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Over **75** years
of
Cultural Relations

Our mission, which has remained constant since we were founded in 1934, is to build engagement and trust for the UK through the exchange of knowledge and ideas between people worldwide.

Why? Because we believe that the future of the UK and every nation in this crowded, dangerous, beautiful world depends on people of all cultures living and working together on foundations of education, mutual understanding, respect and trust.

You'll find us in over 100 countries and territories, working with over 100 million people on global issues in education and training, the teaching and learning of English, the arts and creative industries, climate change, science and technology, sport and intercultural dialogue.

To make a difference in Malaysia our focus is on working with policy-makers, entrepreneurs, emerging leaders and teachers.

British Council Kuala Lumpur
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BRITISH COUNCIL
Malaysia

Our Programme

Areas

We have three programme areas and everything we do contributes to them.

Intercultural dialogue

We aim to strengthen understanding and trust between and within different cultures and to encourage people to play an active, constructive part in their society. Our priority is on programmes for young people and young leaders. We help build their skills and capabilities and provide them with opportunities to be heard on an international platform.

The UK's creative and knowledge economy

The UK is an international centre of excellence for the creative industries, education and training. We share UK expertise in these areas in a number of ways: directly teaching English, administering scholarships and examinations and helping individuals study for British qualifications in the UK or Malaysia. We also help build networks between creative individuals and organisations in the UK and other countries.

Climate change

We strengthen understanding of the need to tackle climate change among decision-makers, influencers and future leaders. We advance this work by building networks and relationships between influencers around the world.



75 YEARS OF CULTURAL RELATIONS



British High Commission Kuala Lumpur



How do we close the gap between Higher Education and Business?

20th October 2009



To mark the British Council's 75th anniversary, we held a panel discussion between key players in the corporate, education and government sectors on bridging the gap between higher education and business with the aim of producing graduates that are prepared for the challenges of the working world.



Making a **Difference** Through **Partnerships**

Our partnerships with governments, companies, institutions and public and not-for-profit organisations who share our objectives make everything we do possible.

We like to work with our partners right from the beginning of an idea so that what we do together meets both our needs. A partnership with us is likely to involve you with people from a number of countries within East Asia and beyond, including China, India, Central and South Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

We can work with you to reach new audiences of internationally-minded people and to achieve your corporate social responsibility and community goals.

To explore how we might work together in Malaysia or in other countries in East Asia, contact our office in Kuala Lumpur.



Premier Skills is an innovative coaching project the British Council runs in partnership with the Premier League that not only helps develop the coaching skills of coaches, both male and female, but also teaches them to use football as a tool for skills and community development.



2012 Public Holidays

1 Jan	New Year	All states except Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis & Terengganu
14 Jan	Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan's Birthday	Negeri Sembilan only
15 Jan	Sultan of Kedah's Birthday	Kedah only
23 Jan	Chinese New Year	Nationwide
24 Jan	Chinese New Year (2nd Day)	All states except Kelantan and Terengganu
1 Feb	Federal Territory Day	Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Labuan & Putrajaya only
5 Feb	Prophet Muhammad's Birthday (Maulidur Rasul)	Nationwide
7 Feb	Thaipusam	Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Johor, Negeri Sembilan, Perak, Penang & Selangor only
4 Mac	Anniversary of Installation of Sultan of Trengganu	Trengganu only
30 Mac	Sultan of Kelantan's Birthday	Kelantan only
6 Apr	Good Friday	Sabah & Sarawak only
15 Apr	Declaration of Malacca as a Historical City	Malacca only
19 Apr	Sultan of Perak's Birthday	Perak only
1 May	Labour Day	Nationwide
7 May	Hari Hol Pahang	Pahang only
17 May	Wesak Day	Nationwide
17 May	Raja Perlis' Birthday	Perlis only
30- 31 May	Harvest Festival Pesta Kaamatan Sabah	Sabah & Labuan only
1 - 2 Jun	Sarawak Harvest Festival Hari Gawai Sarawak	Sarawak only
2 Jun	Malaysian King's Birthday Harijadi Agong	Nationwide
17 Jun	Israk & Mikraj	Kedah, Negeri Sembilan & Perlis only
7 July	Georgetown Heritage Day	Penang - but not a 'paid holiday' for private sectors employees.
7 July	Penang Governor's Birthday	Penang only
20 July	Sultan of Trengganu's Birthday	Trengganu only
21 July	Awal Ramadan Start of Muslim fasting month (bulan Puasa)	Johor, Kedah & Malacca only
6 Aug	Nuzul Al-Quran	Kelantan, Pahang, Perak, Perlis, Penang, Selangor & Trengganu only
19 - 20 Aug	Hari Raya Puasa *	Nationwide
31 Aug	National Independence Day Merdeka	Nationwide
9 Sep	Sarawak Governor's Birthday	Sarawak Only
16 Sep	Malaysia Day & Sabah Governor's Birthday	Nationwide
14 Oct	Malacca Governor's Birthday	Malacca only
24 Oct	Sultan of Pahang's Birthday	Pahang only
26 Oct	Hari Raya Haji * Hari Raya Qurban	Nationwide
27 Oct	Hari Raya Haji (2nd Day) * Hari Raya Qurban	Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis & Trengganu Only
11 Nov	Deepavali or Diwali	Nationwide, except for Sarawak
15 Nov	Awal Muharram (Maal Hijrah)	Nationwide
22 Nov	Sultan of Johor's Birthday	Johor only
11 Dec	Sultan of Selangor's Birthday	Selangor only
25 Dec	Christmas	Nationwide

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We run general English and business English courses for adults at our centres in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Each term, we welcome students from over 40 countries, providing opportunities for people to not only learn English, but also share cultures and experiences.



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Our annual Education UK exhibitions provide Malaysians the opportunity to find out more about British higher education opportunities offered in the UK and in Malaysia.

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Our popular English courses for Young Learners are designed to be fun and stimulating. We offer courses for students at primary and secondary level and even SPM preparation.

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Malaysian finalists for the International Young Music Entrepreneur Award, one of our many programmes to build networks between creative individuals in Malaysia and the UK

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..... Cutting edge technology is used along with fun classroom activities to create a highly stimulating learning environment for Young Learners studying English with us.

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..... Our Pecha Kucha events bring together creative groups and individuals from Malaysia and beyond where creative ideas can be shared through a brisk presentation approach: each presenter can show 20 slides, with each slide only shown for 20 seconds.

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IELTS™
English for International Opportunity

**Information
for candidates**

The British Council is the official test centre for IELTS, the globally recognised English language test for academic and migration purposes. We offer candidates support and advice on preparing for the IELTS and conduct the test in various locations across Malaysia.

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British artist Mohammed Ali creates a public mural with Malaysian graffiti group Phobiaklik as part of the Knowledge & Arts Tour organised by the Young Muslims Project, supported by the British Council. His work combines graffiti art with the eloquence and grace of Islamic script and patterns.

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LearnEnglish Family is a British Council project that aims to support parents to help their children learn English outside the classroom. We run LearnEnglish Family workshops with parents of our students, and work in partnership with the Ministry of Education and HSBC to deliver workshops in various schools in Malaysia.

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..... A young girl has a go at football techniques under the supervision of a community coach as part of our Premier Skills coaching programme.

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Teachers discuss strategies to maximise the opportunities for cross cultural exchange in our Connecting Classrooms programme which connects secondary school students and teachers from Malaysia with their peers in the UK, Thailand and Vietnam using an online platform.

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