

## Climatic Hazards Programme

# Climate Change Training for the Youth and Young Professionals

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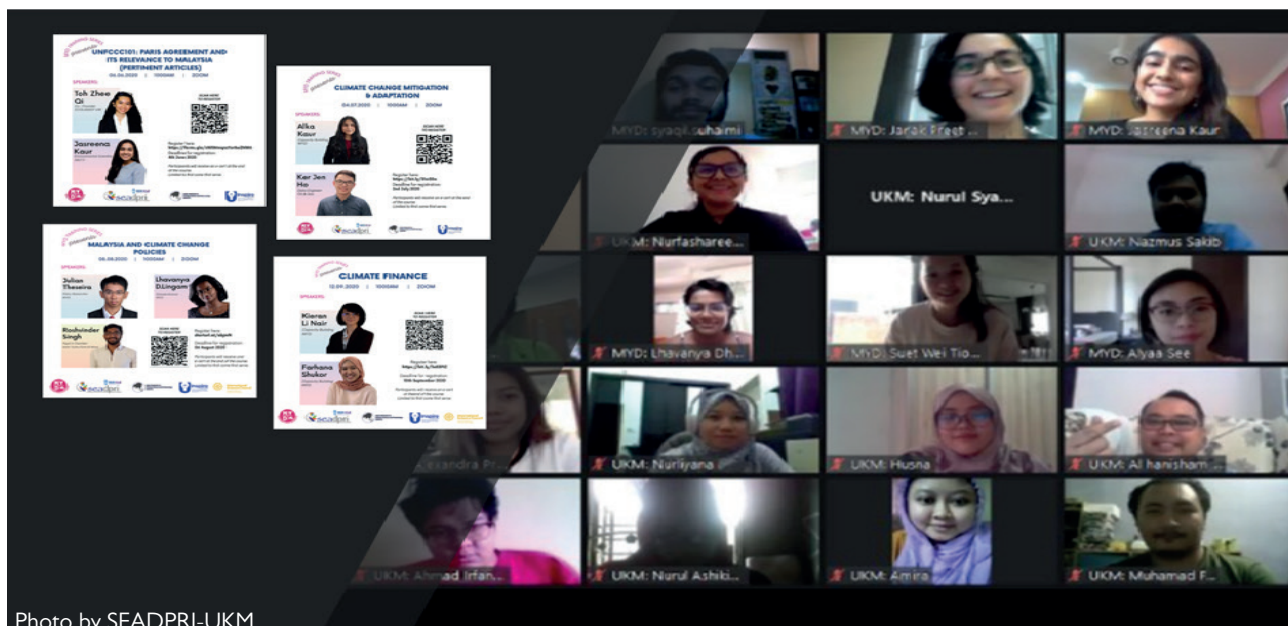


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*The training series was conducted virtually featuring young speakers of calibre*

The COVID-19 global situation has not been a hindrance to our efforts in enhancing the capacity of the Youth and Young Professionals (YYPs) in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction. Led by SEADPRI-UKM, U-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM, ANCST, the Malaysian Youth Delegation with support from other partners, conducted a series of virtual training on climate change for the YYPs in Malaysia and the region. The purpose of the training was to equip the YYPs with crucial knowledge pertaining to the issues of climate change, sustainability, and the environment. The training was conducted virtually every month on the Zoom platform from May 2020 to September 2020. The average number of participants who attended each training session was about 55-65 people, who came from various backgrounds and with an interest in climate change. The training featured several speakers from the Malaysian Youth Delegation who have been exposed to and have had training regarding the respective topics at hand. Critical topics and issues that are relevant to the broader climate change discourse were explored monthly, especially those that concern the local arena.

The first session focused on the Paris Agreement and its general implications on Malaysia. Articles pertaining to Nationally Determined Contributions, Carbon Market, Capacity Building, and Climate Technology were further elaborated to allow participants an insight into Malaysia's progress in these specific areas. The second training series was on the mitigation and adaptation of

climate change in Malaysia using a system-thinking approach. The session discussed the implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation, the current situation in Malaysia and the contribution of YYPs to this effort.

The third training was rather challenging with the topic on climate change policies; with a brief introduction on the global scene and the trickle down into climate change policies in Malaysia. Participants were given insights into Malaysia's current climate policies and institutional set-ups along with their limitations. This session also touched on basic legal concepts which are vital in equipping the public with the ability to make informed decisions and statements that can help influence Malaysian climate change policies better. The final session introduced the participants to the concept of climate finance at various levels. The session wrapped up with a critical message on the challenges that need to be overcome to ensure the successful implementation of climate finance, and discussed the involvement of YYPs for a better future.

This virtual training is a genuine initiative reflecting enthusiasm and commitment of young people of calibre to promote continued and equal advancement of science to ensure that the YYPs in Asia and the Pacific become more engaged in science-policy interfacing and provide better scientific coverage for the region.