



## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

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# **University of Sussex Global Partnerships Conference**

Sustainability, Partnerships and Internationalisation: The Universiti Malaya Experience

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### Movement Control Order (MCO) in Malaysia

MCO 18th - 31st March **Extension of MCO** 1<sup>st</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> May Restricted movement and closure of all nonessential business, including education 31st August 2020 MCO PERIOD: 18th March **Conditional MCO** 4<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June Various economic and social activities allowed but subjected to the guidelines which have been set **Recovery MCO** 10<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> August

Adjustment of Academic Calendar (2019/2020 Session)

Implementation of Online T&L Mode (e-Learning)

Use of Alternative Assessment Methods Flexibility in Implementing Final Assessments

Grade I

Submission of Research Work by Postgraduates in digital format Modification of Course & Teaching Evaluation Exercise

Industrial Training / Teaching Practice

Online / remote learning will be implemented in all Malaysian Higher Education Institutions until 31st December 2020



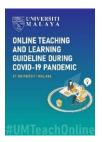
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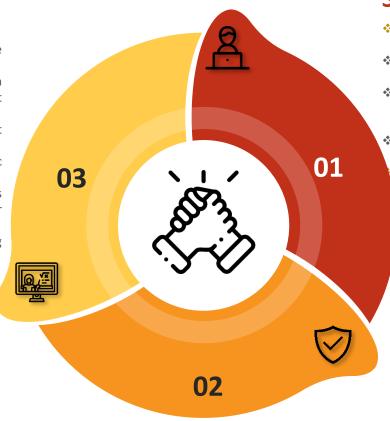
 Postgraduate students undertaking full-time research programmes whose research necessitates their physical presence in laboratories, workshops, design studios or to use specific equipment which are available only on campus have been permitted to return to the university.

- According to UNESCO, <u>education for sustainable development</u> "empowers people to change the way they think and work towards a sustainable future"
- Our respond: Community- focussed

# **Support for Academic Staff**

- Providing training and re-skilling in online pedagogies
- Responsive & adaptive investment on technological infrastructure to support online T&L
- Relaxing bureaucratic constraints that impede agility
- Flexibility in where and how academic staff conduct their teaching
- Providing assistance with technology needs e.g. tech support & financial support for BYOD (Buy Your Own Devices)
- ❖ Issued guidelines for online T&L during COVID-19 pandemic





#### **Support for Students**

- Inclusive Policy: no students are left behind & ensure internet connectivity for all students
- Provision of a specially packaged data plan in partnership with a TELCO company
- Campaign on COVID-19 fundraising to assist students who have been affected by the pandemic.
- In discussion on implementing a 'pay when you stay' concept for residential colleges
  Counselling and mental health support Engagements with students

# Safety of Campus Community

- Adhering to health, safety, and travel guidelines issued by the government and UM's Occupational Safety & Health and Environment Division
- UM Touch App: Additional channel of communication during the crisis

#### Internationalisation @UM Post Covid-19

#### New modalities for student mobility

eg. AUN-ACTS, virtual summer program ( COIL)

#### **New norm for International Offices**

- Reaching out to partners through online engagements
- Participation and hosting of webinars
- Implementing e-signatures for agreements
- Virtual meetings and activities with partners
- More interest in collaborating with partners on organizing webinars and econferences



### Continued engagements with international and regional networks

- Hosting e-conferences and webinars
- eg. Upcoming conferences in 2021
  - APEC University Leaders' Forum [APRU]
  - AUN & ASEAN+3 Educational Forum and Young Speakers' Contest

#### **Global Challenge: research projects**

- Increase in number of special grants for research related to COVID-19 at national & international level —economy, social well being, health
- Leverage on technology for research activities

### Explore new forms of collaboration with partner universities

- Co-teaching, Shared courses, Microcredentialing,
- Virtual internships

### **Moving Forward**

- Global and regional associations can play a bigger role as we move forward with internationalisation in the new normal
  - Leadership-leading change, flexible, creative, embracing diversity
  - Leverage on technology-new solutions (WFH, safety), providing platform for multilateral discussions & collaborations, new forms of engagement,
  - great emphasis to three pillars of sustainability development —economic development, social development and environmental/health protections
  - Collaboration-meaningful activities, social cohesion and of solidarity, regaining the sense of at least some degree of control, 3R (respond, reimagine, recover) and finding ways to help others



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# Thank you!





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