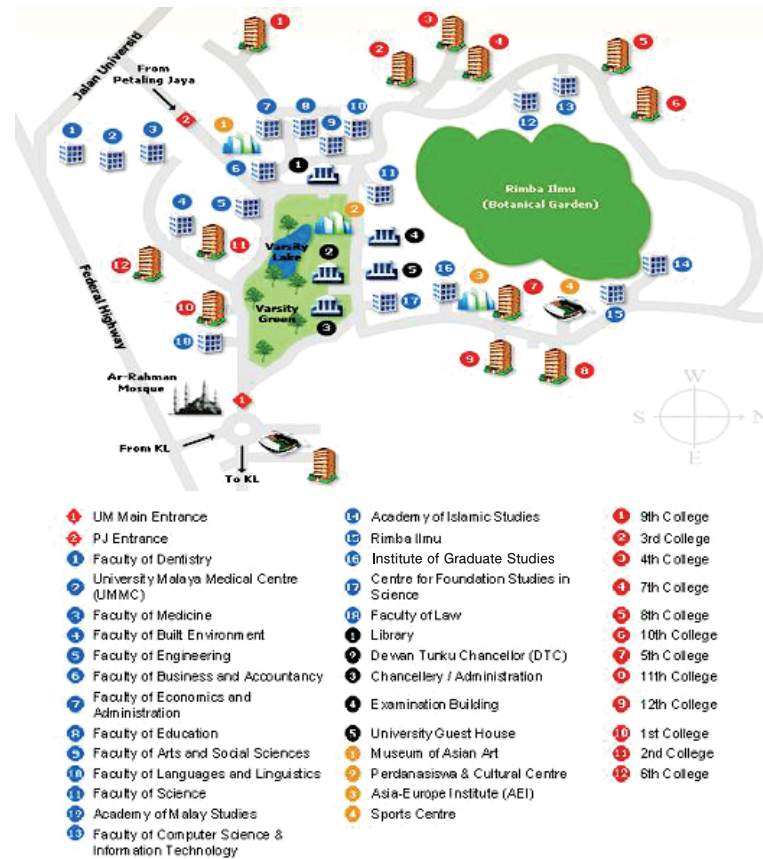


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# Overseas Base in Malaysia for Education and Research





# Messages from the Overseas Leaders



Prof. Yuzuru Matsuoka

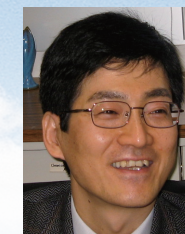
The Kyoto University-the University of Malaya Overseas Base is one of the successors of the past two decades' collaborating activity between Malaysian universities and Japan's universities convened by Kyoto University and the University of Malaya. Irresistible dynamic evolution is the heart of megacities. Not suppressing this dynamics, and from the view point of academia, supporting the research and educational activities of enhancing people's security in these megacities is the mission of the office, and also has been the objectives of our long-lasting collaboration. I wish the office serves as a more powerful hub of both countries' collaboration in this field.



Prof. Dato' Mohd Jamil

We are proud to note that the collaboration between Japanese and Malaysian Universities helmed by Kyoto University and the University of Malaya has been established for more than two decades. Many modes of networking including staff exchanges and innovative forms of research activities have led to enhanced rapport and respect among the researchers of both countries. The establishment of the Kyoto University-the University of Malaya Overseas Base within the Research Clusters in the University of Malaya marked a further progress in sustaining the much-valued collaboration; this time focussing on the multi-faceted issues of human security engineering in megacities. Best wishes and congratulation for all concerned in making this collaboration a reality and success.

One of the objectives of this overseas base in the University of Malaya is to foster highly creative young researchers who will go on to become world leaders in their respective fields through experiencing and practicing research of the world's highest standard. Also including is to strengthen the continuous relationships between Kyoto University and other relevant researchers and universities in Malaysia that have been established through the JSPS-VCC Core University Program. The activities of this overseas base with the Research Clusters in the University of Malaya may go beyond these objectives and last ever strong relationship between the two countries.



Prof. Yoshihisa Shimizu

The establishment of the Kyoto University-the University of Malaya Overseas Base is yet another proof of the long standing much-valued collaboration between the Japanese and Malaysian researchers. Researchers of both countries have unceasingly expressed their appreciation for this programme which has gone beyond mere research into the realm of friendship and equal partnership. The thrust once again delves into research issues that are multi-dimensional and multi-stakeholders. The renewed research landscape in the University of Malaya with the various clusters that transcend both scientific and humanistic approaches will greatly benefit from this collaboration.



Prof. Nik Meriam Sulaiman

## The University of Malaya

The University of Malaya, the first University of the country, is situated on a 750-acre (309-hectare) campus in the southwest of Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia.

The University of Malaya grew out of a tradition of service to the society. The roots of the University can be traced back to the King Edward VII College of Medicine established in 1905 and Raffles College in 1929 in Singapore. The amalgamation of the two institutes lead to the establishment of the University of Malaya on 8th October 1949 as a national institution to serve the higher education needs of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore. In 1957, a branch of the university was created in Kuala Lumpur amidst the rolling hills and thick jungle of Pantai Valley, close to the city centre. Autonomy was granted to both branches and the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur was officially established on 1st January 1962.

The University of Malaya's strength has been its broad range of disciplines from the Arts to the Sciences and its iconic Medical Faculty. In the highly competitive world of today, the University of Malaya continuously strives to enhance its premier status featuring cutting-edge research and high quality programmes at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

## Promotion of Research and Educational Activities of Kyoto University in Malaysia

Since Kyoto University and the University of Malaya have an intensive and long collaboration through the JSPS-VCC (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science-Vice Chancellor Council in Malaysia) Core University Program for more than two decades, there has been a strong reason why the University of Malaya participates and to become one of the important overseas base universities in Asia.

In November 2009, the Global Center for Education and Research on Human Security Engineering for Asian Megacities and the International Center for Human Resource Development in Environment Management in Kyoto University exchanged the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Malaya regarding the establishment of an overseas base. The purpose of establishing this overseas base is to support and promote in Malaysia the research and educational activities of Kyoto University. More specifically, we expect this overseas base in the University of Malaya:

- To carry out relevant corporative research projects,
- To recruit potential doctoral students, and
- To construct an innovative academia in the related fields.

## Research Clusters in the University of Malaya

In 2009, the University of Malaya reengineered its research landscape by establishing eight key research clusters: namely Advanced Fundamental Research, Advanced Engineering and Technology, Biotechnology and Bioproducts, ICT and Computational Sciences, Humanities and Ethics, Health and Translational Medicine, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Sustainability Science. The Research Clusters provide fertile ground for collaboration and linkages at both intra and inter universities level both nationally and on the international arena.

Among the international networking with the global partners of the University of Malaya, the JSPS-supported program has a long history of successful and significant research activities, in particular the JSPS-VCC Core University Program. The second phase started in 2000 with the theme of "Environmental Sciences, Engineering, and Ethics." Although the present JSPS-VCC program ends in March 2010,

the close rapport and networking that has been established over the last two decades is deeply entrenched and will continue to be sustained in other guises. One such effort is the current establishment of an overseas base of Kyoto University in the University of Malaya. We certainly look forward to the continued research activities under this project which involves many of the current research interests of the Research Clusters in the University of Malaya in particular and we welcome the participation of our fellow Malaysian researchers and universities in general.



JSPS-VCC Core University Program in Malaysia