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SEADPRI congratulates Associate Professor Dr. Goh Choo Ta and Dr. Sharina Abdul Halim on their appointment as the Director and Deputy Director of the Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI). We wish you both every success in your duties. May both of you be blessed with the strength, wisdom and perseverance to lead and continue to contribute towards achieving our mission and vision. We are with you in the march towards the pinnacle of academic excellence!

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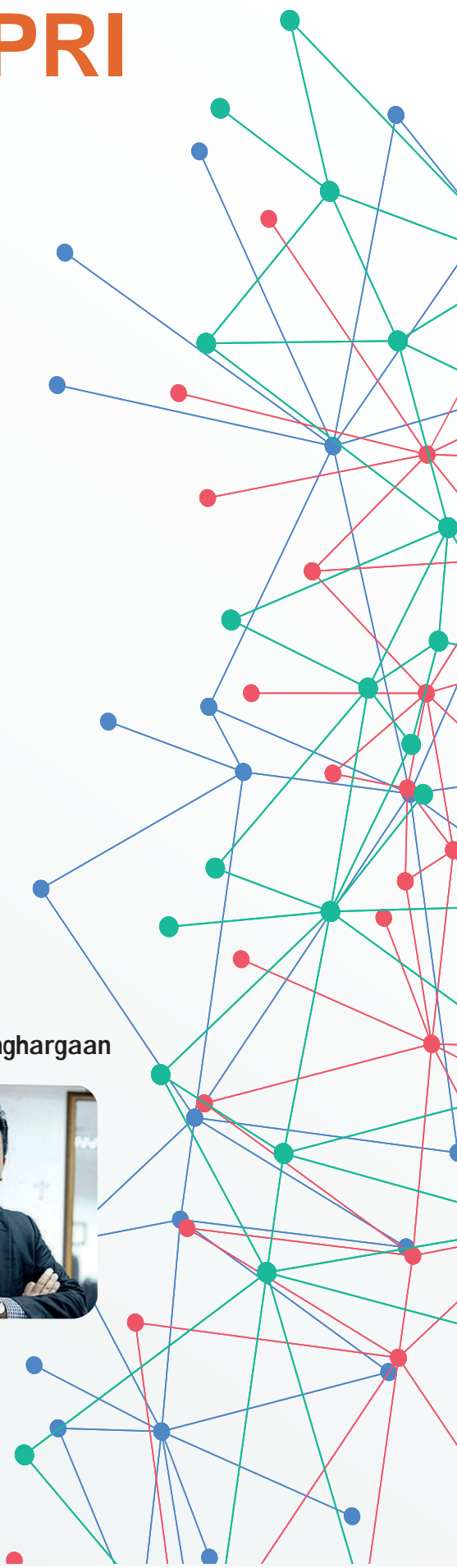
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About SEADPRI-UKM

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative (SEADPRI-UKM) has been in operation since June 2008. Based at the Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI), the Centre addresses crucial challenges on disaster risk reduction in Malaysia and the region. The research focus is on climatic hazards, geological hazards and technological hazards, with emphasis on capacity building, mainly through post-graduate programmes and specialized training. Transdisciplinary research conducted by the Centre is action-oriented, bridges the science-governance interface and provides pathways for disaster prevention.

In 2016, SEADPRI-UKM was acknowledged by the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Programme (IRDR), jointly sponsored by International Science Council (ISC) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), as an IRDR International Centre of Excellence (ICoE) for Disaster Risk and Climate Extremes (ICoE-SEADPRI-UKM). Globally, SEADPRI-UKM now sits with a group of 16 institutions with similar recognition, representing various regions. The focus of ICoE-SEADPRI-UKM is to strengthen local input for addressing regional disaster risks in conjunction with national and international partners. A major flagship is the Asian Network on Climate Science and Technology (ANCST), coordinated by SEADPRI-UKM and funded by the Cambridge Malaysian Education and Development Trust, to link disaster risk reduction and climate change for building resilience in the region.

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U-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM Celebrates Earth Day 2022

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Celebration of Earth Day 2022 led by U-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM with presence from other youth and young professionals' major group in Malaysia.

Every year on April 22, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement which was initiated in 1970. Earth Day celebrations emerged from an environmental and educational revolution to save the planet. It was initially started to combine grassroots support and ground efforts by students, educators, and non-profit organizations with national level commitments, to ensure that students across the world benefit from high-quality education to develop into informed and engaged environmental stewards. In addressing the climate crisis these days, coupling climate and environmental literacy with strong civic education is indeed a way to combat our greatest threat: climate change. The aim for Earth Day 2022 is to reframe the conversation, accelerate action and to work collectively among the community - individuals, governments, NGOs and businesses - to do our part.

U-INSPIRE Malaysia@UKM, Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative (SEADPRI-UKM), and the Asian Network on Climate Science and Technology (ANCST) with support from UNICEF Malaysia and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) successfully conducted a webinar celebration on 22 April 2022. The aim of this webinar was in line with the Earth Day 2022 global theme to enhance and promote climate literacy initiatives among youth and young professionals in Malaysia. It can be seen as an effort to nurture knowledge and better understanding of their potentials, roles, and opportunities to utilize their background in combating the real threat of climate change. During the webinar, our first speaker, Prof. Sharifah Zarina Syed Zakaria of SEADPRI-UKM set the stage for what it is like to be climate literate when she elaborated that one should be able to make informed and responsible decisions with regard to actions

that may affect climate. Besides focusing on youth and young professionals, a child's right should never be left out. Ms. Jasmin Irisha Jim Ilham of UNICEF Malaysia shared in her presentation, the UNICEF perspective on children's lives being threatened due to the impact of climate change, how it will affect their abilities and what UNICEF has been doing through inclusive measures in tackling the climate and environmental crisis, which risks undoing decades of progress fighting for children's basic rights.

The next speaker, Ms. Mastura M. Rashid from IMPACT Malaysia, in her presentation shared observations on environment and climate issues that are usually discussed in urban echo chambers, and found out that youth are more triggered by waste management, disasters and political issues, among others; and shared calls for action, for instance, like having more capacity building in the local language to local people, orang asal, and more investment to empower youth towards meaningful climate actions. Our last speaker, Ms. Alka Kaur from the Malaysian Youth Climate Action Pact concluded the webinar with her presentation on youth perspective on strengthening national climate narrative matters and what type of policies could help promote investment in climate literacy; how we hold governing institutions to enforce and enact climate-related policies; how we can amplify a multitude of diverse youth voice, among others.

About 35 participants were present in the webinar and joined the question-and-answer session, reflecting this webinar was a success. Effective youth participation is about creating opportunities for other young people to be involved in influencing, shaping, designing, and contributing to policy and the development of services and programmes.