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FULBRIGHT ALUMNI STATE- LED ENGAGEMENT TALK AND JUNIOR SCIENCE CAMP 2023

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EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE THROUGH FULBRIGHT: *insights and opportunities*

Guest Speakers

PROF. DR. MELISSA LENCZEWSKI
Fulbright US-ASEAN Visiting Scholar 2022

MARIA NIEHI
Former Admin Director SEARIP 2014 - 2016

The Speakers

ASSOC. PROF. CHM. DR. LEE HOOI LING
Fulbright US-ASEAN Visiting Scholar 2022

HERVINDER KAUR
Global UGRAD 2022

AILEEN FARIDA MOHD ADAM
Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant 2009-2010

About the Seminar

Join us for an enlightening session where past and current Fulbrighters share their invaluable insights and personal experiences about the prestigious Fulbright scholarship program. Discover the transformative power of Fulbright as they inspire and educate, igniting a passion for global opportunities and academic excellence.

2:00PM - 5:00PM
Thursday, 25 May 2023

In-person: Seminar Hall, Level 3
Perdana Complex, UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch

Live Streaming: UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch Youtube Channel

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Universiti Teknologi MARA Penang branch (UiTM CPP) organised a **Fulbright Alumni State-led Engagement Talk** with the theme **Empowering Excellence Through Fulbright: Insights and Opportunities** in hybrid mode on 25 May 2023, which was spearheaded by the program director, Madam Aileen Farida Mohd Adam of UiTM CPP.

This event was also supported by Sekolah Menengah Sains Kepala Batas (SMSKB), Penang; Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), the Philippines; Penang Science Cluster (PSC-Pen), Penang; and Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange (MACEE).

The talk commenced with an introductory speech about MACEE and Fulbright programs by Mr. Curtis Johnson, the executive director of MACEE who constantly encouraged all potential candidates to explore the benefits, for both educational and personal developments, of participating in such programs.

Associate Professor Chemist Dr. Lee

Hooi Ling, a recipient of Fulbright US-ASEAN Visiting Scholar program 2022 at the University of New Mexico, proceeded to feature numerous aspects of her experiences working as researcher in the States including her visit to places of interests, discovery of a new and challenging learning environment and the collaborations sought post-program.

The following panelist, Hervinder Kaur, a finalist of Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD) 2022, shared her insightful perspectives in terms of educational and cultural aspects between Malaysia and the States as well as memorable and eye-opening experiences she had during her one semester stay there.

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Aileen Farida Mohd Adam, a recipient of Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant 2009-2010 mentioned the fascinating memories she had during her stay in the States primarily as a Malay language teacher in Northern Illinois University and also as a Malaysian “ambassador” in a foreign country.

Maria Nihei, a former admin director of the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) 2014-2018 shared her insights on the program whilst depicting the benefits and advantages that could be sought directly and indirectly by the participants.

The final panelist, Professor Dr. Melissa Lenczewski, a recipient of Fulbright US-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Scholarship 2023 focused on the ongoing research she is conducting in water quality in Southeast-Asia whilst supervising field training with ASEAN researchers and counterparts.

The webinar ended with a question-and-answer session both from the in-site participants and YouTube Live.

The talk was a part of a larger 3-day program, Junior Science Camp 2023, a University Social Responsibility outreach program. The Junior

Science Camp involved 30 Form 3 students from Sekolah Menengah Sains Kepala Batas, Pulau Pinang. In addition, the program highlights hands-on water quality experiments as well as theoretical sessions facilitated by the Electrical and Civil Engineering students. The participants also had the chance to refine their report presentation skills under the tutelage of Academy of Language Studies lecturers.

The educational exchange programme between nations has revealed vast potential, as topics ranging from academic mobility and cross-cultural understanding to student empowerment and innovation in education were highlighted. The exceptional depth and breadth of discussions reflects the unwavering commitment and dedication of all participants.

The Fulbright engagement talk engaged more than 500 participants and it has inspired them to further their educational and/or professional endeavors besides uplifting the spirit of collaboration through global exposure in the borderless world. The recording of this hybrid program can be viewed via UiTM CPP Youtube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbZdOmmy-gU>.

