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## *Sustainability, Partnerships and Internationalisation: The Universiti Malaya Experience*

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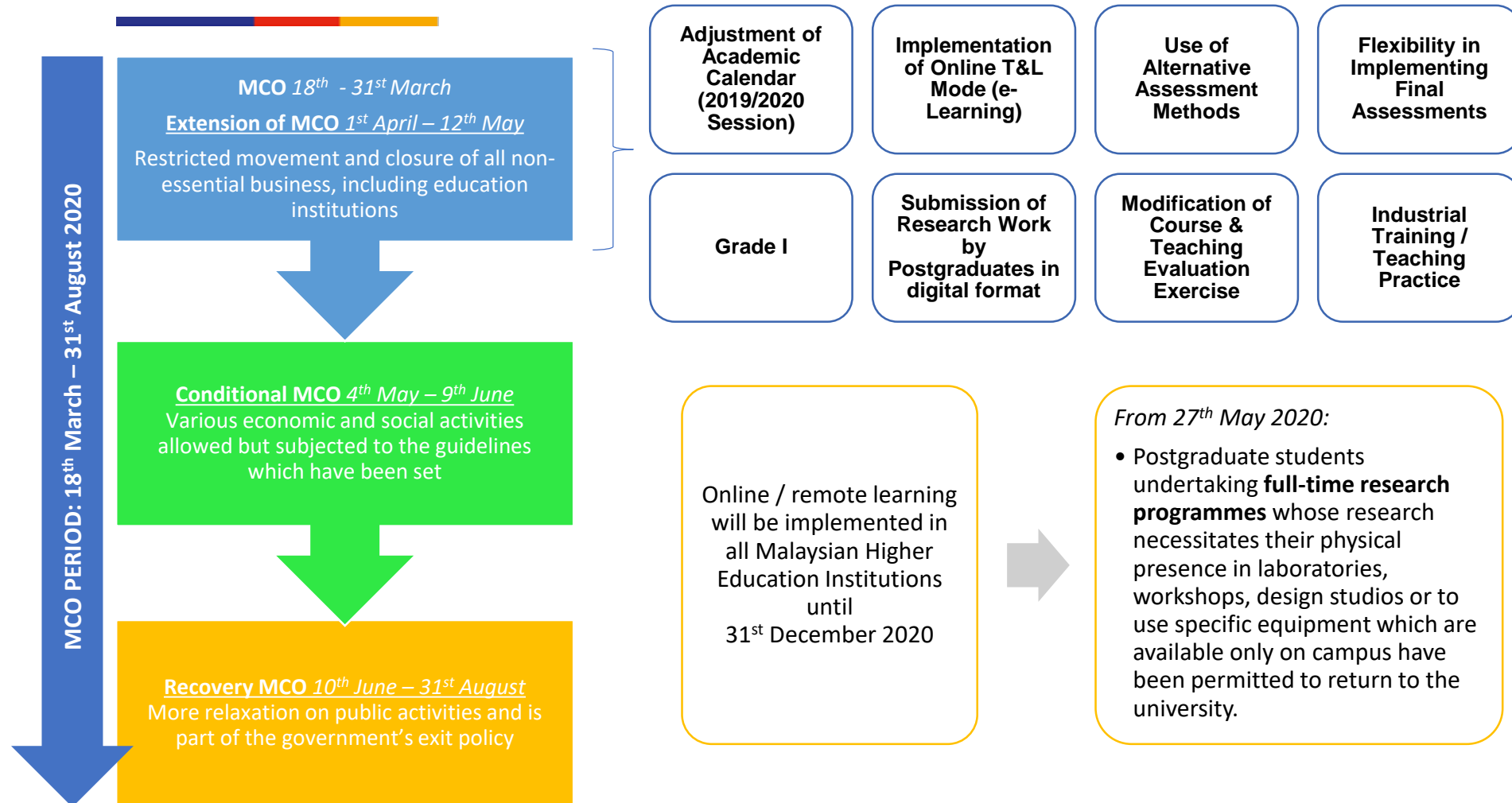
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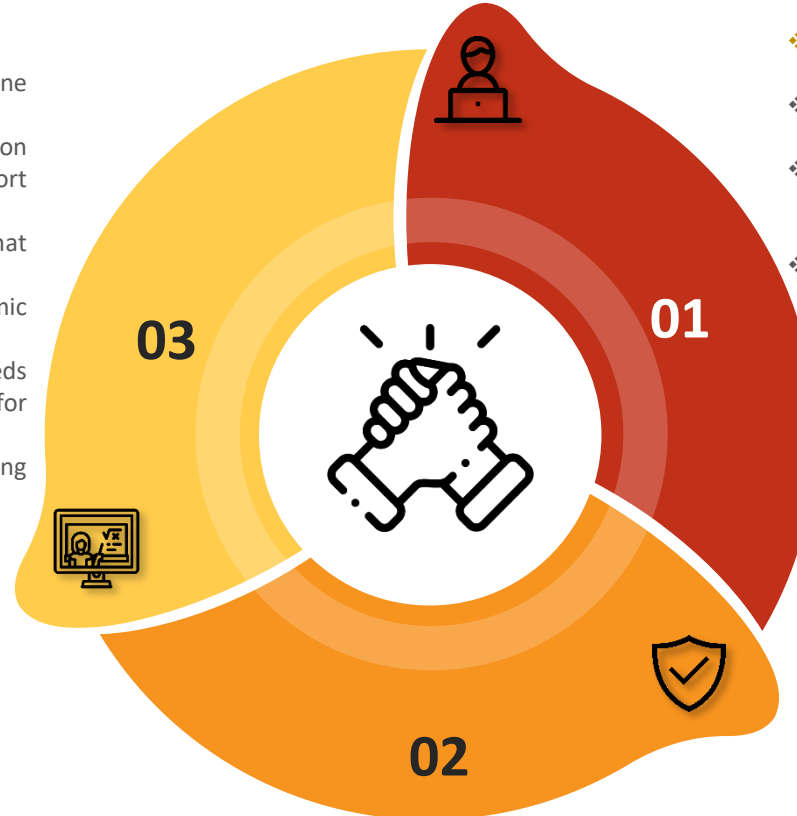
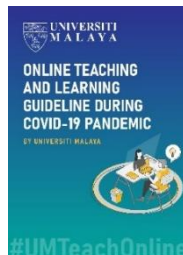
# Movement Control Order (MCO) in Malaysia



- According to UNESCO, [education for sustainable development](#) “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 e-conferences



## 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, Micro-credentialing,
- ❖ Virtual internships

# Moving Forward

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- 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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