

## Mobilising Malaysian Youth and Young Professionals in DRR and Climate Change

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The launch of U-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM was officiated by YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mazlin Mokhtar, on behalf of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UKM. Other U-INSPIRE networks in the region such as Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Philippines, were present and shared their ongoing work with fellow youth and young professionals.

**U**-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM, a platform that aims to mobilise the youth and young professionals in the country, particularly in disaster risk reduction and climate change, was launched on 15 October 2019, at the InterContinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur. This launch was successfully carried out in conjunction with the Second National Conference on Science, Technology and Innovation for DRR (STI4DRR) which was held from 14-15 October, at the same venue. U-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM is hosted by SEADPRI-UKM, under the auspices of the Asian Network for Climate Science and Technology (ANCST).

The establishment of U-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM is warmly welcomed by the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), the Prime Minister's Department and the Malaysian National Commission of UNESCO.

The platform is expected to bring together motivated, ambitious, and committed youth and young professionals into the field of DRR and climate change, and facilitate access for young scientists, together with the wider youth and young professionals' community. The platform will also keep abreast of their contribution and inputs that feed into existing national, regional and global platforms for youth and young professionals, especially in empowering the science-policy interface.

As a member of U-INSPIRE Alliance, which was formally declared on 20 September 2019 under the auspices of UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, U-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM together with other U-INSPIRE networks should be nurtured to ensure that best practices and scientific evidence from youth and young professionals are used to support decision-makers, now and in the future.



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