

# COMMUNIQUÉ CAMPUS FRANCE

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## 20 YEARS OF THE PRE-FRANCE MALAYSIA PROGRAMME: NEARLY 1,000 MALAYSIAN STUDENTS TRAINED IN FRANCE

To mark the occasion of the Franco-Malaysian Conference on Research, Higher Education and Innovation, held in Kuala Lumpur this Wednesday, 18 October, Campus France, the French Embassy in Malaysia and their Malaysian partners, are celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pre-France programme, a model partnership which has made possible for 941 Malaysian scholarship holders to study in French higher education institutions of excellence.

### Approaching the mark of 1,000 students to have been part of this flagship cooperation programme between France and Malaysia

Campus France's flagship Pre-France programme is a **supervised mobility programme** which allows young Malaysian students to come to France and pursue a cycle of studies in **science and technology**, and since 2014, in **political science, business and management**.

Created in 2000<sup>1</sup>, this programme has made it possible for **941 students** to receive training, of whom **nearly 700 of them have graduated**. To mark the occasion of the Franco-Malaysian Conference on 18-20 October 2023, Campus France and the French Embassy in Malaysia are celebrating the anniversary of this model programme and announcing its continuation with the **prospect of the 1,000<sup>th</sup> scholarship student in 2024**.

**Funded by the Malaysian government** - via two sponsors, MARA<sup>2</sup> and JPA<sup>3</sup>, this programme is coordinated by Campus France since its inception, which takes care of receiving and supporting scholarship students throughout the course, including preparation for departure, intercultural training, training in French as a foreign language, tailor-made educational support, etc.

For Donatienne Hissard, General Director of Campus France, *“these profiles trained in France are our best ambassadors, because beyond the knowledge and skills acquired, the experience of mobility forges talents that are open to others and to the world, and who will maintain this special bond with France all their lives.”*

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<sup>1</sup>The twenty-year anniversary could not be organised in previous years due to health restrictions.

<sup>2</sup>MARA: Malaysian government agency, under the supervision of the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development

<sup>3</sup>JPA: public service department

## A tailor-made programme that trains profiles of excellence in science and technology, political science and management

The success rate of this programme, close to 98%, relies on three specificities:

- **A first year of academic preparation** in Malaysia within the Franco-Malaysian Institute of the University of Kuala Lumpur (MFI/UNI-K), the scholarship students following a programme established jointly by three French university technology institutes, namely those of Nice Côte d'Azur, Aix-Marseille and Toulouse
- **Personalised support** throughout the duration of the studies
- **A trusted relationship with the sixty French higher education institutions** which receive the programme's scholarship students for 3 or 5 years.

=> See examples of student and graduate profiles in the Appendix

## IN NUMBERS

**47 major engineering schools, 20 universities and 5 French as a Foreign Language training centres** welcome scholarship students of the programme throughout France  
**2 million Euros** have been allocated by Malaysian partners in 2023 (monthly allocations not included).

**667 graduates** since creation: 589 in science and technology, 78 in political science & Business and management

**220** new scholarship students received in 2023 and around 100 expected in 2024

## Campus France

*The Campus France agency supports the appeal of French higher education by promoting it to international students. Its missions are also to manage scholarships from French and foreign governments, to support students and researchers with respect to mobility, to manage the France Alumni network and to analyse student mobility in France and around the world.*

*The agency coordinates the Campus France Forum in France (372 establishments). Worldwide, it relies on 275 Campus France Agencies, under the authority of French embassies in 134 countries.*

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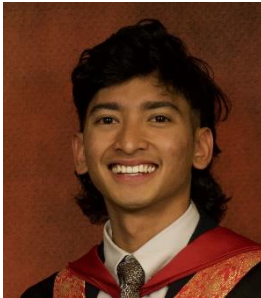
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## APPENDICES

### 1. Portraits of programme students

**Aliff Rostam.** Graduated (2023) in industrial design at the University of Technology of Belfort-Montbéliard (UTBM). **Winner of the zero waste design competition - sustainable tourism.**



*“Thanks to the upstream preparation at the University of Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia-France Institute), I was able to acquire a solid foundation in mathematics, physics and mechanics. It first allowed me to do a DUT in mechanical engineering at the IUT of Aix-en-Provence. I then specialised in industrial design at the University of Technology of Belfort-Montbéliard (UTBM). My training has convinced me that France is one of the best countries to study engineering.”*

**Hoe Ziet Wong.** Student in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of engineering cycle, specialising in networks with apprenticeship at Télécom SudParis.



*“France is known for its excellence in the field of engineering, which motivated me to come and do my higher education here. Thanks to my training first at the IUT of Nice, then at Télécom SudParis, today I work as an apprentice 4G/5G radio validation engineer at Bouygues Télécom.”*

**Joe Ing Lee.** Graduate (2022) of the engineering cycle, specialising in networks, telecoms and Internet of Things at Telecom Paris



*“I had the chance to take an apprenticeship in an excellent French engineering school. This allowed me, in parallel with my studies, to have my first professional experience within a large company like EDF. At work, I could put into practice everything I learned at school. Even though the pace could be demanding, this study-work alternation was fundamental in my career.”*

### 2. Figures: France/Malaysia mobility

Overall in 2022-2023, France welcomes 730 Malaysian students: 241 are pursuing training in sciences and 190 in humanities and social sciences. Within the European Union, most Malaysian students go to Germany – 1,275 students (6th place globally), then to France (13th globally).

3. Figures: mobility Malaysia/world

Malaysia has 1.1 million tertiary students, 4% are mobile students and 8% are international students. The United Kingdom and Australia host the most Malaysian students by far, 11,485 and 11,419 respectively, followed by Egypt, the United States and Japan.

Source: [Malaysia mobility sheet 2021-2022](#)