

#### Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to be sharing with you the latest Campus With A Conscience e-Bulletin.

Thank you to those who have been continuously contributing to the sustainability efforts across Sunway College and Sunway University.

The latest bulletin covers the sustainability efforts of clubs & societies, schools and departments from all across our #MostHappeningCampus.

This month's edition leads with Sunway University's proactive stance in the fight against plastic pollution with the launch of our Zero Plastic Hour campaign unveiled in honor of World Environment Day.

In addition, Sunway is embarking on a long-term and multi-pronged project to address urban poverty and other quality of life issues in Desa Mentari, a public housing scheme along the Federal Highway in Klang Valley.

Thank you for taking your time to read through the CWAC eBulletin and please do feel free to share our Campus With A Conscience updates with all your family, friends and associates.

#### Pioneering change to combat plastic pollution 06 June 2024



Sunway University has taken a proactive stance in the fight against plastic pollution with the launch of its Zero Plastic Hour campaign. The initiative, unveiled in honor of World Environment Day, signals the university's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Joined by Sunway Campus F&B tenants and vendors, the campaign aims to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of single-use plastics on the environment, wildlife, and human health. Vendors have pledged to cease the use of single-use plastics, aligning with Sunway University's ongoing #CampusWithAConscience ambitions.

Accompanying the campaign is a Zero Tolerance policy, enacted on June 5th, which seeks to eliminate single-use plastic from all campus outlets and vending machines. Linda Tan Kim Lian, Director of Sunway Facilities Services, emphasised the crucial role of educational institutions in addressing global challenges and nurturing conscientious global citizens.

Gary from Advance Campus expressed pride in the campus's transition towards becoming plastic-free. He urged students and staff to actively support the campaign by utilizing reusable containers, tumblers, and cutlery for takeaway orders.

Echoing Gary's sentiments, Steven from Bite and Taste emphasized the importance of education on sustainability. He encouraged students and staff to advocate for the use of reusable containers and cutlery among their peers, highlighting the collective impact of individual actions.

The Zero Plastic Hour campaign reflects Sunway University's dedication to creating a healthier and more sustainable environment through collaborative efforts and proactive measures.

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#### Sunway gerakkan inisiatif Desa Mentari basmi kemiskinan bandar 10 June 2024



Sunway telah memulakan projek pelbagai skop jangka panjang bagi menangani kemiskinan bandar dan isu kualiti hidup lain di skim perumahan awam, Desa Mentari melalui Inisiatif Desa Mentari.

Seperti mana kebanyakan komuniti miskin bandar di seluruh dunia, rata-rata mengalami kesukaran dan kekurangan akses terhadap pendidikan berkualiti dan juga peluang pekerjaan serta menghadapi pelbagai cabaran sosial dan kesihatan.

Oleh sebab itu, fokus Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 (RMK12), sebahagian besarnya adalah menumpukan kepada pembasmian kemiskinan dan membantu kumpulan B40 meningkatkan ekonomi mereka.

Menerusi RMK12, kerajaan merancang pelbagai program untuk golongan berkenaan antaranya melalui program pemerkasaan ekonomi komuniti bandar, dan skim pembangunan kesejahteraan dengan peruntukan sebanyak RM1.5 bilion.

Sementara itu, menurut laporan Survei Pendapatan dan Perbelanjaan Isi Rumah 2022 oleh Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM), insiden kemiskinan mutlak pada 2022 membabitkan anggaran 487,576 isi rumah. Bagi insiden kemiskinan di bandar ia meningkat daripada 3.9 peratus pada tahun 2019 kepada 4.5 peratus pada tahun 2022.

Menyedari permasalahan inilah, Sunway menggerakkan usaha menjayakan Inisiatif Desa Mentari yang turut diharapkan dapat membawa perubahan begitu bermakna bagi penduduk di Desa Mentari.

Kediaman Desa Mentari di sepanjang Lebuh Raya Persekutuan yang disiapkan pada awal 2000 itu terdiri daripada 10 blok pangsapuri setinggi antara 12 hingga 18 tingkat dan dihuni lebih daripada 26,100 individu.

Sebilangan besar komuniti setempat terdiri daripada penghuni berbilang bangsa itu tergolong kategori B40.

Justeru, inisiatif Sunway itu bertujuan bekerjasama dengan ahli komuniti setempat untuk membina satu pelan tindakan yang holistik, inklusif dan berinovatif untuk menangani isu berkenaan.

Apabila siap kelak, diharap dapat meningkatkan skala pelan tindakan bagi membantu menangani masalah kemiskinan bandar pada peringkat kebangsaan dan seterusnya peringkat serantau.

Inisiatif Desa Mentari adalah sejajar rangka kerja dasar MADANI yang diperkenalkan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Antara fokus utama dasar MADANI adalah pembasmian kemiskinan tegar dan memastikan setiap komuniti di Malaysia diberi peluang untuk meningkatkan kualiti hidup mereka secara mampan lagi bermakna.

Inisiatif Desa Mentari juga sejajar agenda pembangunan mampan yang diterima pakai sebulat suara oleh anggota Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB) pada 2015, membabitkan 17 Matlamat Pembangunan Mampan (UN-SDGs).

Pengasas dan Pengerusi Kumpulan Sunway, Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah, berkata bahawa Kumpulan Sunway sudahpun mendukung UN-SDGs secara menyeluruh.

Katanya, mereka juga sudah mengintegrasikan semua UN-SDGs itu dalam setiap aspek perniagaannya.

"Inisiatif ini juga selaras dengan misi peribadi saya untuk menyumbang kepada pembangunan bangsa dan negara serta memberi kembali kepada masyarakat dengan cara yang berkesan dan bermakna," katanya.

Beliau yang juga Pengasas dan Canselor Universiti Sunway berkata, Universiti Sunway akan mengetuai inisiatif itu sambil bekerjasama dengan Kumpulan Sunway berserta rakan kongsi industri, agensi kerajaan, kumpulan masyarakat, institusi pendidikan pada peringkat global dan komuniti di situ.

Katanya, Universiti Sunway juga akan melaksanakan inisiatif itu dengan kerjasama rakan akademik globalnya, iaitu TH Chan School of Public Health di Universiti Harvard serta Universiti Cambridge, Universiti Oxford dan Universiti Lancaster di United Kingdom.

"Melalui Institut Penyelidikan Bandar Masa Depan, sebuah platform penyelidikan kolaboratif bersama Universiti Sunway dan Universiti Lancaster, juga akan memanfaatkan kepakaran masing-masing dalam usaha membangunkan persekitaran bandar yang boleh didiami dan mampan untuk manfaat Desa Mentari.

"Usaha ini akan membawa sebuah pangkalan data yang komprehensif untuk keperluan institusi akademik dan penggubal dasar tempatan dan juga serantau menangani isu kualiti hidup di kawasan perbandaran yang pesat membangun," katanya.

Cheah berkata, memandangkan pembangunan komuniti adalah komponen penting dalam pengalaman pembelajaran di Universiti Sunway, lebih daripada 3,000 pelajar membabitkan diri dalam inisiatif Campus with a Conscience pada setiap tahun, sebagai sebahagian daripada kurikulum mereka.

Pembabitan pelajar ini dalam kerja sukarelawan secara tidak langsung membangunkan mereka secara holistik kerana elemen komuniti adalah kunci untuk pelajar menjadi warganegara yang bertanggungjawab secara sosial.

Pada masa sama, jangkauan komuniti amat penting kerana ia mewujudkan peluang kepada pelajar untuk membabitkan diri secara positif dengan komuniti merentas semua peringkat masyarakat.

Menurut Cheah lagi, usaha itu sekali gus dapat memupuk dan melahirkan generasi pemimpin seterusnya yang peka terhadap keperluan masyarakat yang memerlukan.

Jelasnya, setiap pelajar akan berpeluang bekerja dengan komuniti berkenaan dan membantu menghasilkan penyelesaian berinovatif untuk menangani cabaran yang dihadapi oleh penduduk di Desa Mentari.

"Kita memerlukan pendekatan baharu dan berinovatif untuk mengatasi cabaran yang kita hadapi di dunia hari ini.

"Saya sentiasa percaya bahawa kita tidak boleh menangani isu era digital dengan pemikiran analog.

"Justeru, Inisiatif Desa Mentari adalah contoh penggunaan cara baharu menyelesaikan masalah yang berlarutan.

"Malah, pendekatan pelbagai disiplin dan inklusif ini akan membantu kita merungkai kaedah yang kebanyakan berasaskan silo untuk menangani isu sebegini.

"Mari kita sama-sama teguh mengharungi cabaran ini," katanya.

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### Back-2-School programme supports Desa Mentari community with school supplies 11 March 2024



As part of Sunway Education's efforts in sustainability, our team through Sunway University and the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation established the Desa Mentari project, a 'Mission-Oriented' strategy to tackle the multifaceted challenges contributing to the poly-crisis in the Desa Mentari community.

Last weekend, the team came together in collaboration with Sunway Group's Back-2-School Programme to support the Desa Mentari community with the gift of new school uniforms and new shoes for the new school term.

Representing Sunway Education was Professor Sibrandes Poppema, President of Sunway University and attending the session was Encik Zaini, Chairman of the Mentari block.

With this project, we hope to continuously grow and support the Desa Mentari community by addressing community challenges, fostering educational advancement, and promoting research and development initiatives.





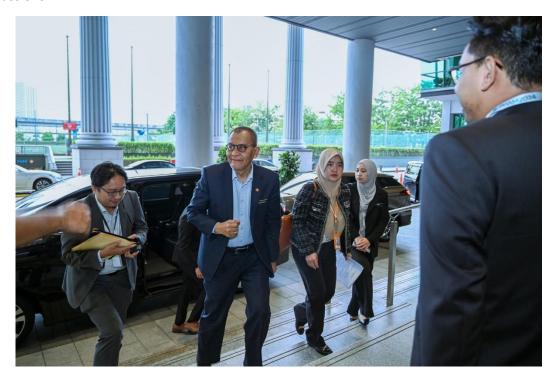


# PHAM 2024 makes its debut with YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister of Health Malaysia 17 April 2024



Marking the first time the conference is held in the region, the historic opening ceremony of PHAM 2024 officiated by our Minister of Health and other distinguished guests sets the stage for a week of crucial discussions on global health and a sustainable future.

PHAM 2024 debuts in the region with YB Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, Malaysia's Minister of Health, and esteemed guests launching the event. A pivotal moment for global health and sustainability discussions.

























# Sunway iLabs and JETRO Kuala Lumpur foster cross-border innovation for sustainability through 2024 Green Transformation Accelerator Programme 12 March 2024



Sunway Innovation Labs (Sunway iLabs), a smart partnership between Sunway Group and Sunway University, joined hands with the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) Kuala Lumpur for the fifth consecutive year, conclude the 2024 Green Transformation Accelerator (GXA) programme.

The GXA programme is a platform for startups and scaleups from Japan seeking to expand into Malaysia's market. This year, the programme was designed to foster innovation and solutions in the net-zero areas, including food security, renewable energy and energy efficiency, circular economy, and resilient cities, to drive green transformation. Its objectives encompass providing Japanese tech companies with a stage to demonstrate their innovative solutions, facilitating the growth of Japanese tech companies in Malaysia and the broader ASEAN region, fostering collaboration between Japanese and Malaysian enterprises, and advancing the development of smart, sustainable cities in Malaysia and the ASEAN region.

Five Japanese companies were selected for the two months GXA programme from a pool of applicants, showcasing the keen interest of Japanese firms in cross-border collaboration and sustainable innovation within Malaysia. Among the startups are:

- **PEEL Lab**: Transforms agricultural waste into plant-based leather, offering corporate and brand design and production services.
- InfoRich: Specialises in cross-border mobile battery sharing. It aims to elevate urban connectivity through its ChargeSpot network that provides battery rental services and advertising opportunities and forges strategic partnerships with micro-mobility solutions.

- **Integri-Culture**: Produces scalable and sustainable food protein through a low-cost, innovative, adaptable process, ensuring efficiency and environmental responsibility.
- **Pt-Bio**: Offers genomic solutions for advances in agriculture, food production, precision fermentation, environmental waste management, and carbon recycling.
- **IDDK**: Facilitating breakthroughs in biotechnology and medicine by offering affordable access to space experiments, leveraging microgravity for innovative research and development, especially for the life science industry.

"Through our collaboration with Sunway iLabs, we have fostered a path for Japanese startups to establish their presence in the Southeast Asian region through Malaysia. With the success of the previous cohort startups launching their business in Malaysia, we are highly looking forward to the progress the current batch will make through our program." Said Hiroyuki Nitta, Deputy Managing Director, JETRO Kuala Lumpur

Throughout the intensive two-months GXA programme, these startups were immersed in Malaysia's vibrant ecosystem, leveraging the extensive networks and support of Sunway Group, JETRO Kuala Lumpur, and knowledge partners, such as the Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA). Mentorship and guidance were provided on various aspects, including the Malaysian market landscape, business needs, cultural differences between the two countries, Malaysia's corporate transition towards net zero, and potential business and investment opportunities in Malaysia.

Matt Van Leeuwen, the Chief Innovation Officer of Sunway Group and Chief Executive Officer of Sunway iLabs, highlighted the significant achievements of the programme, stating, "Over the one month, more than 50 business discussions have been established, focusing on forging strategic partnerships with between the Japanese companies and Malaysian corporates, investors and startups. The GXA programme not only facilitates valuable business connections but also allows university researchers to learn about the latest technologies from Japan, fostering meaningful research collaborations that drive innovation in sustainability within Malaysia and technology localisation."

"It was an outstanding program that exceeded my expectations, offering numerous opportunities to engage with key stakeholders in Malaysia, including a diverse array of Malaysian corporations. Since arriving in Malaysia, I've been pleasantly surprised by the dedication of Malaysian corporations to Green Transformation" Said Hideaki Itami, Director of PtBio Inc., one of the Japanese companies participated in the GXA programme.

The successful collaboration between Sunway iLabs and JETRO Kuala Lumpur underscores their shared commitment to fostering cross-border innovation and driving sustainable development, further solidifying Malaysia's position as a leading hub for innovation and sustainability in the region.

Expanding upon the foundation established during the two-month GXA program, the next phase aims to offer more tailored assistance to Japanese companies, further advancing their innovation journey in Malaysia. It involves conducting pilot trials, launching commercialisation efforts, initiating research collaborations, securing investments, and more. By leveraging each other's expertise and networks, both parties aim for mutual success.

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### Seeding sustainability by empowering communities 01 April 2024



Aspiring to reduce the amount of food waste that ends up at the landfill, Facilities Services has been collaborating closely with Sunway Material Smart Science & Engineering Cluster (SMS2E) since July 2022. Some of the initiatives taken by Facilities include educating relevant stakeholders such as our tenants and vendors on reducing food waste, as well as proactively collecting dry food waste from the cafeteria tenants to be composted.



Demonstrating a strong commitment towards Goal 12 of United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) – Responsible Consumption and Production – these efforts have played a pivotal role in diverting as much as 4% waste from the landfill to date. To foster community engagement, the team also identified an impactful opportunity to involve our local communities by sharing our produced organic compost with the Community Herb Garden from USJ 17/2 and the USJ 11 Kebun Community. Assisted by Ms Celine Tan, a lecturer from the General Studies Department, a total of 250kg of compost were distributed - 150 kg to USJ17/2 and 100kg to USJ 11 communities respectively.





This simple yet impactful collaboration is also in line with SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities – and marks a significant stride forward towards promoting sustainability by fostering a sense of shared responsibility for the planet. Sunway University hopes to continue leading by example, inspiring positive change both locally and beyond to create a greener, more sustainable future for all.





#### Professor Dr Abhimanyu Veerakumarasivam receives 2024 UK Alumni Award 01 March 2024



Congratulations to Professor Dr Abhimanyu Veerakumarasivam, Provost of Sunway University, on receiving the 2024 UK Alumni Award in the Science & Sustainability Category! This prestigious award is a testament to Prof. Abhi's exceptional contributions and his significant impact in his field.

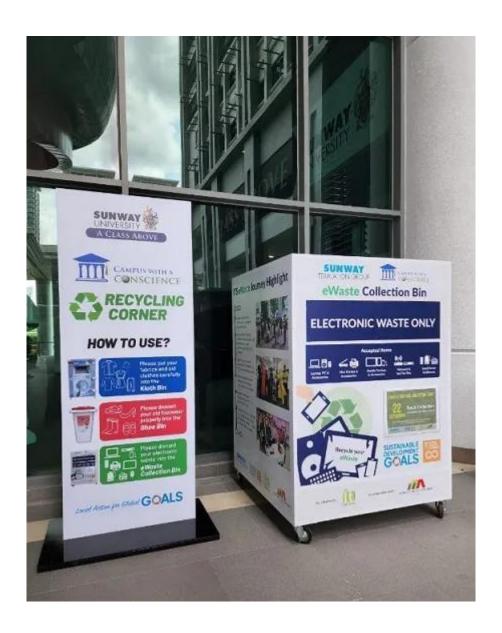
The Study UK Alumni Awards is a flagship event that honours outstanding Malaysian UK alumni who have made remarkable contributions to their professions, societies, and the country across various domains, including science and sustainability, business and innovation, culture and creativity, and social action. Prof. Abhi's achievement not only highlights his dedication and achievements in science and sustainability but also serves as an inspiration to others in the academic and scientific community. His work exemplifies the influential role of education and international collaboration in driving positive change and innovation.

# Sunway Campus eWaste Collection Day 09 April 2024

The widespread use of electronic gadgets without proper disposal is a concern that Sunway Education Group (SEG) aims to tackle.

While the SEG IT Services department has pressed forward to deploy better technology to all Sunway Education institutions, they are also conscious of the disposal of used electronic items (eWaste).

The eWaste disposal campaign was kicked off with the promotion of a permanent 'Larger eWaste Collection Bin' placed at the Recycling Corner located in the University building to encourage more students and staff to dispose bigger sized eWaste. The dimension of the bin opening measuring 990mm x 250mm is suitable for disposing items such as laptops, notebooks, computers, mini printers, network devices and small home appliances to name a few.

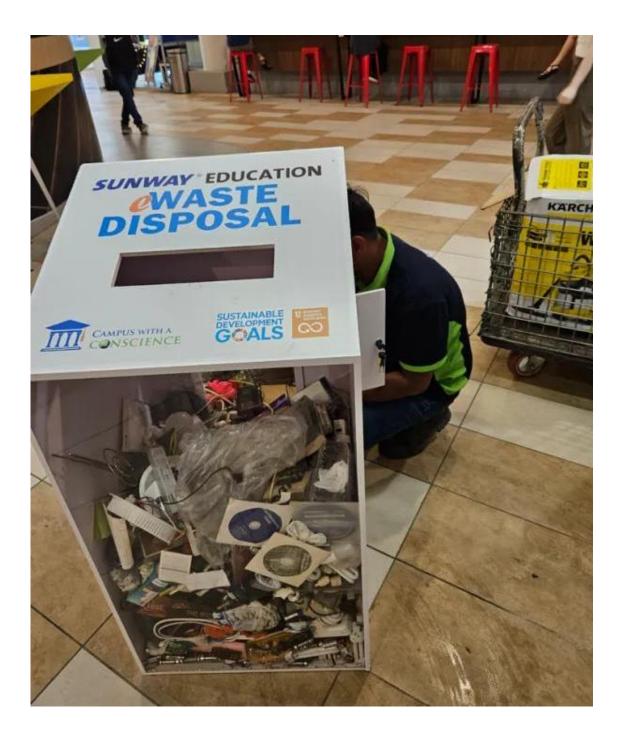


As for other eWaste items that are smaller in size such as mobile phones, batteries, chargers and other electronic components, the eWaste collection bins are available all year long at strategic locations on campus and hostels.



In late February 2024, the eWaste collection day was organised with a collection truck on campus to collect:

- 1. Office eWaste items from ITS and Facilities departments
- 2. Items collected from the large and small eWaste bins on campus
- 3. Other eWaste items brought from home by students and staff



The initiative, which is organised twice a year, is a joint effort between IT Services and Campus with a Conscience (CWAC). The collected eWaste is then properly disposed by a certified eWaste disposal vendor, approved by Department of Environment (DoE). The chosen vendor is also aligned with our IT Services department, advocating for and supporting a cleaner and greener environment.

It is hoped that through this campaign, the Sunway campus will be known by all as a sustainable campus. Section Head of IT Services and Project Leader, Mr. Ong Kiat Ming shared, "We all have the responsibility to take care of the mother nature."

The potentially damaging effects of eWaste on nature and human health can be mitigated through proper disposal practices. One of the key focus areas of this campaign was to create awareness among our community on the effects of our daily habits on mother nature.

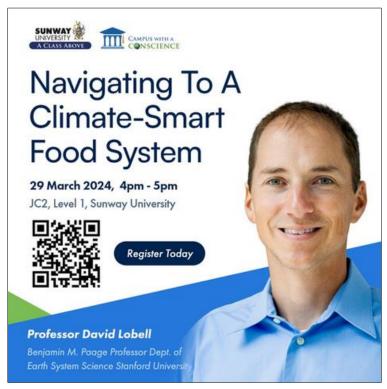


CIO of IT Services, SEG, Mr. Tony Lee, said "It takes only little effort to participate in our Sunway Campus eWaste Disposal campaign. Let's all bear the responsibility together to protect our environment."



The total amount of eWaste collected since the campaign began in 2012 is 36,000kg (as of 29 February 2024). Globally, a total of 20 to 50 million metric tons of eWaste are disposed every year as reported by UN. Let's make a change by reducing, recycling and reusing electrical and electronic appliances. Stay tuned to the next Sunway Campus eWaste Collection Day on 19 September 2024.

### Navigating to a climate-smart food system 26 March 2024



### The Speaker

To adapt to climate change and cut greenhouse gas emissions, we will need to make significant modifications in food production practices. Scalable changes require rapid implementation, yet many proposed climate-smart solutions lack demonstrated effectiveness. This presents a challenge in determining how to move swiftly while remaining evidence-based. Professor Lobell will provide basic criteria for evaluating regenerative or climate-smart activities and technology, as well as strategies for gathering evidence on their effectiveness at scale.

As part of the Campus With A Conscience Webinar Series, Professor David Lobell discussed a few of the basic criteria that regenerative or climate-smart practices and technologies should be judges by and presented some ideas on how we can more quickly gather evidence on what can work at scale.

# Reuse revolution 10 May 2024



### The Speaker

Hema is a Public Engagement Campaigner leading the plastics campaign. She has worked on addressing issues such as plastic lifestyle and consumption, plastic waste trade and the Global Plastics Treaty. Hema is currently executing a campaign for the F&B industry including eateries and schools to remove single-use plastics and transition into a culture of reuse and refill.

Speaker, Hema Mahadevan from Greenpeace discussed topics such as plastic consumption and lifestyle, plastic waste trade, and the Global Plastic Treaty. Currently, Hema is advocating to eliminate single-use plastic in the food and beverage industry, including in restaurants and schools, and championing reuse and refill initiatives.

# SDSN Malaysia Youth presents Mission Possible: Empowering Youth to Navigate the SDGs with Purpose 18 June 2024



SDSN Malaysia Youth Recruitment Workshop on Navigating the SDGs with Purpose.

"Step into the realm of possibility!"

Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Malaysia Youth are back and they have embarked on another journey to unite passionate individuals to become agents of change!

For the first time ever, "Mission Possible; A Workshop on Navigating the SDGs with Purpose" came into being. The workshop involved ten participants from multiple disciplines in an intimate setting to work on charting social impact from personal conviction using the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framing tool.

The workshop served as a teaser experience for students interested in solutions building for the SDGs. Interested individuals would sign up to be a part of the SDSN Malaysia Youth core team to collectively design initiatives for campus impact.



Mission Impossible: A Workshop on Navigating SDGs with Purpose.

"Mission Possible" brought together people from across Sunway University and Sunway College under a common purpose: to drive the SDGs forward, one step at a time. Leading the facilitation was Anita Paul, a certified trainer and a Service-Learning Advocate. The workshop wasn't just about ideas - it was about 'strategizing' collective action.



Participants engaged in various interactive SDG-related activities specifically curated by Paul. The warm up ignited students' agency as decision-makers. Paul's dynamic facilitation allowed everyone to get acquainted within a short time span.



Make a Stand Activity spurring meaningful conversations.

Social issues impact many people be it on a personal or professional level. To kick off the workshop, participants engaged in a 'Make a Stand' activity, encouraging them to explore and reflect on their perspectives regarding various challenges, from inequality to healthcare disparities, prevalent in our rapidly evolving world. Students were introduced to various societal and global issues such as "Acceptance of refugees" and "Hiring of ex-drug addicts". By engaging in this interactive activity, participants not only had the opportunity to reflect individually but to also interact and connect with one another!



A key highlight of the event was the opportunity for participants to craft their very own initiatives to address societal issues. Divided into teams, each group selected SDGs that deeply resonated with them. This approach gave students the freedom to work across subject areas and bring together multidisciplinary approaches for effecting change. Through this, participants came to recognize the ability and influence they possess to enact meaningful societal transformation even through small efforts.



Students presented ideas for addressing societal issues related to their chosen SDGs.

Students presented ideas for addressing societal issues related to their chosen SDGs. The themes raised were indigenous health and wellbeing, female empowerment and hunger and nutrition. These served as initial steps of solutions ideation, with students striving ahead despite each group's varied background. Coming into dialogue to build for a common social impact is a skill required to problem solve for the SDGs. Students were encouraged to not let their ideas remain within the workshop, but to consider materializing these ideas in the future.



Brainstorming Action Plans for Social Impact.

Towards the conclusion of the workshop, light refreshments were served, offering a chance for everyone to mingle, connect, and reflect on the insights gained. Participants then received a Certificate of Participation as a gesture of acknowledgment for their attendance.



Ciara Angelica, Cherry Foo and Wennie Gotama sharing the past events of SDSN Malaysia Youth.

SDSN Malaysia Youth is committed to the continuous growth and advancement of its team. The workshop concluded with a presentation of SDSN Malaysia Youth's past projects and future goals. This workshop paved the way for dedicated individuals to develop solutions for societal issues. Fun and interaction spurred interest in embarking on this journey to make change and establish the SDG goals.



Certificates of Attendance for Participants.

Numerous examples of local individuals setting up organizations in service of societal wellbeing inspired students to consider charting a social impact career.



(L-R) Kong Phui Yi, Ciara Angelica, Anita Paul, Cherry Foo and Wennie Gotama.

A token of appreciation was also presented to Paul by the SDSN Malaysia Youth Team concluding the workshop.

The project organizers express a special thanks to the Facilities Service Department and Student Life for support in venue and marketing.

### Cybertruck – Why it is a game changer for humankind 7 June 2024



We were thrilled to host Ir. Ahmad Hadri Haris, Public Policy & Business Development Lead at Tesla (Malaysia & Singapore), for our Sunway University's #CWAC Webinar Series! His talk on "Cybertruck – Why It Is a Game Changer to Humankind" gave us profound insights into the future of sustainable transportation. Hadri has been drawn to this mission throughout his career and has been promoting solar PV adoption in buildings, Malaysia's Feed-in Tariff, the national Green Technology Policy (2009), the National Renewable Energy Policy (2010), and government incentives for sustainable energy for 26 years.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this inspiring event! Together, we're driving towards a sustainable future.



# The interplay of peace and justice: driving change through SDG 16 24 May 2024



# The Speaker

Stephanie moved from human rights and conflict resolution to coaching and consulting for purpose-driven leaders and organisations. She was diagnosed with stage 4 intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma shortly after changing careers. Despite the disease's pain and challenges, her global work taught her that external events are uncontrollable, but we can choose our responses.

Stephanie's shift from working in human rights and conflict resolution to coaching leaders, along with her personal experience fighting stage 4 intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, demonstrates her exceptional ability to bounce back and her dedication to making a meaningful difference.

# Sunway University and UBD forge collaborative pathways for sustainable development and lifelong learning 05 June 2024

School of Medical and Life Sciences had successfully co-hosted the 2nd International Conference on Public Health, Environment, and Education for SDGs and Lifelong Learning. This event marked a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to promote sustainable development and lifelong learning.

Our SMLS Sunway University delegates also had a highly productive business meeting with the top management of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD). During the meeting, we identified several potential collaborative research projects and lifelong learning (LLL) course initiatives. We are particularly excited about the prospects of formalising these collaborations through a possible Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



#### Special acknowledgements to:

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- Dr. Wardah Hakimah binti Hj Sumardi, Deputy Director of Research UBD
- Dean of PAPRSB Institute of Health Sciences, UBD

A heartfelt thank you to the Dean of SMLS (Raja Affendi Raja Ali), PVC Research and Sustainability (Mahendhiran Sanggaran Nair), (Daniel Lee Lih Wei and Chua Khong Wai) at Sunway University for their excellent coordination and support, making this co-hosting a great success.

These partnerships reflect our commitment to advancing research and education that aligns with global sustainability goals. Looking forward to the impactful outcomes of these collaborations!

# SMS introduces pilot community project: Kampung Kira-Kira 10 June 2024



If passion is the genesis of all success, imagine how much more you could have accomplished if you were introduced to your passion early in life.

Navigating the world can be a challenging process for most people and even more so for young children. Exposure to different disciplines at a young age is crucial in discovering one's passions. Think about a moment from your youth when you felt a deep sense of excitement and enthusiasm. What was that one thing you were incredibly passionate about at that time?



For those at Sunway University's School of Mathematical Sciences, their passion is mathematics and youth empowerment.

In line with the commitments of Sunway Education to ensure sustainable quality education for both present and future generations of students, the School of Mathematical Sciences is proud to announce the recent launch of its student-run pilot community development program, Kampung Kira-Kira.

Taking place recently at Pusat Komuniti Majlis Bandar Subang Jaya (USJ 1), members of the School of Mathematical Sciences student body proactively formed a committee and independently put together a plan to empower young children within the local community. Engaging with 21 primary and secondary school students, they worked to introduce and nurture their passion for mathematics.

This was creatively achieved through the medium of games and problem-solving activities, such as Guni Guli Cabaran, Teka Teki Asah Minda, Bola Tin Seru and many more, which encompassed both mathematical puzzles and elements of traditional Malay games.

With a stellar reception of the Kampung Kira-Kira's pilot, the committee and attendees both expressed keen interest in participating in community development programs, and the team is motivated to make continued efforts to increase its outreach. Once again, the School of Mathematics management would like to acknowledge Mohammad Arif Aiman Hisham, Ainul Mardhiah Mohd Harrizul, Nur Izah Najwa Othman, Chee Yean Wai, Ng Jia Wei, Pang Exian, Roy Yap Kar Seng and team for their exemplary effort. Sun-U applauds you!

