deena Moosdeen Binti Saladdin Moosdeen
Nor Rasyid Bin Nor Rizan
Luqman Sufyan
Michelle (KPUM)
Shermine
Sharifah Hani Yasmin binti Syed Abdullah
Muhammad Thalhah
Aniq Ikhwan Bin Ishak

OPENING	
PRESENTER	Victoria Yeoh
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10.20am: Focus Group Discussion begins• 12.30pm: Lunch• 2-2.30pm: Private motions debate• 2.30pm-3.20pm: Focus group presentations• 3.20pm: Public motions debate

PRIVATE MOTIONS DEBATE	
CHAired BY	Syahmi Rafsanjani, Chairperson of UKEC Supreme Council
PRESENTER	Malaysian Society of Teesside University
DISCUSSION	<p>Private debate motion</p> <p>Inclusion of Malaysian Society of Teesside University in UKEC's Supreme Council</p> <p>Council Notes: A newly established Malaysian Society at Teesside University that would like to be part of the interaction and friendly relations among other Malaysian Societies in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland facilitated by the Supreme Council.</p> <p>Council Believes: That UKEC would be the best platform in raising awareness of global issues of the Malaysian students studying at Teesside University and the students' understanding of the world's economy, politics, social structures and environment in order to make the best decisions about how to live their own lives what with the plethora of networks that UKEC has to offer other than taking interest in social, cultural and academic activities amongst Societies that will be beneficial for the students.</p> <p>Council Mandates: That UKEC will include the Malaysian Society of Teesside University in the Supreme Council and have the students engaged in the many forums, talks, seminar and social gatherings organised by the body that will without doubt increase the productivity, self-esteem and networking of the students.</p>

Why we want to be part of the UKEC SC?

- To increase awareness. We lack communication with other universities, so we do not get involved with a lot of UKEC events. We want our society to grow exponentially.

Q&A and comments

1. How many students are there in your society? 24 students: 12 Malays, 10 Chinese, 2 Indians
2. When was your Malaysian Society established? April 2017. We are an official student body in the university, registered under the Student Union
3. To UKEC, what is the basis of approval to join as and SC? - To be Malaysian and registered under the SU, or atleast under Education Malaysia for non regional societies
4. Any specific plans for your MSoc? Collaborations with Newcastle University and join them for their events such as Malaysian Night and etc.
5. If the requirements are just as per mentioned above, is it actually determined under the SCs or ECs? - UKEC does not have any guideline on that for now, only referring to the constitution
6. Any events that your MSoc has participated in? Leeds games.
7. Why do you need to join UKEC to grow? We don't feel the sense of belonging in the UK, so we can collab with other universities
8. Do you feel that the 24 voices would be heard and represented? How often do you engage with each other? We have sports events and socials. We also collaborate with Indonesia and Brunei Society in Teesside

Speaking against the motion?

- Consequences - effects the quorum of the meeting in general, more people would be needed to attend meetings

Result:

For - 37

Abstained - 4

Against - 7

Passes by 77% percent

PRESENTER	Plymouth University Malaysian Society
DISCUSSION	<p>Inclusion of Plymouth University Malaysian Society in UKEC's Supreme Council</p> <p>Council Notes: There is a lack of established networking opportunities available to existing Malaysian students in the South-West region of England.</p> <p>Council Believes: That UKEC should accept Plymouth Malaysian Society into the Supreme Council to establish networking grounds between our members and Malaysian students across the South-West.</p> <p>Council Mandates: That UKEC holds a vote on the acceptance of Plymouth Malaysian Society into the Supreme Council.</p> <p>Malaysians - A population of about 50-60 people, there are 30 active members of the Malaysian Society. Established in March 2017, we've engaged in a lot of activities so far. We have bi-weekly meetings. Objectives of the society is to bring Malaysians together and to establish connections/network with other Malaysian students in the UK</p> <p>Q&A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define networking opportunities for you - our members have the opportunity to join UKEC's event to connect with other Malaysians. 2. Any restrictions to join events if you are not in UKEC? No, but will be more organised. There is not a very big Malaysian network, UKEC can give them the package so they know what are the new organisations in UK. 3. Do you think you have a successor? We are small, so we know everybody and we know those we can shortlist as successors. 4. What can your society contribute to UKEC? To inform and emphasize that UKEC is a student body and not a political body <p>Results: For - 34 Abstained - 5 Against - 4</p>

	Passes by 79% percent
FOCUS GROUP PRESENTATIONS	
PRESENTERS	Representatives from Cultural Elements in Malaysian Society Events Focus Group
DISCUSSION	<p>Cultural Elements in Malaysian Society Events</p> <p>Define cultural elements? Dances, food, how we dress up, the immense diversity among Malaysians.</p> <p>MNight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues - why isn't it cultural enough? What is the purpose of the Malaysian night? Depends on target audience. - Should we as body come up with guidelines? Maybe just for smaller MSocs? - Consider putting current issues in the script but would it offend the government and etc. - All MSocs should help out smaller societies to provide the necessary support for their events <p>Purpose of having a society - to abolish the mentality that to spread culture, events must be done through MNight and MFest. Small societies should focus on small events for your members to strengthen unity. Collaborate with other universities in the region to do an event if you are small society. Possible collaborations with Asian Society too to promote the culture.</p> <p>Conclusion - MNight is for everyone but it is not the ultimate goal of a MSoc, the welfare of the members is the main priority. UKEC should do a survey to bring to the higher authorities to make it easier for us to know the limitations about the topics for MNight.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should there be an enforcing body to say yes or no to what goes into the script? No. 2. When I think of cultural elements, culture means harmony and inclusivity. So if it is based on that cultural element, MNight would be easier. 3. How does UKEC support small to medium sized MSocs? Bringing back the Tourism Malaysia fund where the guidelines for that must

	<p>be agreed by the SCs. Have the reward system based on the Tourism Malaysia fund.</p> <p>4. What would make you feel safe to talk about controversial issues? We might hurt certain individuals. Rather than speaking about opinions, why don't we talk about the facts. It is more about not harming the nation's image.</p> <p>5. We should promote rich history of malaysia. We were once a good empire.</p> <p>6. Prof Zainal: coming out with guidelines will involve unintended consequences, just focus on the good sides as you will limit the creativity of the students because this is arts.</p>
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PRESENTERS	Representatives from Relevance of UKEC as an Umbrella Body Focus Group
DISCUSSION	<p>Relevance of UKEC as an Umbrella Body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The method of the point reward system is not feasible yet. We could not find ways to normalise the percentages. The point system is too idealistic to be implemented yet. Overall it is a good idea if some aspects are fixed. - Communication between RC and SC. There should be a well defined role for RCs. Use the RCs for better resource sharing - RCs can compile pre departure briefing materials. - Student awareness of the situation back in Malaysia. UKEC should show us what is happening in Malaysia to make Malaysian students in the UK to feel relevant about Malaysia - Reach back to Malaysian students in college before their departure to universities. UKEC should start marketing the council during college. Contact the universities and colleges in Malaysia to get the data so that MSocs can engage with the Malaysian students before they depart to the UK. <p>Q&A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suggestion: go see the international officers of your university to connect with your freshers, they can send out emails for you. 2. Faizul - we have a google doc on guidelines titled SC guidelines. The role of the RC must be defined yes. A defined role will help facilitate better discussions between RC and SCs. When RCs try to reach out to SCs, SCs often do not want to respond

	<p>3. Suggestion - UKEC can raise awareness by approaching SCs to gather opinions about the issues happening in Malaysia and post it up so people in Malaysia will know that UK students actually care about Malaysia.</p> <p>4. For UKEC to be relevant, it must be a 2 way thing between all parties.</p>
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PUBLIC MOTIONS DEBATE	
CHAired BY	Syahmi Rafsanjani, Chairperson of UKEC Supreme Council
PRESENTER	Sharifah Hani Yasmin
DISCUSSION	<p>UKEC and Supreme Councillors' engagement with United Kingdom youth-led organisations</p> <p>Council Notes: UKEC and Supreme Councillors have engaged with UK youth-led organisations within their own capacities in previous years. However, these collaborations may be deemed sporadic, informal and insufficient.</p> <p>Council Believes: That UKEC and Supreme Councillors should foster formal collaborations and partnerships with UK youth-led organisations including but not limited to National Union of Students (NUS), relevant Students' Unions, Federation of Students Islamic Societies (FOSIS) and AIESEC.</p> <p>These collaborations should be explored further to benefit from the added value of these external organisations towards the development of Malaysian students in the UK and Ireland.</p> <p>Council Mandates: That UKEC should initiate and facilitate a framework of partnerships with UK youth-led organisations and serve as a continuous platform for collaboration with these organisations.</p> <p>Following this, Supreme Councillors should build on these relationships/partnerships established by UKEC through knowledge-sharing initiatives or campaigns (e.g: humanitarian/environmental campaigns).</p> <p>To foster a long-term relationship, UKEC can seek to solidify the</p>

partnerships by signing an MOU, etc.

We should tap into the potential of the UK organisations to avoid staying in our little bubble.

What UKEC and Malaysian students stand to gain

- experience (encourage engagement with internationals),
- exposure
- expertise (utilise expertise of young professionals in UK and UK companies)
- organisational maturity (engage and network on how they run their place)

UKEC will establish relationship with UK organisations → SCs will engage and collaborate with the organisations → UKEC to formalise partnerships

Q&A

1. UKEC has limited resources. Who will take on this role? UKEC has main role. Not much resources needed, just invite a few speakers to your existing event
2. What do you mean by learning from them? To encourage them to actively join the clubs and learn from the club's system
3. We can do it at the individual level, so why should it be done at a collective level? Sometimes Malaysians needs a little push.
4. Faiz - given this motion passes, would you be doing it, or would you get another framework to do it? The UKEC Executive Council will do it, but will keep an open mind about it.
5. Yasmin - I just want you guys to invite speakers from Britain for our events, not asking you to make new initiatives
6. SCs turnover rate is high, if we vote for this motion, the next batch has to inherit the old batch's decision. Is this the right time to do it?

Results:

For - 21

Abstained - 12

Against - 8

Passes by 51% percent

PRESENTER	Arveent Kathirtchelvan, Cia Yee Goh, Michelle (KPUM)
DISCUSSION	<p>The Declaration on Students' Rights to Freedom of Speech, Assembly and Association</p> <p>Council Notes: Council notes that Malaysian students in the UK & Eire are not able to freely speak and express their concerns on certain matters of which they are legally entitled to and instead face possible repercussions in their attempt to do so, resulting in a perpetuating culture of fear and intimidation amongst students in the UK & Eire.</p> <p>Council Believes: Council believes that the Declaration is needed to respect, uphold and protect students' rights to freedom of speech, assembly and association and to bring students together to ensure the protection of students from the efforts of any entity that seeks to unlawfully restrict these rights.</p> <p>Council Mandates: Council mandates UKEC to take a proactive stand on matters concerning human rights and to utilise their function as an umbrella body of Malaysian Societies in the UK & Eire to help facilitate the creation of the Declaration on Students' Rights to Freedom of Speech, Assembly and Association as well as to help facilitate the enforcement of any mechanism created within the Declaration for the benefit of students, which may include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Emergency Meeting mechanismb) Complaints & inquiry mechanismc) Joint public statement <p>The main question here is if UKEC should facilitate this declaration, the creation, enforcement and mechanism.</p>

Q&A and comments

1. Faizul - this motion debate is about whether we support the declaration on the students' rights. As UKEC, we've provided the platform to discuss it. The UKEC here consists of the ECs and SCs, not just the ECs. UKEC may be political but we are nonpartisan. Question: have you considered the implications of the declaration and if there is a safety net. It has been presented as provocative rather than consultative, there's no credibility if you put it in the media. Cia Yee - we cannot approach the High Commission and other officials because we need to know what we want to say first, we want to go from bottom to top.

2. Nur Izzat - Does UKEC here refers to the ECs or ECs and SCs? We want the EC to facilitate.

3. Fatin Farhana - UKEC is to facilitate the mechanisms, but do we do all of the mechanisms put out? What If we don't want to do it? Yes you have to undertake all the mechanisms because of how they work.

4. Repercussions, this guideline looks provocative in nature and to avoid political tension, would disagree

- If JPA and MARA do not sign the declaration, it is pointless. Signatories have to include JPA and MARA.

5. Would oppose the declaration, we don't need a declaration to help each other out. Why don't we just take whatever content is in the declaration and make it into a guideline? Make it non enforceable because the benefits don't justify it.

In February during OGM, motion was passed to make the guideline but UKEC did not do it. This document is foundational to the guideline. If we have a signed declaration, we have accountability

Speaking against the motion :

1. Luqman

- The debate has to happen based on current content, we do not want a blanket support. Nowhere in UKEC's constitution, Article 3 which says UKEC should be fighting for these rights. This is beyond UKEC's position based on the constitution.
- Lack of clarity of this declaration - if the federal constitution cannot provide protection, how could this declaration give a better protection?
- Execution problems - unlawful restrictions are very technical

Cia Yee - If it is not mentioned, it does not mean UKEC cannot do it. The declaration provides a better platform.

2. Nur Izzat

- This declaration disrespects the rule of law. The declaration restricts the freedom of government scholars. If this declaration goes on, the worst case scenario is that JPA can blacklist the universities.

Cia Yee - do not use fear against the people, we cannot disclose the lawyer we consulted.

Arveent - consolidate students voices and then consult the officials.

3. Suah- Does it really work? What can a statement do? Can it have real impact, can going further work? What can the government do with respect to this? They can restrict student activism back in Malaysia because the elites in the UK are losing

Arveent - Soft laws create accountability and pressure. Public statements and emergency meetings can act as consolidations of students' voices

Newcastle SC - we need more time to decide on whether to vote in or vote off this motion. There are too many influences today so we cannot decide

Faizul - we wanted to be more objective today, referring to Article 29 of constitution, this is still provocative. UKEC needs to maintain cooperation

	<p>with other organisations and this is the bigger mandate, not being a pressure group. Go and speak to the people in the High Commission, MARA and JPA.</p> <p>Arveent - this declaration does not restrict you from working with other people/organisations</p> <p>Newcastle SC- propose for this motion to be postponed to OGM, seconded by JingHann (KPUM).</p> <p>Voting to propose the postponement of the motion</p> <p>Results:</p> <p>For - 29</p> <p>Abstained - 9</p> <p>Against - 2</p> <p>Passes by 73% percent</p> <p>Motion postponed to the OGM</p>
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